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7-2 PSV seating

Reasons for rejection

Mandatory requirement

1. On a vehicle fitted with a wheelchair or wheelchair and occupant restraint that entered passenger service in New Zealand on or after 1 July 2000, or on a light PSV fitted with a wheelchair occupant restraint on or after 1 July 2000, a wheelchair or wheelchair and occupant restraint has not been certified by an LVV specialist certifier.

Mandatory and permitted equipment

2. The driver's seat is not adjustable.
3. Refer to [section 7-1](#).
4. There is a seat on the right-hand side of the driver's seat.
5. A forward-facing passenger seat (other than one fitted with a seatbelt) does not have either another seat, a partition or a guard rail positioned no more than 1m in front of the front edge of the seat.
6. A vehicle, except any outdoor-access vehicle (Note 2), that entered service as a PSV in New Zealand:
 - a) before 1 July 2000 does not have armrests fitted to the open ends of sideways-facing seats, or
 - b) on or after 1 July 2000 does not have armrests fitted to sideways-facing seats at intervals of 1.8 m or less as well as to the open ends of sideways-facing seats.
7. A folding crew seat (Note 1):
 - a) is fitted other than in the stairwell of the front doorway, or
 - b) does not fold away automatically when unoccupied, or
 - c) does not have clear signs stating that the seats:
 - i. are for use by crew members only, or
 - ii. must be secured in the fold-away position when they are not being used.

Wheelchair and wheelchair-occupant restraints

8. A PSV that entered passenger service in New Zealand on or after 1 July 2000, and is designed to carry a forward-facing wheelchair and occupant, is not fitted with a restraint system for a wheelchair.
9. A light PSV that entered passenger service in New Zealand on or after 1 July 2000 and that is designed to carry a rearward-facing wheelchair and occupant is not fitted with a backrest head support and a restraint system for a wheelchair.

10. A restraint system for a wheelchair, or for a wheelchair and occupant, on a vehicle that entered passenger service in New Zealand on or after 1 July 2000, or that was fitted with such equipment on or after 1 July 2000 **is not certified by an LVV specialist certifier, or doesn't meet all of the following requirements:**

- a) a horizontal handrail adjacent to the wheelchair parking position for wheelchair occupants to steady themselves while the passenger service vehicle is moving, or
- b) a means of preventing the wheelchair from tipping backwards, or
- c) a head support if the back of the wheelchair occupant's head would be against a window, bulkhead or partition, or
- d) a means of preventing the wheelchair from swinging out of position or tipping over, or
- e) a sign adjacent to the wheelchair parking position stating that the restraint system must be secured and the wheelchair's brakes applied, or
- f) easily accessible quick-release mechanisms.

Condition and performance

11. Refer to [section 7-1](#).

12. A wheelchair or wheelchair-occupant restraint does not meet the condition and performance requirements of [section 7-5, general vehicle pages](#).

13. The driver does not have safe and reasonably easy access to the driver's seat.

14. The driving controls are not protected, or located in such a way as to minimise the risk that they will be operated accidentally.

Modification

15. Refer to [section 7-1](#).

16. A seat or seating arrangement, including a wheelchair or wheelchair occupant restraint system, has been modified since the last CoF inspection and there is no written confirmation that items affected by the modification comply with the requirements for [entry certification](#).

Note 1

Crew, in relation to a PSV, means the person or group of persons in control or having responsibility for the operation of the vehicle or the wellbeing of the passengers.

Note 2

Outdoor-access vehicle means a motor vehicle that is used to provide access to remote areas solely in connection with outdoor activities.

Summary of legislation

Applicable legislation

- [Land Transport Rule: Passenger Service Vehicles 1999](#).

Mandatory requirement

1. On a vehicle fitted with a wheelchair or wheelchair and occupant restraint that entered passenger service in New Zealand on or after 1 July 2000, or on a light PSV fitted with a wheelchair occupant restraint on or after 1 July 2000, a wheelchair occupant restraint must be certified by an LVV specialist certifier.

Mandatory and permitted equipment

2. A driver's seat must be adjustable to ensure the driver has access to the driving controls.

3. Refer to [section 7-1](#).

4. There must not be a seat on the right-hand side of the driver's seat.

5. Every forward-facing passenger seat must have either another seat, a partition or a guard rail positioned no more than 1 m in front of the front edge of the seat unless the seat is fitted with a seatbelt.

6. A vehicle, except any outdoor-access vehicle (Note 2), that entered service as a PSV in New Zealand:

a) before 1 July 2000 must have armrests fitted to the open ends of sideways-facing seats, or

b) on or after 1 July 2000 must have armrests fitted to sideways-facing seats at intervals of 1.8 m or less as well as to the open ends of sideways-facing seats.

7. Folding crew seats (Note 1):

a) may be fitted only in the stairwell of the front doorway of a PSV, and

b) must fold away automatically when unoccupied, and

c) must have clear signs stating that the seats:

i. are for use by crew members only, and

ii. must be secured in the fold-away position when they are not being used.

Wheelchair and wheelchair-occupant restraints

8. A restraint system for a wheelchair, or for a wheelchair and occupant, must:

a) comply with the design and construction requirements of the version of AS 2942-1987 or the version of AS 2942:1994/Amdt 1-1998 that was applicable at the time it was attached; or

b) be certified in accordance with Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002 as complying with, or being equivalent to, the technical requirements of the version of AS 2942-1987 or the version of AS 2942:1994/Amdt 1-1998 that was applicable at the time it was fitted, or

c) comply with all of the following requirements:

i. there must be a horizontal handrail adjacent to the wheelchair parking position for wheelchair occupants to steady themselves while the passenger service vehicle is moving; and

ii. the wheelchair must be prevented from tipping backwards; and

iii. a head support must be fitted if the back of the wheelchair occupant's head would be against a window, bulkhead or partition; and

iv. a restraint system must be fitted to prevent the wheelchair from swinging out of position or tipping over; and

v. there must be a sign adjacent to the wheelchair parking position stating that the restraint system must be secured and the wheelchair's brakes applied; and

vi. the restraint system must include easily accessible quick-release mechanisms; and

vii. a vehicle inspector must certify that the seatbelt anchorage or alternative wheelchair restraint system complies with the version of Australian Design Rule 5/03 which was applicable at the time it was installed, or can withstand equal loadings in the case of an alternative restraint system.

9. A PSV that entered passenger service in New Zealand on or after 1 July 2000 that is designed to carry a forward-facing wheelchair and occupant must be fitted with a restraint system for a wheelchair.

10. A light PSV that entered passenger service in New Zealand on or after 1 July 2000 that is designed to carry a rearward-facing wheelchair and occupant, must be fitted with a backrest head support and a restraint system for a wheelchair.

11. Refer to [section 7-1](#).

12. The driver must have safe and reasonably easy access to the driver's seat.

13. The driving controls must be protected, or located in such a way as to minimise the risk that they will be operated accidentally.

Modification

14. Refer to [section 7-1](#).

15. If a passenger seat, crew seat, wheelchair restraint system, or wheelchair and occupant restraint system is fitted, relocated or modified in a light PSV since it was last certified for operation in-service, the passenger seat, crew seat, wheelchair restraint system or wheelchair and occupant restraint system must comply with the requirements for [entry certification](#).

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