

## PART B

### DRIVING IN SPECIAL ZONES

School Zone / Silver Zone

#### SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY

**219** Children are vulnerable road users with limited experience using the roads, thus it is of paramount importance to keep school zones safe.

#### ROAD SAFETY MEASURES

**220** Several road engineering measures have been installed in school zones to enhance safety. These include:

- (a) Prominent school zone signs that remind motorists to drive carefully
- (b) Traffic calming measures such as road humps
- (c) Pedestrian crossings
- (d) Parking restriction lines
- (e) Railings along the road centre to deter jaywalking
- (f) Parts of the road surface near the school gate are covered with a red texture to catch drivers' attention and alert them to drive carefully and to look out for children crossing the road.



#### DRIVING IN SCHOOL ZONES

- 221** (a) Slow down and drive very carefully when you are in a school zone.  
(b) Be extra vigilant in watching out for children crossing the road as they may be easily blocked from your view due to their height.  
(c) Be patient when you encounter heavy traffic at school zones during school peak hours. If you are rushing for time, please take other routes if you can.  
(d) If you drive your child to school, let him/her alight at safe and proper drop-off points.

#### SILVER ZONE SAFETY

**222** Silver zones are designated areas with enhanced road safety engineering measures such as new signs, road features and markings to change the character of the street, making it safe and more convenient for senior pedestrians to cross the road.

**223** Silver zones are found in selected housing estates with high senior populations, relatively higher accident rates involving senior and proximity to places where seniors frequent.

**224** With effect from 1 July 2021, the punishments for specified traffic offences will be enhanced when they are committed within the Silver and School Zones to strengthen deterrence against irresponsible driving. The enhanced penalties include additional 2 demerit points and \$100 composition fines on top of the original demerit points / fines, subject to the total fine not exceeding \$500.

#### ROAD SAFETY MEASURES

**225** Several road safety engineering measures have been installed in silver zones to enhance road safety for all road users, senior pedestrians in particular. These includes:

- (a) Silver zone gateway treatment which includes signs and road markings to indicate the start of a silver zone.



- (b) Setback crossings to provide reduced crossing distance for pedestrians.
- (c) 2-stage crossings so that pedestrians can rest momentarily at the pedestrian refuge (centre divider) before continuing to cross the road
- (d) Centre divider to narrow lanes and reduce vehicles' travel speeds.
- (e) Traffic calming measures such as chicanes and eye-lands (horizontal curves constructed along existing straight stretches of roads), pinch points (narrowed lanes to slow motorists down) and bus-friendly humps.
- (f) Silver zone bollards at crossings to highlight the crossing points.