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Reasons for rejection

Mandatory requirement

1. A heavy trailer that requires a certificate of fitness does not have a certificate of loading displayed on the vehicle.
2. The vehicle is one of the following and the certificate of loading is no longer valid: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 in the new use.
3. An invalid certificate of loading has not been surrendered to the vehicle inspector.

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.

Figure 11-1-1. Certificate of loading

NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY	C747M		050481909
CUSTOMBUILT NICKEL	TRAILER/CARAVAN		
Maximum Permissible Loading in Kg			
Tare	05960	GVM	29000
FTW 04350/04350		RTW 04350/04350	
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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NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY	C747M		050481909
Axle Set Rating – Front	14500 Kg	Axle Set Rating – Rear	
Axle Spacing (mm)	F 1240 – 4850 – 1240 R		
Wheelbase (mm)	4850		
NZS54 – 44,46, HVBC			
Occupants	000		
Static Roll Threshold	0.35g	4.25 m/29t	29t/4.25 m
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Summary of legislation

Applicable legislation

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

Mandatory requirement

1. A heavy trailer that requires a certificate of fitness requires a certificate of loading.
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 trailer 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 in 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.