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Aviation Refuelling Tanker Driver Requirements

DSE currently operates five regionally based, Aviation Refuelling Tankers which carry 6000 litres of JET A-1 fuel. These are driven and operated by accredited agency personnel.

Due to the Aviation Refuelling Tanker being classed as a Heavy Vehicle (Gross Vehicle Mass that exceeds 12 tonne) and that it carries bulk fuel, all Agency personal **driving** these vehicles must have the following.

1. A current Medium Rigid (MR) or greater drivers licence.
2. A current Victorian Transport of Dangerous Goods licence.

Note: only the tanker driver needs to hold these licences. The Agency "hot" refueller does not require the DG licence to operate the tanker pump unit when refuelling an aircraft.

TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS COURSE

This is a two day course conducted by DECA which covers transport of dangerous goods classes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 & 9.

Currently this licence is issued for three years after which a refresher course must be completed. By the end of 2008, licences will be issued for 5 years.

Prerequisites:

- Be at least 21 years of age; and
- hold a current Victorian Driver's Licence; and
- have passed, or have the ability to pass the Medical Examination for Commercial Vehicle Drivers.

Certification:

On completion of the course, applicants must apply to Worksafe Victoria who will issue a Dangerous Goods licence. Course applicants must submit:

- a completed, signed and witnessed application form; *and*
- a certified copy of drivers licence; *and*
- a notice of Assessment issued on completion of an approved course; *and*
- a completed "Driver Licensing Authority Commercial Driver's Health Assessment"; *and*

- an original or certified copy of a 5 year demerit point extract; *and*
- an original or certified copy of records of convictions for any driving offence(s) recorded against you; *and*
- two colour passport photographs, signed and dated on the back.

After three years, a one day refresher course must be completed. On completion of the course the applicant must apply to Worksafe Victoria who will reissue a licence.

Note: If left longer than 3 months after the expiry date, completion of the full course is required.

Applicants must provide new versions of all documentation, as submitted with the original application.

The refresher course may be undertaken 3 months prior to the expiry of your current licence or up to 3 months after the expiry date.

Note: If your current licence has expired before receiving your new licence you are unlicensed to drive the Aviation Refuelling Tanker. We recommend completing the refresher course 3 months prior to the expiry date.

NATIONAL LOG BOOK AND NATIONAL DRIVING HOURS REGULATIONS

All drivers of Heavy Vehicle (Gross Vehicle Mass that exceeds 12 tonne) must comply with the National Driving Hours Regulations and maintain a National Log Book.

National Log Book Requirements

A driver who is driving a Heavy Vehicle Truck and is on a journey that will take them more than 100km from their "Driver Base", is required to record driving, working and rest times in the National Log Book.

What is the "Driver Base"?

The "Driver Base" is the reference point for the 100km radius and is the place from which the driver normally works and receives instructions. If a driver normally works and receives instructions from a place that is not the "garage address" of the vehicle the driver may nominate this alternative place as the Driver Base. He or she would do this by writing the address of the alternative address in the table provided in the front of the log book. If an address is not entered in this table the Driver Base will be taken as the "garage address" of the vehicle.



National Log Book Requirements (cont.)

To obtain a National Log Book, drivers are required to apply in person at a Vicroads Office. They must bring their current Drivers Licence and complete the application form in the presence of the issuing officer.

Drivers will then be required to pay a fee and will be issued with their log book.

NATIONAL DRIVING HOURS REGULATIONS

Definitions:

Driving

Driving is the time spent by a driver in the driver's seat of a heavy vehicle with the engine running.

Driving includes time spent as a solo or two-up driver or instructing a person to drive a heavy vehicle.

Working

Working is the time spent:

- driving a heavy vehicle and includes loading or unloading; *or*
- inspecting, servicing or repairing the heavy vehicle; *or*
- inspecting or attending to the load on the heavy vehicle; *or*
- cleaning or refuelling the heavy vehicle; *or*
- recording information or completing a document in accordance with these Regulations; *or*
- in relation to the operation of the heavy vehicle.

Resting

Rest is any continuous period of time of at least 15 minutes where a driver is not working.

In any period of	A driver must not work for more than a MAXIMUM of:	.. and must have the rest of that period off work with at least a MINIMUM rest break of....
5 hours and 30 minutes	5 hours and 15 minutes work time	15 minutes continuous minutes rest time
8 hours	7 hours and 30 minutes work time	30 minutes rest time in blocks of 15 continuous minutes
11 hours	10 hours work time	60 minutes rest time in blocks of 15 continuous minutes
24 hours	12 hours work time	7 continuous hours stationary rest time
7 days	72 hours work time	24 continuous hours stationary rest time
14 days	144 hours work time	2 x night rest breaks <u>and</u> 2 x nights rest breaks taken on consecutive days

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