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12 Transport service licence

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Reasons for rejection

Mandatory requirement

1. The operator of a trailer that requires a transport service licence (Table 12-1-1) has not notified the vehicle inspector of the transport service licence number under which the trailer is operated.

Note 1

If correctly licensed, a vehicle requiring a transport service licence can be identified by the 'L' on the vehicle licence label.

Table 12-1-1. Requirements for transport service licences

Vehicles that require	Vehicles that do not require
Goods service licence:	
Heavy vehicles with a GVM of 6000kg or more and capable of carrying goods	Vehicle recovery service vehicles Vehicles that operate solely in areas to which the public does not have right of access Vehicles used as places of abode that are not used in a rental service (eg motorhomes and dual-purpose motorhomes carrying horses where at least 50% of the floor space is constructed for human accommodation (this includes dedicated tractor and semi-trailer motorhomes)) Vehicles listed as farm vehicles (ie exempt class B licence) Mobile machines
Vehicle recovery service licence:	
Vehicle recovery service vehicles (ie designed or adapted for the purpose of towing or carrying motor vehicles for hire or reward)	Recovery vehicles of the New Zealand Defence Force
Rental service licence:	
Rental vehicles	

Summary of legislation

Applicable legislation

- [Land Transport Act 1998](#).

Mandatory requirement

Business details

1. No certificate of fitness shall be issued in respect of any transport service vehicle unless the vehicle inspector has been notified of the transport service licence number under which the vehicle is being operated.