

Motor Vehicle Registry Information Bulletin

L8 - How to obtain a class “MC” Driver Licence

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“MC” (Multi Combination) – Definition for Licensing Purposes

Any motor vehicle, or combination of motor vehicles, other than a motorcycle or motor trike. Class “MC” does not permit you to carry passengers for hire or reward, unless you also have a (h) (Hire or Reward) endorsement.

Points to Note

- Before you can be issued with a class “MC” (multi combination) licence, you will need to have held a class “C” licence for at least twenty-four months and a class “HR” or class “HC” licence for at least twelve months.
- If you have been licensed for twenty-four months, and have held a class “HR” (Heavy Rigid) or class “HC” (Heavy Combination) licence for twelve months, you may begin learning to drive a multi combination vehicle at any time. A driver who holds a current class “MC” licence must accompany you.
- On the practical test drive, if conducted through MVR, there is no requirement for you to provide a “licensed driver”, as this role is fulfilled by the testing officer. You need to be aware however, that you are not licensed to drive unaccompanied to, and possibly from the test location (depending on your test outcome).
- Because you are not a first time driver and have previously held “L” plates, you must instead display a “Driver Under Instruction” sign at the rear of the vehicle. The sign must be yellow and no smaller than 530mm wide and 300mm high with black lettering at least 75mm high.

Conduct of Practical Test

- Tests will be comprised of a compulsory manoeuvre: uncoupling and re-coupling the second trailer, and where the candidate has not held a class “HC” licence, the first trailer may also be disconnected. The remainder of the test will be conducted whilst driving on normal road train routes.
- Practical tests are usually conducted by Industry Accredited Licence Assessment Officers’, by arrangement through MVR offices. Upon successful completion of the practical test you will be issued a “Licence Assessment Recommendation” form.

Industry Accredited Licence Assessment Officers currently operate on a voluntary basis, so there is no charge or fee for the assessment at this time, however, a contribution to cover their operating/travelling costs may be requested.

Failure to attend a scheduled test, without reasonable notice, will greatly inconvenience the Assessment officer, who may suffer a significant loss of earnings by being away from his/her normal employment. Therefore, please consider carefully when making bookings.

The Registrar is prepared to accept successful completion of an appropriate training course in lieu of a practical test. These courses are available through Approved Course Providers who may recommend applicants for licence upgrades, after successfully undertaking and completing the appropriate training course.

Recommendation for licence upgrade takes the form of a "Statement of Attainment" issued by the Approved Course Providers. Further advice/information can be obtained from your local MVR office.

If you undertake the practical test through MVR, the vehicle you supply for the test must be registered, roadworthy and provide a clean seating space for the testing officer, including an operational seat belt.

Trailers/dollies must also be registered and roadworthy, and in the case of trailers registered in other jurisdictions, current certificates of insurance must be available for inspection.

The minimum test rig will be:

- a 3 axled prime mover towing a 2 axled semi trailer plus one extra trailer whose GVM is greater than 9 tonnes;

OR

- a 3 axled rigid vehicle whose GVM is greater than 15 tonnes towing two trailers, both of which have a GVM greater than 9 tonnes.

The vehicle must display a "Driver Under Instruction" sign on the rear.

Once you pass the practical test, and pay the prescribed fee, you will be issued with a new Heavy Vehicle Driver Licence.

You must carry your heavy vehicle driver's licence with you at all times whilst driving.

Important Note:

Your licence will now display the highest class of vehicle that you are licensed to drive.

The holder of a licence of a class "MC" licence may, in addition to driving motor vehicles in that class, drive any motor vehicle, or combination of motor vehicles, excluding:

- a motor bike; or
- a motor trike which does not have a body type commonly known as, or similar to, a sedan, station wagon, coupe, convertible, roadster, utility, tray top or van.

In the event that your driver licence card is lost/misplaced and the card is returned to MVR (e.g. by someone from the place where you have left your card behind, Police, etc), the card will be destroyed. You will need to reapply and pay the prescribed fee for a replacement card.

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