

Test Weights

NZTA have made a change to the vehicle database, Landata, that now allows testing stations to automatically print out individual axle test weights for CoF inspections where vehicle information has been correctly loaded.

The NZTA has added the test weight to LANDATA and this will be printed on the Certificate of Loading. Where vehicle information has not been correctly loaded then the vehicle inspector will calculate the test weight manually. This change will greatly assist consistency of application for the laden brake test as well as being of assistance during off-site testing.

Note: Test weights cannot be calculated for all vehicles, eg a number of older vehicles and recent Japanese imports that have no axle ratings.

New CoF component fail codes

New CoF codes were added to LANDATA in February. The component codes as well as the fault codes have been weighted with various degrees of safety factors that will contribute to your rating for the Operator Rating System (ORS).

Transport Service Licence (TSL) Labels

From 1 August 2009, the Operator Licensing Amendment Rule 2008 requires the following vehicles to display a transport service licence (TSL) label:

- Taxis
- Taxi shuttles
- Vehicle recovery services
- Goods services
- Large passenger service vehicle operators.

Why is the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) introducing a TSL label?

The TSL label replaces the requirement for you to display your TSL number on the outside of your vehicle/s. One of the main reasons for introducing labels is that many operators lease, rent, borrow or share vehicles and therefore their TSL number must be able to be displayed in a format which can be easily transferred between vehicles. The TSL label also replaces the current requirement to complete a Certificate of Responsibility when a vehicle is used in a transport service by someone other than the owner.

Transport Service Licence labels are coming soon. Does the NZTA have your correct address?

Make sure we have your current address, so you don't miss out on important upcoming information about TSL labels. Go to <http://www.landtransport.govt.nz/commercial/operator-rating-system/>

Look out for upcoming fact sheets, which will detail:

- >> Split test procedure
- >> Proposed offsite closures
- >> Offsite locations
- >> TSL compulsory as of 1 August 2009
- >> OE Spec systems
- >> Mythbusters

Missed something? The September fact sheet covered:

- >> Chassis load simulation
- >> Engineered tie-down points
- >> Tie-down locations
- >> How to declutter a chassis

Previous factsheets are available on www.landtransport.govt.nz/commercial/hvbr

To find out more...

For further information on the Heavy Vehicle Brakes Rule, visit www.landtransport.govt.nz/commercial/hvbr
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