

# Practical Driving Assessment

## Vehicle Suitability Guide - Other Classes

Find out the minimum standard of vehicle required to undertake your Practical Driving/Riding Assessment, and what restrictions are applied to your driver's licence if you undertake your assessment using a vehicle with an automatic transmission.

### Minimum standard assessment vehicles

When undertaking your practical driving/riding assessment, there is a minimum standard of vehicle in which you can be assessed.

It is your responsibility to ensure the vehicle you are using for the assessment is roadworthy and meets the minimum standards for the class of vehicle you are seeking the authorisation to drive.

If the vehicle is deemed unsuitable or does not meet the minimum standards, you will not be assessed and your PDA will be cancelled. Note, other factors may contribute to a vehicle being deemed unsuitable.

Vehicle Class	Minimum Standard - Assessment Vehicle
R-N - Moped	<p>A moped is a motorcycle that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>is designed so as not to be capable of a speed exceeding 50 km/h and either:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>has an engine capacity not exceeding 50cc or</li> <li>is not powered by a piston engine</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
R-E - LAMS approved motorcycle	<p>A learner approved motorcycle (LAMS), is a motorcycle, that is not a moped, and has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a power to weight ratio not exceeding 150 kilowatts per tonne;</li> <li>an engine capacity not exceeding 660cc; and</li> <li>is listed in the publication known as 'Learner Approved Motorcycle Scheme (LAMS): R-E approved motorcycles list' published at <a href="http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/lams">www.transport.wa.gov.au/lams</a></li> </ul> <p>Must be fitted with a hand or foot operated clutch unless you only require a licence for an automatic motorcycle.</p>
R - Motorcycle	<p>A motor cycle that is not a moped or learner approved motorcycle, and has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a power to weight ratio that exceeds 150 kW/t; or</li> <li>an engine capacity exceeding 660cc.</li> </ul>



R-N - Moped



R-E - LAMS Approved



R - Motorcycle

Vehicle Class	Minimum Standard - Assessment Vehicle
C - Car	A motor vehicle, other than a motor cycle or motor carrier, that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has a GVM of 4.5 tonnes or less; and</li> <li>• is equipped to seat not more than 12 adults including the driver.</li> </ul>
LR - Light Rigid	A motor vehicle, other than a motor cycle or motor carrier, that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has a GVM of more than 4.5 tonnes but not more than 8 tonnes; or</li> <li>• has a GVM of 4.5 tonnes or less that is equipped to seat more than 12 adults including the driver.</li> </ul>
MR - Medium Rigid	A motor vehicle, other than a motor cycle or motor carrier, that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has 2 axles and a GVM of more than 8 tonnes.</li> </ul>



C - Car



LR - Light Rigid



MR - Medium Rigid

HR - Heavy Rigid	A motor vehicle, except a prime mover, that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• is of class HR and has at least 3 axles,</li> <li>• a GVM of more than 15 tonnes; and</li> <li>• must be loaded to have a minimum on-road mass of 16 tonnes.</li> </ul>
HC - Heavy Combination	A prime mover that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has at least 3 axles and a GVM of more than 15 tonnes; and</li> <li>• is attached to one semi-trailer that has at least 2 axles, an unladen mass exceeding 4,500 kg, a GVM of 16 tonnes or more and a length of at least 10 metres,</li> <li>• vehicle combination to be loaded to have a minimum on-road mass of 28 tonnes.</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <p>A motor vehicle, except a prime mover, that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has at least 3 axles and a GVM of more than 15 tonnes; and</li> <li>• is attached to one trailer that has an unladen mass exceeding 4,500 kg, a GVM of 16 tonnes or more and a length of at least 7 metres,</li> <li>• vehicle combination to be loaded to have a minimum on-road mass of 29 tonnes.</li> </ul>



