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CERTIFICATION OF HEAVY NOTOR VEHICLES:  
THE LTSA VIEW

# Heavy Vehicle Specialist Certification

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# Presentation Objectives

- Legal Framework
- The Certification framework
- What needs specialist certification
- Who can be appointed as specialist certifiers
- What is changing

# Land Transport Act 1998

- Minister may make Rules
- The Director must exercise control over entry into the land transport system
- Vehicles must have certificates to participate in the land transport system

# **Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance**

## **Certifiers:**

- appointed under the Rule
- by the Director
- Certify that vehicles meet  
Applicable Requirements

# Types of Certifiers in the Rule

- Compliance Certifiers
  - Act as Gate-keepers
  - Entry and in-service
- Specialist certifiers
  - Provide expert certification
  - Provide assurance to compliance certifiers
- Compliance certifiers may also use evidence from other parties

# Heavy Vehicles

- Compliance  
Certification provided  
by TSD Agents
- This presentation  
looking at heavy vehicle  
specialist certification

# What needs Specialist Certification

## Five Categories:

- Chassis (chassis modification, rollover, and RHD conversion)
- Log Bolster Attachments
- Towing Connections
- Brake Code certification
- Load Anchorage



# What is Certified

- Design
- Manufacture
- Installation/Repair

# Who can be Appointed

- Engineers
- International  
Manufacturers
- Local manufacturers

# What is changing

More clarification and rationalisation rather than systemic change:

- What needs to be certified - consolidation of existing requirements
- Who is approved to certify - a significant shift
- Responsibilities of certifiers
  - clarification of legal responsibilities
  - minimum procedures to be followed
  - vehicle compliance with Applicable Requirements
- Certificate of Compliance
- Assessment Process
  - engineers

manufacturers

# Summary & Conclusions

- With the Vehicle Standards Compliance Rule we have been systematically clarifying all the different types of certifications . This is one of the last.
- Heavy vehicle specialist certification has grown over the years
- An opportunity to take a fresh look at the regime.
- This is a framework - details will continue to evolve