

DO YOU NEED A DANGEROUS GOODS DRIVERS LICENCE?

If you intend to drive a vehicle carrying dangerous goods in a container with a capacity of more than 500 litres or more than 500 kilograms by road in Tasmania, then you must have a dangerous goods driver's licence in addition to your normal driver's licence.

Workplace Standards Tasmania administers the licensing of dangerous goods drivers and the approval of dangerous goods driver training courses. Licenses are issued for a period of up to 5 years and may be subject to conditions.

Dangerous Goods Licenses are issued for:

- Class 1 (explosives), as defined in the *Australian Code for the Transport of Explosives by Road and Rail* (AE Code)
- Classes 2–9 as defined in the *Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail* (ADG Code)

For example, a licence endorsed with class 1 is required where the net explosive quantity (NEQ) of explosives transported exceeds Risk Category 2 as defined in the AE Code.

A license endorsed with classes 2-9 are generally issued for the remaining classes (except Class 7 - Radioactive substances) when transporting containers with a capacity of more than 500 litres or more than 500 kilograms.

A licence is not required when the dangerous goods are being transported in intermediate bulk container/s (IBC) with a total capacity on the vehicle of not more than 3,000 litres, providing the IBC/s are not filled or emptied on the vehicle.

To be eligible for a licence you must:

- complete application forms (GF130 and GF131)
- a copy of your Australian drivers licence
- either a certified extract of record of any traffic infringements and offences, licence restrictions or cancellations that you may have incurred; or authorisation for Workplace Standards Tasmania to access this information (the authorisation can be provided on the application form GF131)
- a test or training certificate as evidence that you have completed an approved dangerous goods driver training course, or equivalent written evidence (Note: mutual recognition provides for equivalent training to be undertaken in another state or territory)
- a medical certificate confirming your fitness to drive a vehicle to transport dangerous goods, issued by a registered medical practitioner. There is provision on the application form for your doctor to complete

- two recent passport size photographs
- the prescribed fee (contact Workplace Standards for the current fee).

NOTE:

Evidence of your driving record, completed training and your medical examination must not be more than six months old at the time you apply for a licence.

To obtain the application forms:

- Contact Workplace Standards Helpline on 1300 366 322 (or (03) 6233 7657 if calling from interstate)
- Fax on (03) 6233 8338
- go to www.wst.tas.gov.au (and search for GF130 and GF131)
- through your training course provider

You can get information on approved training course providers by calling the Workplace Standards Helpline.

General

If you are transporting dangerous goods below the quantities requiring you to have a dangerous goods driver's licence, please ensure that you comply with the relevant safety requirements from the Regulations. These Regulations govern dangerous goods driver licenses in Tasmania. They can be viewed www.thelaw.tas.gov.au

Other legislative requirements

The Department of Health and Human Services is responsible for regulating the import, transport and storage of Class 7 Radioactive material. For more information, call 1300 135 513.

Additionally, if you intend to transport controlled (hazardous) waste for fee or reward, you must have an Environmental Protection Notice issued under the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994. This includes transporting sewerage/septic waste, asbestos, waste oils, contaminated soil and/or pesticides. For more information, call the Department of Primary Industries and Water on 1300 368 550.

Dangerous Goods Vehicle Requirements

The Regulations also govern vehicles transporting dangerous goods. Under these Regulations, road vehicles transporting dangerous goods above specific quantities require a Dangerous Goods Vehicle licence. For more information and a free copy of the information sheet "Is your Vehicle Licensed to Transport Dangerous Goods?" call the Workplace Standards Helpline or go to www.wst.tas.gov.au (and search for 'IS009').

Please note:

- This information sheet describes the driver licensing requirements for the transport by road of designated dangerous goods only. It does not deal with vehicle design, approval or vehicle licensing requirements or general vehicle operations, or the loading, placarding, segregation or packaging of dangerous goods for transport by road.
- The transport of dangerous goods by air, sea and are regulated under other legislation.