

### **Small passenger/ large Passenger endorsements what can I drive?**

The first consideration in answering this question is the class of drivers licence held. I have attached to this email information concerning what vehicle types each licence class allows a person to drive. This information is directly from the Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Rule 1999.

The second consideration is what type of P endorsement does the person hold, large or small. This relates to the seating capacity of the vehicle used in the passenger service. To drive a small passenger service vehicle (12 seats or less including the driver) I would require the appropriate class of licence such as a class one and a small passenger endorsement. The difference between a small passenger endorsement and a large is:

- A small passenger endorsement requires an ID card
- A small passenger endorsement holder is vetted every year over the term of the endorsement (1 to 5 years) as opposed to the holder of a large who is vetted once over the life of the endorsement.

#### **Scenario 1.**

I wish to drive a passenger service vehicle with a seating capacity of 15 including the driver (this is a large passenger service vehicle as its seating capacity is 13 or more including the driver). I hold a classes 1 and 2 drivers licence and have a small P endorsement with ID card. Can I driver this vehicle?

Yes, you hold the correct class of licence and a current P endorsement. There is no requirement to display an ID card when driving a large passenger service vehicle.

#### **Scenario 2**

I wish to drive a small passenger service vehicle (seating capacity 12 or less including the driver). I hold the appropriate class of drivers licence and hold a large passenger P endorsement (vetted once over the life of the endorsement, no ID card). Can I drive this vehicle in a passenger service?

No, drivers of small passenger service vehicles are required to display a current ID.

#### **Logbooks**

I have attached a logbook guide for distribution amongst the ProGuides group.

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### **Difference between a rental service vehicle Certificate of Fitness and a passenger service vehicle Certificate of Fitness.**

Unfortunately it is a complex issue. I have attempted to identify the main difference which should allow your members to operate compliantly. I place a proviso on this by saying that this information is given in good faith and that ultimately your members should seek legal advice.

There are two types of passenger service vehicles. They are:

- Small (seating capacity of 12 or less including the driver)
- Large (seating capacity of 13 or more including the driver)

If a small passenger service vehicle is hired from a rental service agency your members should ensure that the vehicle has a Certificate of Loading. Most importantly your members should ensure the section under the heading passengers is completed. Do not confuse this with the heading of occupancy.

Please refer to the example copy of a Certificate of Loading provided here.



If a large passenger service vehicle is hired (13 or more seats including the driver) then the vehicle by rights should have a Certificate of Loading as a matter of course.

The following link should also provide information regarding passenger service vehicle requirements

<http://vehicleinspection.nzta.govt.nz/virms/in-service-wof-and-cof/light-psvs>

Finally if your members have a specific question regarding the requirements please forward this question to me. I will in turn forward it to our vehicle specialist team who will research the answer and respond.

Regards

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### **Schedule 3**

#### **Classes of driver licence**

Schedule 3: replaced, on 1 April 2012, by clause 44 of the Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Amendment Rule 2011 (SR 2011/306).

Licence classes

Motor vehicle to which licence relates

#### **Classes 1L and 1R**

- (a) a motor vehicle (including a tractor but excluding a motorcycle) that has a gross laden weight of not more than 4 500 kg, or a combination vehicle that has a gross combined weight of not more than 4 500 kg
- (b) a motorised mobile home or self-propelled caravan that has a gross laden weight of not more than 6 000 kg, provided its on-road weight does not exceed 4 500 kg
- (c) a tradeperson's vehicle that has a gross laden weight of not more than 6 000 kg, provided its on-road weight does not exceed 4 500 kg

#### **Class 1R**

an agricultural tractor that has a gross laden weight of not more than 18 000 kg, or a combination vehicle (consisting of an agricultural tractor and agricultural trailer) that has a gross combined weight of not more than 25 000 kg, if driven (in either case) at a speed not exceeding 40 kph

#### **Class 1**

- (a) a special-type vehicle that is a forklift or runs on rollers or self-laying tracks and has a gross laden weight of not more than 18 000 kg
- (b) a special-type vehicle that runs on wheels and has a gross laden weight of—
  - (i) not more than 6 000 kg; or
  - (ii) more than 6 000 kg but not more than 18 000 kg, if driven at a speed not exceeding—
    - (A) 40 kph, in the case of a special-type vehicle that is an agricultural motor vehicle; or
    - (B) 30 kph, in the case of any other special-type vehicle
- (c) any tractor with a gross laden weight of not more than 6 000 kg
- (d) a tractor (other than an agricultural tractor) with a gross laden weight of more than 6 000 kg but not more than 18 000 kg, if driven at a speed not exceeding 30 kph
- (e) a combination vehicle, consisting of a tractor (other than an agricultural tractor) towing a trailer, with a gross combined weight of not more than 25 000 kg, if it is being used in non-agricultural land management operations and is driven at a speed not exceeding 30 kph

