

Heavy vehicle Driver licence

LR, MR, HR, HC, MC

Information about training courses and testing for licences

General

We provide training courses and licence tests for heavy vehicle qualifications on request (subject to trainers and vehicles being available).

We train people individually (one student to an instructor) on the road under normal driving conditions in Hobart, Launceston and on the North West coast. We can also provide training at other locations by arrangement

We provide specially equipped vehicles for: medium rigid (MR), heavy rigid (HR), heavy combination (HC), and multiple combination (MC) licence classes..

We have established minimum lengths for each training course. This is usually sufficient for about 80% of participants to reach the required standard. We do this to keep the cost of the course acceptable. Some people will need further training beyond the minimum length. This is at additional cost.

Learning outcomes

Training provides the knowledge and skills to:

- ▶ Complete a pre-departure inspection
- ▶ Drive and manoeuvre the vehicle safely, professionally and complying with legal requirements in various road and traffic conditions
- ▶ Manage engine power and RPM through effective use of the transmission.
- ▶ Manage service and auxiliary braking systems to maintain vehicle control under all conditions
- ▶ Identify, anticipate and avoid hazards
- ▶ Drive the vehicle in reverse
- ▶ Park and secure the vehicle
- ▶ Trailer coupling (HC only)
- ▶ Trailer uncoupling (HC only)

Practical driving test

A practical driving test establishes an applicant's ability to perform all required test tasks safely and efficiently without verbal or physical assistance.

Applicants are tested on:

- ▶ Carrying out a pre-departure check
- ▶ Moving off
- ▶ Observation
- ▶ Steering technique
- ▶ Left/right hand turns
- ▶ Ascents/Descents
- ▶ Lane changing
- ▶ Driving technique
- ▶ Reversing
- ▶ Braking
- ▶ Parking and securing
- ▶ Trailer coupling and uncoupling (HC only)

When you have successfully completed your practical driving test, we will issue you a 'Certificate of Competency'. You must present it at a Service Tasmania outlet within three months to have your licence upgraded.

NOTES

- ▶ Restrictions apply when you take your test in vehicles fitted with automatic transmissions or synchromesh transmissions. In such cases you are restricted to auto only or synchromesh only.
- ▶ Holding the certificate of competence from this course does not authorise you to drive a vehicle of the class specified on it.

You can read a detailed description of the test in *Heavy Vehicle Testing Competency Standards* from Land Transport Safety.

Eligibility

- ▶ Regulations impose minimum age and licensing requirements when progressing to a higher licence class.

Medium Rigid (MR) Training

- ▶ Minimum age: 19 years
- ▶ Must have held a car licence for at least one year
- ▶ Learners licence NOT required.
- ▶ Duration: 7 hours 'on road' training plus one hour practical driving test
- ▶ Training vehicle supplied.

Heavy Rigid (HR) Training

- ▶ Minimum age: 20 years
- ▶ Must have held a car licence for at least two years. Learners permit is required when progressing from car/LR to HR.
- ▶ Duration: 7 hours 'on-road' training plus a one-hour practical driving test
- ▶ Training vehicle supplied.

Heavy Combination (HC) Training

- ▶ Minimum age: 20 years.
- ▶ Must have held a car licence for two years
- ▶ Learners permit is required when progressing from Car/Light/Medium Rigid to Heavy Combination
- ▶ Duration: 10.5 hours on-road training plus a 1.5-hour driving test
- ▶ Training vehicle supplied.

Multiple Combination (MC) Training

- ▶ Minimum age: 21 years
- ▶ Must have held a class HR licence or above for at least 12 months
- ▶ A Learners permit is not required when progressing from Heavy Combination to Multiple Combination
- ▶ Duration: five hours classroom, plus individual practical driving tuition and assessment of:
 - 2 - 3 hours when progressing from a Heavy Combination licence, and
 - 12 hours when progressing from a Heavy Rigid licence.
- ▶ A 21 metre B-Double is provided for practical training and assessment. Applicants progressing from a HC licence may provide their own vehicle (must be loaded to at least 50% of its capacity).



Eligibility (continued)

Regulations also impose requirements for training and learner licences when progressing more than one licence class, or where experience is limited, as indicated below.

Step	Learner's Required	Training Required
Car to LR	No	No
Car to MR	No	No
LR to MR	No	No
Car to HR	Yes	Yes
LR to HR		
LR less than 1 year	Yes	Yes
LR more than 1 year	Yes	No
MR to HR		
LR or MR less than 1 year	No	Yes
LR or MR more than 1 year	No	No
Car to HC	Yes	Yes
LR to HC	Yes	Yes
MR to HC		
MR less than 1 year	Yes	Yes
MR more than 1 year	Yes	No
HR to HC		
HR less than 1 year	No	Yes
HR more than 1 year	No	No
HR to MC	Yes	Yes
HC to MC	No	Yes

A person who does not meet the eligibility requirements may seek an exemption from those requirements, by writing to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, stating the reasons for the request.

Where a Learners licence is not required, applicants will be required to complete a computer knowledge test when presenting their Certificate of Competency at a Service Tasmania outlet



Further Information

For further information on obtaining a heavy vehicle licence, or learners permit, consult *Heavy Vehicles Driver Licence Information and Guidelines*, available from Service Tasmania Shops and authorised Police Stations.

Training courses (including Licence test)

Course	Duration
Car – to - LR	4 hours
Car or LR – to - MR	8 hours
Car or LR – to - HR	8 hours
MR – to - HR	8 hours
Car or LR – to – HC	12 hours
HR – to - HC	8 hours
HR – to - MC	See Text
HC – to – MC (Own vehicle)	See Text
HC – to – MC (DSS vehicle)	See Text

Licence Test Only (your own vehicle or DSS vehicle)

Licence Class	Duration
Light Rigid (LR)	1 hour
Medium Rigid (MR)	1 hour
Heavy Rigid (HR)	1 hour
Heavy Combination (HC)	1.5 hours

Vehicles in Test

- ▶ Vehicles that you present for tests must be roadworthy and loaded to at least 50% capacity. (except buses)
- ▶ Applicants using Driver Safety Services vehicles will get fifteen minutes familiarisation before the test.

Fees: Please call our friendly staff or visit our website for our competitive rates (see below)



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