

Summary of legislation

Applicable legislation

- Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002

Mandatory requirement

1. A passenger service vehicle with a GVM of 3500 kg or less that requires a certificate of fitness (**Note 1**) requires a certificate of loading.
2. Before issuing a certificate of fitness, a CoF Vehicle Inspector must determine that a current certificate of loading is still valid, if one or more of the following events has occurred since the current certificate of loading was issued:
 - a) the vehicle has been modified so as to require low volume vehicle specialist certification,
 - b) the vehicle has been deregistered,
 - c) an application for a change of use has been made under section 16 of the Transport (Vehicle and Driver Registration and Licensing) Act 1986 and the requirements for certificates of loading differ in the new use.
3. If a vehicle inspector or has determined that a current certificate of loading for a vehicle is no longer valid, they must request the vehicle's operator to surrender the certificate to the Director.

Reasons for rejection

Mandatory requirement

1. A PSV that requires a certificate of fitness (**Note 1**) does not have a certificate of loading (**Note 2**) displayed on the vehicle.
2. The vehicle is one of the following and the CoL is no longer valid:
 - a) the vehicle has been modified so as to require LVV specialist certification, or
 - b) the vehicle has been deregistered, or
 - c) an application for a change of use has been made (ie an MR14 has been completed) and the requirements for CoL differ in the new use.
3. An invalid certificate of loading has not been surrendered to the vehicle inspector (**Note 3**).

Condition

4. A Certificate of Loading:
 - a) is illegible, or
 - b) is attached so that it is not easily visible, or
 - c) has details that do not match the vehicle, or
 - d) has obvious signs of tampering.

Note 1: Vehicles that require a certificate of fitness are listed in section 3.3.1 in the Introduction Section of this manual.

Note 2: Certificate of Loading (CoL) means a certificate issued under this section to a vehicle that requires verification of its loading and weight limits. Light rental vehicles do not require a CoL.

Note 3: A vehicle with an invalid certificate of loading requires a new certificate of loading.



Figure 14-1-2. Certificate of Loading