

# NEW YORK CENTRAL SYSTEM

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CATECHISM FOR SIGNAL RULES

281A, 282, 282A, 284, 285, 290 and 291

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## Rule 281A

PROCEED APPROACHING SECOND SIGNAL AT MEDIUM SPEED.

1. Q. What action is necessary when approaching this signal indication?  
A. Proceed approaching second signal at medium speed.

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  2. Q. What action should be taken if, after passing this signal indication, the next signal is seen to display the same indication (Rule 281A) or a more favorable indication?  
A. Be governed by the indication of next signal.
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## Rule 282

PROCEED APPROACHING NEXT SIGNAL AT MEDIUM SPEED. TRAIN EXCEEDING LIMITED SPEED MUST AT ONCE REDUCE TO THAT SPEED. REDUCTION TO LIMITED SPEED MUST COMMENCE BEFORE PASSING SIGNAL AND BE COMPLETED BEFORE ACCEPTING A MORE FAVORABLE INDICATION.

1. Q. What action is necessary when approaching this signal indication?  
A. If limited speed is being exceeded, commence reduction to limited speed before passing the signal.

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2. Q. Is it necessary that speed be reduced to limited speed when passing this signal indication?  
A. No, but reduction to limited speed must be in progress.

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3. Q. What action is necessary after passing this signal indication?  
A. When reduction to limited speed has been completed, proceed preparing to pass next signal at medium speed.

4. Q. What action should be taken if, after passing this signal indication, next signal is seen to display the same indication (Rule 282) or a less favorable indication?
- A. When reduction to limited speed has been completed, such speed must not be exceeded. Be governed by the indication of next signal.
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5. Q. What action should be taken if, after passing this signal indication, next signal is seen to display a more favorable indication than Rule 282?
- A. When reduction to limited speed has been completed, be governed by the indication of next signal.
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## Rule 282A

PROCEED PREPARING TO STOP AT SECOND SIGNAL. TRAIN EXCEEDING LIMITED SPEED MUST AT ONCE REDUCE TO THAT SPEED. REDUCTION TO LIMITED SPEED MUST COMMENCE BEFORE PASSING SIGNAL AND BE COMPLETED BEFORE ACCEPTING A MORE FAVORABLE INDICATION.

1. Q. What action is necessary when approaching this signal indication?
- A. If limited speed is being exceeded, commence reduction to limited speed before passing the signal.
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2. Q. Is it necessary that speed be reduced to limited speed when passing this signal indication?
- A. No, but reduction to limited speed must be in progress.
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3. Q. What action is necessary after passing this signal indication?
- A. When reduction to limited speed has been completed, proceed preparing to stop at second signal.

4. Q. What action should be taken if, after passing this signal indication, next signal is seen to display the same indication (Rule 282A) or a less favorable indication?
- A. When reduction to limited speed has been completed such speed must not be exceeded. Be governed by the indication of next signal.
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5. Q. What action should be taken if, after passing this signal indication, next signal is seen to display a more favorable indication than Rule 282A?
- A. When reduction to limited speed has been completed, be governed by the indication of next signal.
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## Rule 284

**PROCEED APPROACHING NEXT SIGNAL AT SLOW SPEED. TRAIN EXCEEDING MEDIUM SPEED MUST AT ONCE REDUCE TO THAT SPEED.**

1. Q. What action is necessary when passing this signal indication?
- A. Train exceeding medium speed must at once reduce to that speed, and proceed approaching next signal at slow speed.
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2. Q. What action is necessary after passing this signal indication?
- A. Speed must be controlled to permit slow speed at next signal.
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## Rule 285

**PROCEED PREPARING TO STOP AT NEXT SIGNAL. TRAIN EXCEEDING MEDIUM SPEED MUST AT ONCE REDUCE TO THAT SPEED. REDUCTION TO MEDIUM SPEED MUST COMMENCE BEFORE PASSING SIGNAL AND BE COMPLETED BEFORE ACCEPTING A MORE FAVORABLE INDICATION.**

1. Q. What action is necessary when approaching this signal indication?
- A. If medium speed is being exceeded, commence reduction to medium speed before passing the signal.

2. Q. Is it necessary that speed be reduced to medium speed when passing this signal indication?
- A. Yes, if previous signal indication was Rule 282; otherwise, reduction to medium speed must be in progress.
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3. Q. What action is necessary after passing this signal indication?
- A. When reduction to medium speed has been completed, proceed preparing to stop at next signal.
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4. Q. What action should be taken if, after passing this signal indication, next signal is seen to display the same indication (Rule 285) or a less favorable indication?
- A. When reduction to medium speed has been completed such speed must not be exceeded. Be governed by the indication of next signal.
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5. Q. What action should be taken if, after passing this signal indication, next signal is seen to display a more favorable indication than Rule 285?
- A. When reduction to medium speed has been completed, be governed by the indication of next signal.
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## Rule 290

### PROCEED AT RESTRICTED SPEED.

1. Q. What speed must be observed from this signal indication until train has passed next signal?
- A. Restricted speed.
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2. Q. What action should be taken if, after passing this signal indication, the next signal displays a more favorable indication?
- A. Continue at restricted speed until train has passed next signal.

## Rule 291

### STOP, THEN PROCEED AT RESTRICTED SPEED.

1. Q. What action is necessary when this signal indication is displayed?
  - A. Stop, then proceed at restricted speed until train has passed next signal.

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2. Q. What action should be taken if, after passing this signal indication, the next signal displays a more favorable indication?
  - A. Continue at restricted speed until train has passed next signal.