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**Extract taken from:** Entry certification > Inspection and certification > Certificate of loading > Certificate of loading (heavy vehicles)

## 16-1 Certificate of loading (heavy vehicles)

### Reasons for rejection

#### Mandatory requirements

1. Relevant HV specialist certification, where this is required, eg for towing connections, has not been obtained prior determining loading and weights, ie the vehicle has not been:
  - a) issued with a valid [LT400 certificate](#), or
  - b) fitted with a valid certification plate .
2. When the loading and weights were determined by the vehicle inspector, the vehicle was not correctly identified by all of the following:
  - a) Registration number (Note 1)
  - b) Make, model and sub-model
  - c) Vehicle identification number or chassis number, as applicable.
3. The relevant loading and weights in Table 16-1-1 have not been determined, or have been determined incorrectly.
4. The relevant loading and weights specified in Table 16-1-1 have not been recorded, or have been recorded incorrectly, on the LATIS system's ILOAD and ICORE screens (refer to [LATIS agents' manual](#)).
5. The certificate of loading (CoL):
  - a) has not been printed ([Note 2](#)), or
  - b) is not valid, eg it displays incorrect information.

#### Note 1

This does not apply to unregistered fully completed vehicles where all entry, in-service and specialist certification requirements (such as towing connections) have been met and a CoL has been issued using the VIN.

#### Note 2

This does not apply when an incomplete heavy vehicle is registered and operating on an Annex C.

**Table 16-1-1. General loading, weights and other information to be determined**

All vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gross vehicle mass (GVM)</li><li>• Unladen vehicle mass (tare weight)</li><li>• Wheelbase</li><li>• Number of axles</li><li>• Axle spacings (for multi-axle groups)</li><li>• Front axle weight ratings (if available)</li><li>• Rear axle group weight ratings (if available)</li><li>• Front axle tyre designation and tyre capacity</li><li>• Rear axle group tyre designation and tyre capacity</li><li>• Relevant endorsements or statements provided in applicable legislation (eg towing standards, brake standards)</li><li>• Overdimension information (if applicable)</li><li>• Further details and conditions that have been specified for the vehicle's operation</li></ul>
Additional for vehicles fitted with a towing connection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gross combination mass (braked)</li><li>• Gross combination mass (unbraked)</li><li>• Maximum towed mass (braked)</li><li>• Maximum towed mass (unbraked)</li><li>• If the vehicle has been imported with an ECE R55 compliant fifth wheel then this should be recorded on the LATIS system's ILOAD screen (refer to <a href="#">LATIS agents' manual</a>).</li></ul>

## Summary of legislation

### Applicable legislation

- [Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002](#)
- [Land Transport Rule: Heavy Vehicles 2004](#)

### Mandatory requirements

1. A vehicle must have a chassis rating.
2. A vehicle's loading and weight limits may be verified and recorded only if a record of determination has been made confirming that the relevant HV specialist certification has been obtained for a specific aspect of the vehicle.
3. The following information that identifies the vehicle must be determined:
  - a) its registration number **(if currently registered)**, and
  - b) its make, model and sub-model, and
  - c) its vehicle identification number or chassis number.
4. The loading and weights listed in Table 16-1-1 must be determined.

5. A vehicle inspector must make a record of the relevant loading and weight limits listed in Table 16-1-1 and provide this to the NZTA on the ILOAD and ICORE screens within the LATIS computer system (refer to [LATIS agents' manual](#)).

6. When a vehicle inspector has provided a record under Summary of legislation 4, the inspecting organisation must issue a certificate of loading.

7. A certificate of loading (CoL) must contain:

- a) information that identifies the vehicle, and
- b) the date on which the CoL was issued, and
- c) other information relevant to loading and weight specifications specified by the NZTA.

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