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15-1 Certificate of loading

Reasons for rejection

Mandatory requirement

1. A heavy vehicle 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 The vehicle is one of the following and the CoL is no longer valid: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 heavy vehicle specialist certification, or
 - b) the vehicle has been de-registered, or
 - c) an application for a change of use has been made (ie an MR14 has been completed) and the requirements for CoL differ for the new use, eg change from PSV to motorhome.
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.

Note 3

A vehicle with an invalid certificate of loading requires a new certificate of loading.

Figure 15-1-1. Certificate of loading

LAND TRANSPORT NEW ZEALAND		XX1234	
DAF FTT85CF	Maximum Permissible Loading in Kg		GOODS VAN/TRUCK/UTILITY
Tare	07600	GVM	24100 5th Wheel 38000
GCM	45000		
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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LAND TRANSPORT NEW ZEALAND		XX1234	
Axle Set Rating – Front	23000 Kg	Axle Set Rating – Rear	45000 Kg
Axle Spacing (mm)	F 3240		R 1360
Wheelbase (mm)	3910		
NZS54 – 50, HVBC			
Occupants	002		
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Summary of legislation

Applicable legislation

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

Mandatory requirement

1. A heavy vehicle that requires a certificate of fitness (Note 1) requires a certificate of loading (Note 2).
2. Before issuing a certificate of fitness, a 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 heavy 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.