HR - Heavy Rigid



HC - Heavy Combination Prime Mover



HC - Heavy Combination Rigid Body

Vehicle Class	Minimum Standard - Assessment Vehicle
MC - Multi Combination	<p>A prime mover that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has at least 3 axles and a GVM of more than 15 tonnes; and</li> <li>• is attached to one semi-trailer and one trailer each of which has at least 2 axles, an unladen mass exceeding 4,500 kg, a GVM of 16 tonnes or more and a length of at least 10 metres,</li> <li>• vehicle combination to be loaded to have a minimum on-road mass of 51 tonnes;</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <p>A prime mover that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has at least 3 axles and a GVM of more than 15 tonnes; and</li> <li>• is attached to 2 semi-trailers each of which has at least 2 axles, an unladen mass exceeding 4,500 kg, a GVM of 16 tonnes or more; and</li> <li>• together with the semi-trailers has a length of at least 22 metres</li> <li>• (a B- double configuration),</li> <li>• vehicle combination to be loaded to have a minimum on-road mass of 39 tonnes;</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <p>A motor vehicle of class HR that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has at least 3 axles and a GVM of more than 15 tonnes; and</li> <li>• is attached to 2 trailers each of which has at least 2 axles, an unladen mass exceeding 4,500 kg, a GVM of 16 tonnes or more and a length of at least 7 metres,</li> <li>• vehicle combination to be loaded to have a minimum on-road mass of 62 tonnes.</li> </ul>

\*GVM = Gross Vehicle Mass



MC - Multi Combination 1



HR class vehicle with two trailers

## Important Notes for Light Vehicles

Provide a roadworthy and licensed vehicle of the correct class for your assessment:

- Ensure the vehicle you are taking the assessment in has a centrally mounted park brake accessible to the driving assessor.
- If the vehicle used for your assessment is fitted with an automatic gearbox, you will be issued with a restricted licence (see below).

## Important Notes for Heavy Vehicles

Provide a roadworthy and licensed vehicle of the correct class for your assessment:

- A “bob tail” prime mover (no semi-trailer attached) is not acceptable as an assessment vehicle for any heavy vehicle assessment.
- Load should be distributed evenly between the vehicle and trailer.
- If the vehicle used for your assessment is fitted with a non-synchromesh gearbox, you will have to change gears using the double de-clutch method.
- If you pass your assessment in a vehicle with an automatic or synchromesh gearbox, you will be issued with a restricted licence (see below).
- If you are undertaking your Heavy Rigid assessment in a bus (e.g. HR-A class for a standard Trans-Perth link bus, or HR with various gearbox configurations for long-haul tour buses), there is no loading requirement.

## Important Notes for Motorcycles (including mopeds)

Provide a roadworthy and licensed vehicle of the correct class for your assessment:

- a “motorcycle with side-car” is not acceptable as an assessment vehicle for any motorcycle assessment,
- if the vehicle used for your assessment is fitted with an automatic gearbox, you will be issued with a restricted licence (see below),
- you must wear appropriate attire that consists of enclosed footwear, approved helmet, long trousers and long-sleeved shirt or fully-sleeved jacket. Gloves and eye protection are also highly recommended.

## Licence Restrictions (manual versus automatic transmission)

If you undertake your Practical Driving/Riding Assessment using a vehicle with an automatic transmission your driver's licence will be endorsed to reflect this restriction.

Restrictions endorsed on your licence identify the limitations under which the licence class has been issued. These restrictions will be detailed on the reverse of your licence document; they will also be displayed on a separate notice provided at the time of renewal.

Condition Code Identifier	Description
A	To drive motor vehicles fitted with automatic transmission only.
B	To drive motor vehicles fitted with synchromesh transmission only.

For example:

- If you are granted a licence authorising you to drive a car with an automatic transmission this restriction will appear as C-A. This will be detailed on the reverse of your licence document (card) to indicate that you are restricted to driving automatic cars.
- An automatic R-E motorcycle would appear as R-EA.
- A synchromesh HR would appear as HR-B.

If you wish to change the types of vehicles you are authorised to drive, for example R-E to R (so you can ride any motorcycle), or C-A to C (so you can drive manual cars), you will need to pass a Practical Driving Assessment in an appropriate vehicle before this restriction can be removed.