(ea) an agricultural tractor with a gross laden weight of more than 6 000 kg but not more than 18 000 kg, or a combination vehicle (consisting of an agricultural tractor and agricultural trailer) with a gross combined weight of not more than 25 000 kg, if (in either case) driven at a speed not exceeding 40 kph

(eb) an agricultural tractor with a gross laden weight of more than 6 000 kg but not more than 18 000 kg, or a combination vehicle (consisting of an agricultural tractor and agricultural trailer) with a gross combined weight of not more than 25 000 kg, if (in either case) the driver holds a special-type vehicle endorsement

(f) a rigid vehicle with a gross laden weight of not more than 6 000 kg

(g) a combination vehicle (other than a combination vehicle that comes within paragraph (e), (ea), or (eb) of this definition) with a gross combined weight of not more than 6 000 kg

### **Classes 2 and 2L**

(a) a rigid vehicle with a gross laden weight of more than 6 000 kg but not more than 18 000 kg

(b) a combination vehicle (other than a combination vehicle that comes within paragraph (d) of the definition of Class 1 licence) that has a gross combined weight of more than 6 000 kg but not more than 12 000 kg

(c) a combination vehicle (other than a combination vehicle that comes within paragraphs (d) or (f) of the definition of Class 1 licence or paragraph (b) of this definition) consisting of a rigid vehicle (with a gross laden weight of not more than 18 000 kg) towing a light trailer

(d) a rigid vehicle with a gross laden weight of more than 18 000 kg with not more than 2 axles

(e) a tractor with a gross laden weight of more than 6 000 kg but not more than 18 000 kg, if driven at a speed exceeding 30 kph

### **Classes 2 and 2L**

(a) a rigid vehicle with a gross laden weight of more than 6 000 kg but not more than 18 000 kg

(b) a combination vehicle (other than a combination vehicle that comes within paragraph (d) of the definition of Class 1 licence) that has a gross combined weight of more than 6 000 kg but not more than 12 000 kg

(c) a combination vehicle (other than a combination vehicle that comes within paragraphs (d) or (f) of the definition of Class 1 licence or paragraph (b) of this definition) consisting of a rigid vehicle (with a gross laden weight of not more than 18 000 kg) towing a light trailer

(d) a rigid vehicle with a gross laden weight of more than 18 000 kg with not more than 2 axles

(e) a tractor with a gross laden weight of more than 6 000 kg but not more than 18 000 kg, if driven at a speed exceeding 30 kph

### **Class 2**

(a) a special-type vehicle that is a forklift or runs on rollers or self-laying tracks and has a gross laden weight of more than 18 000 kg

(b) a special-type vehicle that runs on wheels and has a gross laden weight of more than 6 000 kg but not more than 18 000 kg, if driven at a speed exceeding 30 kph

(c) a special-type vehicle that runs on wheels and has a gross laden weight of more than 18 000 kg, if driven at a speed not exceeding 30 kph

(d) a special-type vehicle that is an agricultural motor vehicle that runs on wheels and has a gross laden weight of more than 6 000 kg but not more than 18 000 kg, if driven (whether or not the driver holds a special-type vehicle endorsement) at a speed not exceeding 40 kph

### **Classes 3 and 3L**

a combination vehicle that has a gross combined weight of more than 12 000 kg but not more than 25 000 kg

### **Classes 4 and 4L**

(a) a rigid vehicle (including a tractor) with a gross laden weight of more than 18 000 kg

(b) a combination vehicle consisting of a rigid vehicle (with a gross laden weight of more than 18 000 kg) towing a light trailer

### **Class 4**

a special-type vehicle that runs on wheels and has a gross laden weight of more than 18 000 kg, if driven at a speed exceeding 30 kph

**Classes 5 and 5L** a combination vehicle with a gross combined weight of more than 25 000 kg

**Classes 6, 6L, and 6R** a motorcycle, moped, or all-terrain vehicle