

Introduction

About

This section outlines the heavy vehicle specialist certification system. It highlights some requirements of the *Notice of appointment* and the *Vehicle inspection requirements manual* (VIRM), and outlines the assessment process.

While aspects of the Notice of appointment and VIRM have been highlighted by this document, it is important that any person wishing to be appointed as a heavy vehicle specialist inspector reads the *Notice of appointment* and the VIRM.

Failure to comply with the *Notice of appointment* or requirements of the VIRM once appointed could result in your appointment being suspended or revoked.

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA)

NZTA's principal objective is to 'contribute to an integrated, safe, responsive and sustainable land transport system'. These activities include:

- establishing safety standards for vehicles entering and operating in New Zealand's land transport system
- promoting willing compliance with safety standards within the land transport system.

[Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002](#) establishes a vehicle certification regime, including procedures for appointing heavy vehicle specialist inspecting organisations (IOs) and vehicle inspectors (VIs), setting out documentation requirements, and several categories of specialist certification including heavy vehicle specialist certification.