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Extract taken from: In-service certification (WoF and CoF) > Light PSVs > Certificate of loading > Certificate of loading

15-1 Certificate of loading

Reasons for rejection

Mandatory requirement

1. A light 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 The vehicle is one of the following and the CoL is no longer valid: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 de-registered, or
 - c) **the vehicle has changed use** and the requirements for CoL differ for the new use, eg change from goods van to PSV (refer to **Introduction: 3-5 Establishing whether a vehicle complies**).
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 of this manual.

Note 2

Certificate of loading 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.

Figure 15-1-1. Certificate of loading

**LAND TRANSPORT
NEW ZEALAND**

TOYOTA HIACE

Tare **01740** GVM

XX123H

BUS

Maximum Permissible Loading in Kg
03155



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Axle and Vehicle Loads must not exceed any of the following: Vehicle ratings, Tyre Capacities or the limits specified in applicable Acts, rules and regulations.

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Wheelbase (mm) **2500**

Maximum number of Passengers (excluding Driver):

	Adult	or	Secondary	or	Intermediate	or	Primary
Seated	007		007		007		007
Standing	000		000		000		000

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Summary of legislation

Applicable legislation

- [Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002.](#)

Mandatory requirement

1. A passenger service vehicle with a GVM of 3500kg or less that requires a certificate of fitness (Note 1) requires a certificate of loading (Note 2).

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, or

b) the vehicle has been de-registered, or

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 for the new use.

3. If a vehicle inspector 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 NZTA.

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