



Christmas Message

As 2022 draws to a close it is time for our annual Christmas Bulletin. This year we have mostly moved on from the restrictions of the COVID 19 pandemic and towards the “new normal”. For many in the industry, both heavy and light vehicles there is an abundance of work due to backlogs created by the pandemic.

There has been a lot of work done by the Department that I expect you will see more of throughout next year. Some of this includes:

- Roll out of the new Heavy Vehicles Manuals, and
- Information for driver training in vehicles with Advanced Driver Assistance systems.

Work is in progress to allow:

- Regulator Assessments to be conducted in automatic transmission vehicles, and
- Practical Driving Assessments (medicals) and Regulator Assessments to be undertaken in dual brake vehicles supplied by the client (Motor Driving Instructor vehicles).

The remainder of the Bulletin includes issues raised by industry members and general information that we hope will assist you with the status of issues and queries raised, and innovation in your industry.

Merry Christmas.

Driver Training Reform

As you may be aware, in May 2022, the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (ICAC) tabled a report in Parliament titled *“Failing the Corruption Road Test: Corruption Risks in*

South Australia’s Driver Training Industry”. This report made nine recommendations to reform the operation and oversight of the driver training industry stating that the *“controls for minimising corruption in environments where services are delivered on behalf of Government by the private sector must be particularly robust and effective”*.

At the time the Minister stated that the report confirms the Government’s view that the driver training industry needs reform to address the unacceptable behaviour of some members of the industry.

The Department has been working to provide a response to the ICAC and is awaiting the Government’s position on any potential reforms.

EzyReg Changes

Some people have been having difficulty accessing EzyReg on their devices recently. DIT TRUMPS team have provided the attached instructions for accessing your EzyReg account.

Two Factor Authentication

Two Factor Authentication is now available for mySAGOV accounts. Two Factor Authentication provides an extra layer of security to online accounts. It involves logging in using a password and then verifying your login via a unique access code sent to you by text or an “authenticator” app and it operates similarly to the process used when undertaking electronic banking.

At the moment, Two Factor Authentication for mySAGOV accounts is voluntary, however it is intended that at some time in the future this will be mandatory for mySAGOV users. Details on setting up Two Factor Authentication can be found at <https://www.sa.gov.au/mysagov/security>

Regrettably we have had some reports of Authorised Examiners having difficulty with Two Factor Authentication causing problems with accessing mySAGOV accounts.

If you are experiencing problems, please email myaccountassistance@sa.gov.au and identify yourself as an Authorised Examiner requiring assistance and provide your contact number and you will be prioritised for a response.

Heavy Vehicle Trailer Length

DIT is receiving complaints from instructors who see training and assessment occurring in HC vehicles where the trailer length is LESS than the minimum 11 metres requirement for assessment vehicles. This is a reminder that vehicles used for assessment in Class HC may be:

- Prime-Mover with bogie drive;
- Trailer with bogie or tri axles and a minimum length of 11 metres;

OR

- A three or more axle rigid vehicle with a registered GVM greater than 15 tonnes and a GCM greater than 24 tonnes, towing a two or more axle (dual wheel) self-steering 'dog' trailer with a GVM greater than 9 tonnes.

Checking requirements for overseas licence conversion.

If you have a client who is wanting to transfer an overseas licence, you can check what they need to do via the below website. You will need to know:

- If the licence is current, expired, less than five years old or more than five years old,
- The country the licence was issued, and
- Their age.

[SA.GOV.AU](http://www.sa.gov.au) - [Check if you can transfer your overseas driver's licence \(www.sa.gov.au\)](http://www.sa.gov.au)

If there is any doubt, your client should confirm with Service SA what their overseas licence conversion requirements are.

QSD requirements

There have been some enquiries about the requirements for a person to be a qualified supervising drivers. Below is an edited version of what is in the [Motor Vehicles Act 1959 \(legislation.sa.gov.au\)](http://legislation.sa.gov.au).

72A—Qualified supervising drivers

(1) For the purposes of this Act, a person acts as a qualified supervising driver for the holder of a permit or licence if—

(a) when the holder of the permit or licence drives a motor vehicle, or attempts to put a motor vehicle in motion, on a road, the person—

(i) occupies a seat in the vehicle next to the holder of the permit or licence, or, if the vehicle is a motor bike, is a passenger on the bike or in a sidecar attached to the bike; and

(ii) takes all reasonable steps to supervise and instruct the holder of the licence or permit in the safe and efficient driving of the motor vehicle; and

(b) the person is the holder of—

(i) an unconditional licence authorising the person to drive the vehicle;

or

(ii) a foreign licence of a type approved by the Registrar by notice in the Gazette authorising the person to drive the vehicle, and has held such a licence during the whole of the immediately preceding 2 year period; and

(c) the licence held by the person is not subject to a condition under section 98BE(2) requiring the person to be of good behaviour.

