



Persons applying for the authorisation to drive Medium Rigid, Heavy Rigid or Heavy Combination vehicles must comply with the following requirements:

Requirement 1.

Meet eligibility requirements.

Class	Prerequisite Licence	Period
MR	Must have held a licence that authorises you to drive 'C' Class vehicles.	One year
HR	Must have held a licence that is not provisional and authorises you to drive 'C' Class vehicles.	Two years
HC	Must have held a licence that is not provisional and authorises you to drive 'C' class vehicles AND Must have held a licence that is not provisional and authorises you to drive MR or HR class vehicles	Three years
		One year

Requirement 2.

Pass a practical driving assessment in a minimum standard vehicle as follows:

MR	Motor vehicle that has 2 axles and a gross vehicle mass exceeding 8 tonnes.
HR	Motor vehicle that has 3 or more axles and a gross vehicle mass exceeding 15 tonnes and must be loaded to have a minimum on-road mass of 16 tonnes.
HC	A prime mover with 3 axles and a gross vehicle mass exceeding 15 tonnes, attached to a semi trailer with at least 2 axles, having a tare weight exceeding 4,500 kilograms, the capability of a gross trailer mass or gross vehicle mass of not less than 16 tonnes and a length of not less than 10 metres. Vehicle combination to be loaded to have minimum on-road mass of 28 tonnes. OR A heavy rigid vehicle that has 3 or more axles and a gross vehicle mass exceeding 15 tonnes, attached to a trailer with a tare weight exceeding 4,500 kilograms, the capability of a gross trailer mass or gross vehicle mass of not less than 16 tonnes and a length of not less than 7 metres. Vehicle combination to be loaded to have a minimum on-road mass of 29 tonnes. Load to be distributed evenly between vehicle and trailer.

Requirement 3.

Answer 10 questions from the following questionnaire (8 out of 10 correct for a pass)

- Question: What is the maximum mass that may be carried on a single axle with dual tyres other than an omnibus?

Answer: **9000kg.**
- Question: What is the maximum speed limit in the built-up area, unless otherwise indicated, for a vehicle that weighs more than 4.5 tonnes?

Answer: **50km/h.**
- Question: What is the maximum permissible height of a vehicle and its load, other than a livestock trailer?

Answer: **4.3 metres.**
- Question: A heavy vehicle of which the mass, together with any attached trailer and the total load carried (if any), exceeds 12 tonnes is compelled to carry certain emergency equipment, if outside a built-up area. What is this equipment?

Answer: **3 portable warning signs complying with the relevant Australian Standards.**

5. Question: What is the permissible width, including the load, of any vehicle?
Answer: **2.5 metres maximum.**
6. Question: What are the requirements in regard to any extra mass or oversize permit which may be issued?
Answer: **The permit must be carried in the vehicle and be produced on demand when requested by any police officer or other authorised person.**
7. Question: When must a trailer be equipped with break away brakes?
Answer: **Where the gross mass exceeds two tonnes or it is a semi-trailer or pole type trailer.**
8. Question: What is the maximum speed limit for a vehicle, the gross vehicle mass of which taking into account any trailer attached and including the total load carried, is more than 12 tonnes?
Answer: **100km/h.**
9. Question: Is it permissible to tow a trailer behind an articulated vehicle?
Answer: **Not without the written permission of the Commissioner of Main Roads.**
10. Question: What are the provisions with regard to condition of mudguards?
Answer: **They shall be in good condition, free from cracks and sharp or jagged edges.**
11. Question: What is the maximum permitted length of an articulated vehicle and its load?
Answer: **19.0 metres.**
12. Question: What is the permissible overall length, including the load, of any rigid vehicle, other than an omnibus?
Answer: **12.5 metres.**
13. Question: What is the maximum mass that may be carried on a single axle with single tyres, other than an omnibus?
Answer: **6000kg.**
14. Question: What must you do when you desire to carry an overwidth, overheight, or overlength load or a load exceeding that for which the vehicle is licensed?
Answer: **Obtain a permit from the Commissioner of Main Roads, or appointed agent.**
15. Question: If you are hauling a load greater than your licence permits, what may you be compelled to do in relation to the overload, either where you are stopped or at a specified place?
Answer: **Off load the excess.**
16. Question: When you see this sign what must you do?
- TRUCKS
& BUSES
MUST USE
LOW GEAR**
- Answer: **Change to a low gear that slows you enough to limit your speed and not rely on your primary brakes.**
17. Question: In the event of a disabled heavy vehicle being left on the carriageway, where the speed limit is lower than 80km/h, outside a built up area during the hours of darkness, in what position must the portable warning signs be placed?
Answer: **One sign must be placed beside the vehicle, and one each to the front and rear at a distance of not less than fifty metres or more than one hundred and fifty metres. Wherever practicable, at least one sign must be visible to an approaching driver at a distance of not less than two hundred metres.**