

## Use of Own Truck criteria:

as at 1 February 2021

**Should you wish to use your own vehicle and it fails to meet the criteria as outlined below, the training and assessment will cease at beginning of day, and reschedule fee of \$500.00 will apply.**

Main points are:

- Correct **GVM** or **GCM** for that class of licence that is required
- Vehicle must be loaded with at least 75% of the **GVM** for LR-HR or 75% of the **GCM** for HC-MC
- Vehicle is Registered and Comprehensive insurance
- Roadworthy
- Vehicle and cabin must be clean and tidy – no loose items
- All Load Restraint equipment must be in good working condition
- Weighbridge docket no older than 24hrs prior to the assessment (if the truck has working scales a weighbridge ticket is not required)
- **MUST be presented on the day – not conducted during the assessment**
- Photographic evidence of the load (required for auditing purposes)
- For MC - trailer must be greater than 22 metres in length and client must ensure they have the required MC permit from Service Tas.

## Range of Vehicles and Specifications

Outlined below are the minimum types of vehicles that will be allowed for assessment purposes.

### Light Rigid (LR)

- A Rigid truck above 4.5 tonnes GVM but less than or equal to 8 tonnes GVM; or
- A Rigid bus with less than or equal to 8 tonnes GVM or seats more than 12 adults, including the driver (refer “*Use of Buses, Coaches and Motor Homes*”).

### Medium Rigid (MR)

- A Two axle rigid truck, not being a prime mover, above 8 tonnes GVM; or
- A Two axle bus above 8 tonnes GVM (refer “*Use of Buses, Coaches and Motor Homes*”).

### Heavy Rigid (HR)

- A rigid vehicle, not being an unladen prime mover, with a minimum of three axles and a minimum 15 tonnes GVM; or
- A modified 3 axle prime mover with a certified detachable tray (with the capacity to carry 75% of its specified GVM) with a minimum GVM of 15 tonnes and holds dual registration (HC & HR); or
- A Three axle articulated bus (refer “*Use of Buses, Coaches and Motor Homes*”); or
- A Three axle bus above 15 tonnes GVM (refer “*Use of Buses, Coaches and Motor Homes*”).

### Heavy Combination (HC)

- A vehicle consisting of a prime mover and a semi-trailer. The prime mover must have a minimum of three axles and the semi-trailer a minimum of two axles. The vehicle must have a GCM rating of at least 39 tonnes; or
- A Heavy Rigid vehicle which is towing a trailer. The trailer must have at least two axles and a GVM of 12 tonnes or more.



## Multi-Combination (MC)

- A Heavy Combination vehicle with more than one trailer. The vehicle must be B-Double rated and have all the pertinent documentation, permits etc. The combination must be at least 22 metres in length, in B-double configuration.
- The minimum vehicle type for an MC is a 3 axle prime mover with an A and B trailer each with bogie axles.

## Unacceptable Vehicle Types

Most vehicles will be suitable for on road assessments. However, some have restrictions placed on them as follows and cannot be used for licence testing:

- Vehicles Carrying Dangerous Goods
- Armoured Vehicles
- Dual Control Vehicles
- Vehicles Displaying Trade Plates
- Livestock Transport Vehicles - If the load is livestock.
- Federal Interstate Registered Vehicles - These vehicles may only be used if a special permit has been supplied by the relevant transport authority

## Use of Own Bus criteria:

### Buses, Coaches and Motor Homes:

- Buses or motor homes will be permitted to be used as an assessment vehicle for light rigid assessments only as long as the vehicle fits the specification for a light rigid vehicle. No exemption is required in these instances.
- For all other vehicle categories, buses, coaches and motor homes will only be approved for use as long as the applicant provides supporting evidence from his or her employer or proposed employer outlining the following:
  - Description of the applicant's role / proposed role within the organisation;
  - Statement setting out the reasons why the applicant needs to be tested in such a vehicle for the specific licence category.
  - Supporting evidence must be in the form of an original letter on company letterhead. Facsimiles or photocopied documents will not be accepted. This evidence must be filed with the client's records and will be subject to regular auditing. This documentation is not required to be forwarded to the Registrar for Motor Vehicles for approval, unless requested.

In the above circumstances:

- These vehicle are exempt from carrying a load;
- Assessments must not be conducted in these vehicles when carrying passengers, with the exception of a the Registrar for Motor Vehicles approved auditor (s);
- The applicant must still undertake criteria 13 – Load Securing.

**Under no other circumstances should a bus, coach or motor home be used to assess heavy vehicle assessments unless prior approval has been obtained by the Registrar for Motor Vehicles.**

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