

Training requirements for overdimension load pilots

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This document summarises the training requirements for pilots of oversize loads, set out in the *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass* (the Rule).

New Zealand's roads are designed to cope with vehicles built to some maximum standard sizes (set out in the factsheet 13 series). Vehicles over and above these maximum standard sizes, called overdimension (oversize) vehicles, place extra demands on our road network. They also present a greater risk to other road users unless they meet special operating conditions.

For many of the larger loads, or where the route is restrictive and other road users will require advance warning of the oversize vehicle, one of the special conditions is for load pilot(s) to accompany the oversize vehicle. Load pilots provide advance warning and manage traffic so other road users can safely pass the oversize vehicle.

The Rule requires all pilots to complete a pilot driver's course by 31 January 2004. The course must be approved by the Land Transport Safety Authority (LTSA).

How to use this document.....

There are two classes of pilot, Class 1 and Class 2. The Rule says how many pilots a load must have (based on its size), and whether they should be Class 1 or Class 2 pilots.

Class 1 pilots undergo an intensive training course and are required on very large loads.

Class 2 pilots usually accompany smaller loads, where the level of risk for other road users is lower than with larger loads. They also help Class 1 pilots with larger loads.

Becoming a Class 1 pilot

To complete a Class 1 driver training course you have two options.

Option 1

You need:

- a current driver licence
- a minimum of three years experience piloting with a Class 2 licence, or have assisted a Class 1 pilot on at least 25 trips .

If you meet these criteria and you want to enrol in a Class 1 course, complete the attached Class 1 application form. The Overdimension Permit Issuing Agency (OPIA) will forward your name to the course provider(s) who will contact you with course details.

Option 2

If you completed a certified A or B grade pilot course under the previous pilot system (administered by the New Zealand Heavy Haulage Association and LTSA) then you will be upgraded to Class 1 without further training. You will still need to complete the attached Class 1 pilot application form.

Becoming a Class 2 pilot

To complete a Class 2 driver course you need:

- a current driver licence
- to prove you have good knowledge of the safe piloting practice outlined in the *Load Pilot Driver Code*.

There is a Class 2 pilot test in the back of the *Load Pilot Driver Code*. The test is open-book and multi-choice. Sit the test in your own time at your own pace. Send it to the OPIA for marking. If you have passed, the OPIA will send you your Class 2 pilot card.

The Class 2 pilot card is evidence that you have completed an LTSA-approved pilot course.

The *Load Pilot Driver Code* costs \$19.95. This includes having your test assessed and receiving the pilot card. To obtain the *Load Pilot Driver Code* complete the attached Class 2 application form.

All applications should be posted to the O.P.I.A, Transport Registry Centre, Private Bag, Palmerston North.

Where can I find out more?

For more information contact the OPIA (Transport Registry Centre, Private Bag, Palmerston North or phone 0800 683 774), visit the LTSA's website (www.ltsa.govt.nz) or call the helpdesk (0800 699 000).

Class 2 Load pilot application form

Please write clearly.

Family name:

First name:

Middle name/s:

Street/road address:

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Postal address:

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Business phone: () Home phone: ()

Fax: () Mobile phone: ()

Email address:

Driver licence number (5a. on your licence):

Card version number (5b. on your licence):



Post this application form and a cheque for \$19.95 (payable to the Land Transport Safety Authority) to the OPIA, Transport Registry Centre, Private Bag, Palmerston North.

The *Load Pilot Driver Code* will be posted to you.

I declare the above information is true and correct and I consent to the disclosure of the details of this application to the Land Transport Safety Authority, New Zealand Police and authorise the same to make all relevant inquiries as to this application. I acknowledge I am entitled access to, and may request correction of, any readily retrievable information about me held by the Land Transport Safety Authority.

Signature of applicant:

Date:

Class 1 Load pilot application form

Please write clearly.

Family name:

First name:

Middle name/s:

Street/road address:

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Business name (optional):

Postal address:

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Business phone: () Home phone: ()

Fax: () Mobile phone: ()

Email address:

Driver licence number (5a. on your licence):

Card version number (5b. on your licence):

Previously approved as a certified A or B grade pilot? Yes No

If you were approved previously as an A or B grade (class 1) pilot:

- Attach a copy of your certified pilot licence to this completed application form.

If you were approved previously as a C grade (class 2) pilot:

- Attach a copy of your certified pilot licence to this completed application form.
- Attach written evidence that you have either three years experience as a Class 2 (C grade) pilot, or evidence that you have assisted a Class 1 pilot on at least 25 trips.

Course provider(s) will contact you with course details.



Post this application form and all supporting documents to the OPIA, Transport Registry Centre, Private Bag, Palmerston North.

I declare the above information is true and correct and I consent to the disclosure of the details of this application to the Land Transport Safety Authority, New Zealand Police and authorise the same to make all relevant inquiries as to this application. I acknowledge I am entitled access to, and may request correction of, any readily retrievable information about me held by the Land Transport Safety Authority.

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