

INFORMATION UPDATE

Information for Certified Pilot Vehicle Drivers

Where appropriate, VicRoads issues permits to allow oversize vehicles to travel on the road network. These permits may contain operating conditions, such as the requirement for the oversize loads to be supported by either a driver in a pilot vehicle or, for larger loads, a certified driver in a pilot vehicle.

To support an oversize load, a pilot vehicle driver must use a vehicle that meets the requirements in Part 5 Schedule 7 of the Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 2009.

Requirements for eligibility to be accepted into the VicRoads Certified Pilot Vehicle Driver Course

To be accepted for a VicRoads Certified Pilot Vehicle Driver course an applicant must have:

- A current full drivers license (not probationary);
- Accumulated experience by piloting 20* smaller loads (the dimensions of the oversize loads requiring a pilot are displayed in Figure 1) in the 12 months prior to application; and
- Been assessed by a Registered Training Organization as competent in controlling traffic by successfully completing the 'Control traffic as a pilot vehicle operator' (Transport and Logistics Training package Code no. TLIF 6007A) competency.

* Written evidence, including permit numbers, loads escorted and operator's name of 20 smaller vehicles piloted must be supplied with the application.

Upon successfully completing and passing the VicRoads pilot's course a candidate will be registered as a certified pilot vehicle driver.

Certified Pilot Vehicle Driver Validity

A Pilot Vehicle Driver Certification is valid for three years and may be renewed (on application to VicRoads) by completing a pilot vehicle operator traffic control course. (Transport and Logistics Training package Code no. TLIF 6007A), and providing written evidence of the piloting tasks completed.

All current certified pilot vehicle drivers must have attained the 'Control traffic as a pilot vehicle operator' competency by 1 May 2010 to continue to be eligible to operate as a certified pilot vehicle driver after that date.

Transition

Pilot vehicle driver certification was formerly valid for five years. To assist existing certified pilot vehicle drivers with the transition to the new three year certification period, the following arrangements have been made:

- Existing certified pilot vehicle drivers who have more than 2.5 years left of their current pilot's certification at the time of completion of the new traffic control competency, will have their certified authority renewed from the date the new traffic control certificate is issued, for a period of three years at no fee; and
- Existing certified pilot vehicle drivers who have less than 2.5 years left of their current pilot certification at the time of completion of the new traffic control competency, will have their certified authority renewed from the date the new traffic control certificate is issued, for a period of three years at a cost of \$56.

Applications to become a Certified Pilot Vehicle Driver or renew Certification

Applicants for certification or renewal of an existing certification should forward a completed application form to: VicRoads Accreditation Office, 12 Lakeside Drive, Burwood East Vic 3151. Forms are available from the VicRoads website: www.vicroads.vic.gov.au.

All new applications for certification must be accompanied by a Certificate of Competency in 'Control traffic as a pilot vehicle operator' (Transport and Logistics Training package Code no. TLIF 6007A). This is the only traffic control competency that VicRoads will accept.

Training Providers

The following training providers have advised that they deliver the competency course, Control Traffic as a pilot vehicle operator (TLIF 6007A):

- Wodonga TAFE www.wodongatafe.edu.au/index.jsp: and
- Journey Management www.journeymanagement.com.au

Applications for certification, which are available on the VicRoads website: www.vicroads.vic.gov.au, should be forwarded to: VicRoads Accreditation Office, 12 Lakeside Drive, Burwood East Vic 3151.

For more information regarding certified pilot vehicle drivers, please contact VicRoads Accreditation office on 03 9881 8772.

Figure 1 Pilot and Escort Vehicle Graph

