

Road traffic rules when using a roundabout.

After the N2 upgrade there will be eight traffic circles (officially called roundabouts) in the stretch of road from the SASOL garage through to Kleinkrans. We all need to make sure we understand the rules.

- Firstly: Roundabouts are **NOT** Four Way Stops. It does not matter how much traffic is arriving at the circle **YOU** still need to **GIVE WAY TO TRAFFIC FROM THE RIGHT**. You must stop and wait until there is a break in the traffic.
- Use your indicators to advise others of your intentions. This will improve your safety and make it easier for others using the roundabout.
- Don't try passing large trucks or travel alongside them in the roundabout, they may use part of both lanes to navigate the circle.
- Slow down as you approach the intersection – the entrance to the roundabout is usually indicated with a YIELD sign but occasionally a STOP sign.
- Do not change lanes within the roundabout other than to exit.

The graphic below applicable to a four exit roundabout uses the “clock” method, i.e. 3,6, 9, 12 o'clock to identify the exits.

| Intention | Turning Left | Going Straight | Turning Right | Doing a U-turn |
|---------------------|--|--|---|--|
| On Approach use | Left indicator | No indicator | Right indicator | Right indicator |
| If multi-lane | Enter in left lane | Either lane, unless road markings to the contrary, but stay in the lane as per the graphic | Enter in right lane | Enter in right lane |
| At first exit (9) | Continue signalling and exit left | After passing the first exit use Left Indicator. If in right lane move across to the left. | Continue signalling with right indicator | Continue signalling with right indicator |
| At second exit (12) | | Continue signalling and exit left | After passing the second exit switch to Left Indicator. | Continue signalling with right indicator |
| At third exit (3) | | | Continue signalling and exit left | After passing third exit switch to Left Indicator. |
| At fourth exit (6) | | | | Continue signalling and exit left |

