

HEAVY VEHICLE LICENCES:

National Heavy Vehicle Driver Competency Framework

From 22 March 2017, Tasmania implemented the National Heavy Vehicle Driver Competency Framework which sets the national standards for competency and assessment of heavy vehicle drivers. Accredited Heavy Vehicle External Service Providers apply these standards in all competency assessments.

The National Framework provides a nationally consistent approach for heavy vehicle driver licensing. This involves introducing a common set of national requirements that will be applied to the issuing of a national heavy vehicle driver licence and developing a competency and assessment framework.

The new standards enhance the safe driving of heavy vehicles by having a quality and rigorous national assessment and simplifies recognition of assessment practices throughout Australia.

More information regarding Heavy Vehicle Licences can be found in the [Tasmanian Heavy Vehicle Drivers' Handbook \(PDF 4.5MB\)](#).

To progress beyond being a heavy vehicle learner driver a person must:

- meet the eligibility criteria refer to [Licence Class Progression Requirements](#)
- successfully undertake a competency test or complete an approved training course and final competency assessment.

To book a competency test or training and the final competency assessment:

- ensure you meet the eligibility criteria refer to [Licence Class Progression Requirements](#)
- successfully pass a heavy vehicle road rules knowledge test prior to appointment (valid 6 months from date passed) and if required a heavy vehicle learner licence refer to [Licence Class Progression Requirements](#)

Following the test:

You need to undertake the following through Service Tasmania offices:

- provide the Certificate of Competency which will be given to you on successful completion of the competency test or final competency assessment
- provide your current driver licence - Full/Provisional, plus current heavy vehicle learner licence (where applicable)

Entry Requirements

Hold a current Tasmanian Car Licence

Have held an Australian Car Licence for at least 12 months (refer to each licence class as this may vary per class)

Provide primary proof of identification prior to course commencement

Be able to drive a car with a manual transmission

Please Note: Courses do not include the Heavy Vehicle Road Rules Driver Knowledge Test. Licence applicants must attend Service Tasmania to complete this prior to attendance.

Course Specifics

One-on-one training will be delivered by an experienced and qualified trainer.

The training follows a specifically prepared course session plan which includes a demonstration drive and the licence driving test.

Assessment

Assessment will be conducted using the mandated assessment tool with routes approved by the Tasmanian Department of State Growth.

The assessor will inform you of the assessment prior to it being conducted.

All assessment components are recorded on video camera and used as evidence for the Department of State Growth.

Certification

Please note that whilst your training and assessment services will be provided by AJL trainers, all participants will be enrolled with Wodonga TAFE for any nationally recognised training.

On successful completion of the program, you will receive a Statement of Attainment for the class you have completed.

KNOWLEDGE TEST:

Under the new **Heavy Vehicle Competency Framework**, participants must have completed the Heavy Vehicle Rigid Knowledge Test (at Service Tas), this came in to effect 22 March 2017. If the Knowledge Test was completed prior to this date, you will need to undertake the **current** Knowledge Test. (A Learner Licence is not sufficient evidence under the new Competency Framework).

Where possible, confirmation and a copy must be received that the Heavy Vehicle Rigid Knowledge Test has been completed at Service Tas at time of booking for the course or as soon as completed thereafter. ***(participant must also bring a copy of the results on the first day of training).***

When upgrading from one Licence Class to another, you are required to re-sit the Knowledge Test each time (Licence Class Progression Requirements)

Link to sample of Heavy Vehicle Driver Knowledge Test:

[Driver Knowledge Test \(NSW\)](#)

[Heavy Vehicle Handbook \(NSW\)](#)

Load Restraint Guide:

The current Load Restraint Guide is available for viewing on the National Transport Commission website

[Load Restraint Guide](#)

FURTHER INFORMATION and RESOURCES:

[Obtaining a Heavy Vehicle Licence](#)