

Things to consider before you apply

You are applying for an exemption from complying with the law under s168D of the Land Transport Act 1998.

The things we have to consider are set out in s168D. These include:

- Would granting this exemption maintain or improve land transport safety?
- Would it contribute to an effective, efficient and safe land transport system in the public interest?
- Does it support the response to an emergency or other event?
- Is there any other matter we consider relevant in the circumstances?

The exemption we grant cannot be any broader than it needs to be. We may therefore:

- impose conditions, and/or
- grant your exemption for a specific period.

Exemptions are **not** automatically granted. We'll consider all the factors above before deciding to approve or decline your application. We're not obliged to grant an exemption if we don't think it's appropriate to do so. Your application will not be accepted unless all relevant documentation is supplied and all pages are correctly filled in.

The law does not provide for an exemption to be granted on the basis of inconvenience or hardship.

False or incomplete information

We may decline your application or revoke your exemption if:

- you provide false or misleading information, or
- you don't give us all the information relevant to your application.

It's also an offence to supply false or misleading information and may lead to court action. This could result in a conviction and/or paying a fine.

We'll closely examine any document you provide to make sure it's authentic, particularly overseas documents. **We won't return documents which are clearly fraudulent or tampered with, or where we have significant doubt they're authentic.**

Fees and payment

The fee is non-refundable – even if we decline your application.

The fee for processing a *Application for an exemption from land transport vehicle rules* is \$50.60. We won't start work on the application until this is paid.

We'll send you an invoice with payment details and instructions. Payment must be made by the due date or the application will be returned to you as incomplete.

Please make sure you fill in the 'Payer details' section of this form to ensure we send the invoice to the correct person/organisation.

Privacy

The information is required to process an application for an exemption under section 168D of the Land Transport Act 1998. All information contained in your application will be held by Waka Kotahi and treated as confidential subject to the Official Information Act 1982 and the Privacy Act 2020.

Under the Privacy Act 2020, you have the right to request access to and correction of any personal information you supply as a part of this application process from Waka Kotahi. Should you wish to exercise these rights please contact Waka Kotahi, Private Bag 11777, Palmerston North 4442 or email: info@nzta.govt.nz.

Contacting us

If you wish to contact our office regarding your application, or provide additional supporting information, email us:

Light vehicles – exemptions@nzta.govt.nz

Heavy vehicles – hvexemptions@nzta.govt.nz

Sending us your application

Send the completed form and any required documentation to

exemptions@nzta.govt.nz (light)

hvexemptions@nzta.govt.nz (heavy)

or

Compliance Response – Safer Vehicles

Waka Kotahi

Private Bag 11777

Palmerston North 4442

Applicant details

Applicant name

Postal address

Phone number (daytime)

Mobile number

Email address

Vehicle details

Make

Year of manufacture

Model

Model code

VIN/chassis number

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Vehicle class (eg MA, NB, LE)

Date of first registration

Country where vehicle was first assembled/manufactured

Country from which vehicle was imported (if imported)

Payer details

Name to invoice to (person or registered company)

Postal address for invoice

Email address to send invoice

Phone number

Exemption details and background

Exemption required from the following rules, tick any that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Door retention systems | <input type="checkbox"/> 12 Seats and seat anchorages |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 External projections | <input type="checkbox"/> 13 Steering systems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Frontal impact | <input type="checkbox"/> 14 Tyres and wheels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Glazing, windscreen wipe and wash, and mirrors | <input type="checkbox"/> 15 Vehicles dimensions and mass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Heads restraints | <input type="checkbox"/> 16 Vehicle equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Heavy vehicles | <input type="checkbox"/> 17 Vehicle exhaust emissions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7 Heavy-vehicle brakes | <input type="checkbox"/> 18 Vehicle lighting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8 Interior impact | <input type="checkbox"/> 19 Vehicle standards compliance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9 Light-vehicle brakes | <input type="checkbox"/> 20 Left-hand drive |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10 Passenger service vehicles | <input type="checkbox"/> 21 Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11 Seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages | |

Before importation, what steps were taken to determine if the vehicle would meet New Zealand requirements?

If imported, what is your reasoning for importing a non-compliant vehicle?

Please list the reasons why the vehicle cannot be modified to comply with the rule.

Make sure you've covered off all our questions from page 1 if you can.

- How does your vehicle meet or exceed current standards and requirements?
- What is the intended use of the vehicle?

Is there any other information you'd like to provide that's relevant to your application?

Required documentation

- ☐ Pictures of the vehicle (both the whole vehicle and the specific area affected).
- ☐ For **dimensional exemptions**, an accurate drawing of the affected area of the vehicle.
- ☐ For **standards exemptions**, proof of the standards the vehicle does meet.

Declaration

I have read and understood the relevant information on this form and I state that, to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- all the information I have given for this application is correct; and
- I have provided all information relevant to this application.

Applicant's signature

Date