Heavy Vehicle Competency Based Assessment (HVCBA)

Fact Sheet – Assessment Criteria 1 “Pre-Operational Check”

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Objective
Ensuring vehicles used for heavy vehicle training and assessment are roadworthy, well-maintained and safe for use on the road. This is a requirement under the Road Transport Legislation.

Refer to the Road Transport Legislation Factsheet.

Purpose
Having safe and roadworthy vehicles on our roads to meet community expectations and help to overcome opposition to the expansion of heavy vehicle access.

Criteria 1

Pre-Operational Check

Performance: Locate, identify, inspect and/or describe the reasons for inspection and the required condition of vehicle components for a pre-operational check.

Conditions: Vehicle parked and secured in a non-traffic area with safe pedestrian access to all sides of the vehicle. Engine not running.

Criteria 1 focuses on the standard pre-operational safety checks all drivers should perform prior to operating a heavy vehicle. This includes vehicle measurements of which knowledge is critical for the safe operation of a heavy vehicle on the road network.
Test Criteria

- Wheels, wheel-nuts and tyres
- Vehicle measurements
- Fluid leaks/levels
- Air leaks
- Air tanks
- Couplings
- Vehicle posture
- Load security
- Loose/missing/broken fittings
- Registration
- Lights and Indicators
- Drive belts and pulleys.

No exemption from Criteria 1

All licence applicants completing HVCBA are required to complete Criteria 1 - Pre-Operational Checks. Assessors are reminded correct assessment requires the applicant to **locate, identify, inspect and/or describe reasons for inspection and the required condition of vehicle components**. Where a component is not fitted or accessible the applicant is to give a commentary description. The assessor may seek further clarification to assess understanding.

Summary

Pre-Operational checks are critical to ensure that a heavy vehicle is safe, roadworthy and legal to operate on the road network.

Contact us

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