

IS YOUR VEHICLE LICENSED TO TRANSPORT DANGEROUS GOODS?

The Dangerous Goods (Road and Rail Transport) Regulations 2010 (the Regulations) regulates the transport of dangerous goods. Under these Regulations, road vehicles transporting dangerous goods require a dangerous goods vehicle licence.

Definitions:

Vehicle: for the purpose of licensing, a dangerous goods vehicle licence applies to all vehicles transporting dangerous goods in specified quantities by road or rail; but does not include a prime mover or converter dolly.

Specified Quantities: in relation to the transport of dangerous goods are as:

- Classes 2-9 having a capacity exceeding 500 litres or 500kg
- Class 1 Explosives Risk Category 2 & 3 as defined in the AE Code.

A dangerous goods vehicle licence is:

- is required for vehicles transporting all classes of dangerous goods (except class 7 - Radioactive substances) as defined in the *Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail* - (the ADG Code)
- issued by Workplace Standards Tasmania for a period of up to five years
- additional to any Transport Tasmania vehicle registration requirements.

A licence is not required when:

- the dangerous goods are transported in an intermediate bulk container (IBC) with a total capacity of not more than 3,000 litres
- the IBC is not filled or emptied on the vehicle.

What is an IBC?

An intermediate bulk container or IBC is:

- a rigid or flexible portable packaging for transporting dangerous goods
- designed for mechanical handling
- designed to resist the stresses encountered during usual handling and transport.

An IBC contains not more than:

- 1,500 litres for solids of Packing Group I if packed in composite, fibreboard, flexible, wooden or rigid plastic container
- 3,000 litres for solids of Packing Group I if packed in a metal container
- 3,000 litres for solids or liquids of Packing Groups II and III.

Applications for a licence must include:

- A completed application form (DGF2). Call the Workplace Standards Helpline on 1300 366 322 or visit our website www.wst.tas.gov.au and search for 'DGF2'.
- Payment of the prescribed fee. Call the Workplace Standards Helpline for current fee or locate it on our fees page www.wst.tas.gov.au/fees
- Verification of tank design approval number, including current testing and inspection documentation.

Workplace Standards may require additional information and inspections before the licence is issued.

Licence label

Workplace Standards Tasmania will issue a licence label for each vehicle to which the licence relates. A vehicle transporting dangerous goods must display its current label in a prominent location.

Licence renewal

A licence is granted for a maximum of five years and takes effect on the day of issue. Workplace Standards Tasmania will issue renewal notices three months before the expiry date.

Alteration to licence details

The licence holder is responsible for notifying Workplace Standards Tasmania on the sale or disposal of a licensed vehicle, or of any changes to the original licence application.

General

- If a licence has already been granted from another state or territory, it is deemed to be mutually acceptable in Tasmania. It should be renewed in the state or territory of its main operation.
- Anyone who transports dangerous goods must do so in accordance with the Regulations, the ADG Code or the AE Code. However, the vehicle only needs to be licensed when transporting dangerous goods in specified quantities.

It is a requirement that each vehicle comply with the requirements of the AE Code, the ADG Code and Australian Standard AS 2809.1 - 1999, *Road tank vehicles for dangerous goods - Part 1: General Requirements* (and the relevant part applicable to the class of dangerous goods being conveyed).

- The Department of Health and Human Services is responsible for regulating the import, transport and storage of Class 7 - Radioactive material. For more information, go to www.dhhs.tas.gov.au
- If you intend to transport controlled (hazardous) waste for fee or reward, you must have an Environmental Protection Notice issued under the *Environment Management and Pollution Control Act 1994*. This includes transporting sewerage/septic waste, asbestos, and waste oil/pesticides. For further information, call the Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment on 6233 6518.
- Anyone who transports dangerous goods in vehicles that are not registered with Transport Tasmania for operating on public streets, but are restricted to 'on site' operation only, must still comply with the requirements of the Regulations and the ADG Code.

- The Regulations and other relevant legislation covering dangerous goods vehicle licenses can be viewed at www.thelaw.tas.gov.au or from our website www.wst.tas.gov.au or at any regional Workplace Standards office.

Dangerous Goods Driver Licence Requirements

- A driver of a dangerous goods vehicle must hold a current dangerous goods driver's licence when transporting dangerous goods over the specified quantities.

For more information and a copy of the information sheet '*Do you need a Dangerous Goods Drivers Licence?*' you can call the Workplace Standards Helpline or go to www.wst.tas.gov.au and search for 'IS006'.