



Fact Sheet

Driving authorisation required - towed agricultural implements

While agricultural implements are not required to be licensed, they may fall within the definition of a 'trailer' and as such drivers of vehicles (including tractors) towing these implements must hold the appropriate driver's licence authorisation.

The vehicle class required is determined by factors such as the tare weight and number of axles of the towing vehicle as well as the gross vehicle mass (GVM) and the number of implements being towed. The table below provides for the class/es of vehicles a person must be authorised to drive when towing agricultural implements.

Tractor (GVM)	Axles of Tractor	Implements being Towed	GVM of Implement being towed *	Must hold authorisation to drive vehicles of class**
> 4.5 tonnes but ≤ 8 tonnes.	2 or more	One	As per manufacturers rating.	LR
> 8 tonnes.	2	One	9 tonnes and less.	MR
> 8 tonnes.	3 or more	One	9 tonnes and less.	HR
Any tractor.	N/A	Two	One implement > 9 tonnes and one implement < 9 tonnes.	HC**
Any tractor.	N/A	Two	GVM not a consideration.	MC**
Any tractor.	N/A	Three	GVM not a consideration.	MC**

***The manufacturers rating of the tractor and any tow couplings must not be exceeded**

**** Where the vehicles being towed are agricultural implements a conditional licence may be granted**

For information on how to apply for the authorisation to drive a vehicle towing agricultural implements please refer to the factsheet '*Application for the authorisation to drive Towed Agricultural Implements*'.