(2) A person who has the prescribed concentration of alcohol in the person's blood, or a prescribed drug in the person's oral fluid or blood, must not act as a qualified supervising driver for the holder of a licence or permit.

Maximum penalty: \$1250.

Display of 'L' plates

After some recent enquiries the following information is provided on the legal size of L plates and when they may be displayed. For future reference this information can be located via the SA legislation page [Motor Vehicles Regulations 2010 \(legislation.sa.gov.au\)](http://legislation.sa.gov.au)

Motor Vehicles Act 1959—22.11.2021 Part 3—
Drivers' licences

75A—Learner's permit

(15) *The holder of a learner's permit must not—*

- (a) *drive a motor bike on a road unless a plate bearing the letter "L" is affixed to the bike in accordance with the regulations; or*
- (b) *drive any other motor vehicle on a road unless 2 plates bearing the letter "L" are affixed to the vehicle in accordance with the regulations. Maximum penalty: \$1 250*

50—Learner's permits—display of L plates

(1) *For the purposes of section 75A(15) of the Act—*

- (a) — (i) *in the case of a motor vehicle other than a motor bike—plates bearing the letter "L" (L plates) must be displayed on the vehicle so as to be clearly visible from the front and rear of the vehicle; or*

(ii) *in the case of a motor bike—a L plate must be displayed at, and be clearly visible from, the rear of the motor bike; and*

(b) *an L plate must conform to the following requirements:*

(i) the plate must measure not less than 14.5 centimetres by 14.5 centimetres;

(ii) the letter "L" must be displayed in black on a yellow background and be clearly legible;

(iii) the letter "L" must be not less than 10.5 centimetres in height and 8 centimetres in width;

(iv) the width of every line of the letter "L" must be not less than 2 centimetres.

- (2) *A person other than the holder of a learner's permit must not drive a motor vehicle on a road while there is affixed to the vehicle a L plate in accordance with this regulation. Maximum penalty: \$1 250.*

(3) *Subregulation (2) does not apply to—*

- (a) *a person driving a motor vehicle for the purpose of instructing the holder of a learner's permit in the safe and efficient driving of a motor vehicle; or*

- (b) *the holder of a motor driving instructor's licence driving a motor vehicle that is clearly identified as one being used in the business of driving instruction and proceeding from or to a place where instruction has been or is to be given.*

The End of Paper-based Licences and Permits

DIT has moved away from issuing paper licences and permits for any class. All licences and permits are now plastic.

Instructions When Completing Certificates (COCs)

Industry have sought clarification on the use of the 'Restrictions' box on the Certificate of Competency (COC).

All parts of the COC must be completed, ie., that means nothing is left blank.

The 'Transmission' box must be completed by the Authorised Examiner on the COC and the Restrictions box must be marked with a line through it.

Several COCs were rejected by Service SA centres recently due to the restrictions box being left blank.

Assessments in Government Vehicles

Currently all class 'C' assessments conducted by Government Assessment Officers are conducted in a dual brake Government vehicle. This includes Regulator Assessments, Practical Driving Assessments for medical reasons, and Validation Assessments.

Work is underway to provide a mechanism to allow the use of dual brake vehicles supplied by other parties. Industry will be notified the details of this initiative when it is ready for implementation.

CBTA Manual unavailable as Stationery Order item

Authorised Examiners will be aware that the CBTA Manual (Class 'C') is now available online at no cost and has been since May this year. A copy of the manual was also provided via email with the bulletin at that time.

Although the Stationery Order List on EzyReg still shows this item for sale, it is no longer available in a paper form.

We are in the process of removing this document from the Stationery Order list and if a copy is ordered, a refund is issued and the examiner advised.

Heavy vehicles with automated transmission systems and clutch brake.

There have been a number of recent enquiries about what transmission should be recorded for a heavy vehicle that drives as an automatic but has a clutch brake.

These are automated transmission systems. Automated transmission systems differ from an automatic as they are fitted with a manual gearbox that utilises electronics to activate the clutch and change gears at optimum revs.

These systems commonly require a “clutch brake” to disengage the drive shaft when the vehicle is stationary which prevents wear on the clutch and enables the gears to be engaged more quickly when the vehicle is moving off.

Vehicles fitted with an automated transmission system drive identical to an automatic except for the clutch brake component when it is required.

As a result, these are to be assessed and recorded in the same way as an automatic transmission vehicle.

Authorised Examiner webpage and Code of Practice.

A number of the enquiries that the Standards Unit receives relate to information that is available online. The Authorised Examiner and Motor Driving Instructor web pages are available on SA.GOV.AU. Simply type in Authorised Examiner or Motor Driving Instructor on your preferred search engine and the below links are likely to come up, or just use the links below. These pages provide information on things like:

Becoming a MDI or Authorised Examiner, upgrading to another class, the Rules Governing Authorised Examiners, the Code of Conduct and more.

[SA.GOV.AU – Driving instructors \(www.sa.gov.au\)](http://www.sa.gov.au)

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