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Heavy Vehicle Certification

Topics

- Vocational pathway
- Current training programme
- Training portal and signup process
- Coming up:
  - Advanced training HVSC-E
  - Code of Practice
  - Manufacturer certifier training

Vocational pathway

Current training programme

Eight (8) Fundamental skillset modules:

F1 Regulation
F2 Inspection
F3 Welding
F4 Mechanical Fasteners
F5 Fatigue
F6 Materials
F7 Introduction to Design (HV design essentials)
F8 General Mechanical Analysis

F1 must be completed first, then the modules can be taken in any order.

Two advanced programmes:

HVEA

- Introduction to load restraint and anchorage
- Standard design
- Specialist designs
- Repairs and modifications

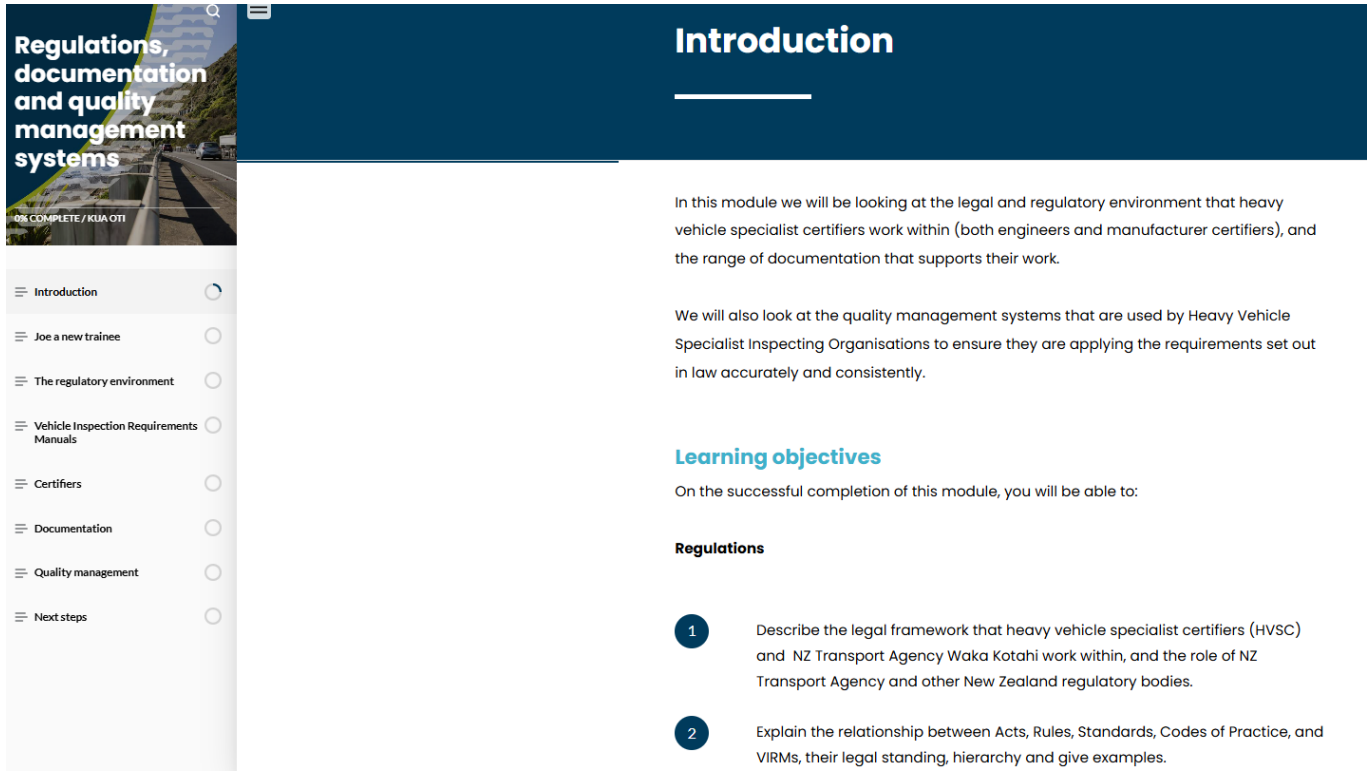
HVET

- Introduction to Towing Connections
- Towbars
- Drawbars
- Drawbeams
- Fifth Wheel Structures
- Kingpins

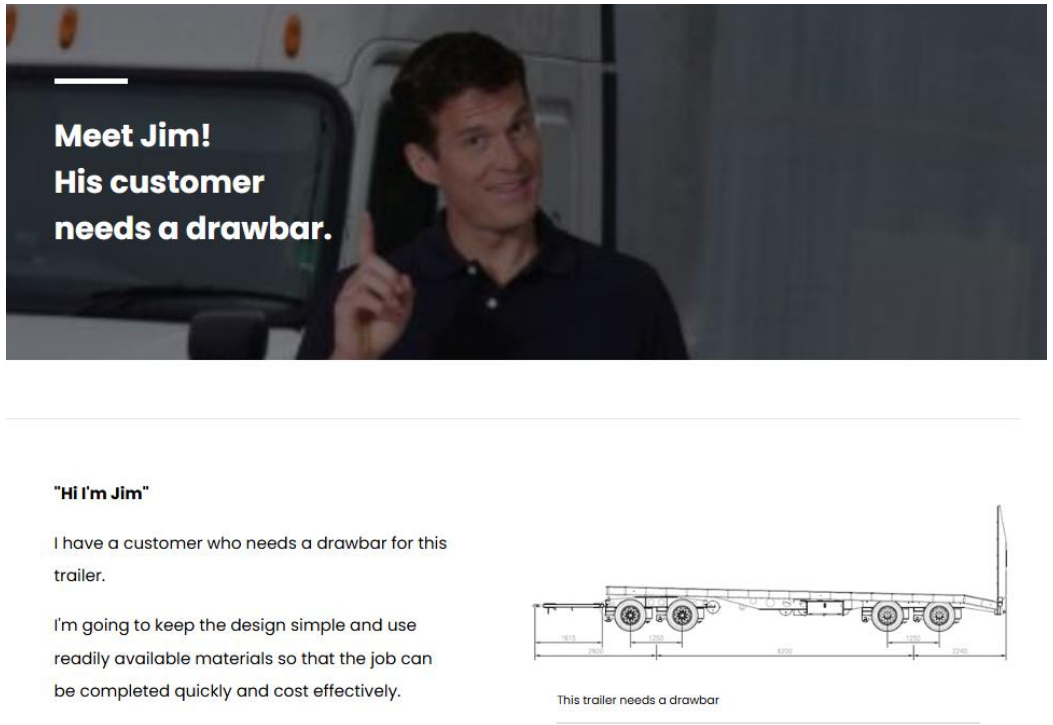
Current training programme

- Fundamental Skillset: most are self-paced online modules/two are with a facilitator

Learning outcomes specified for each module



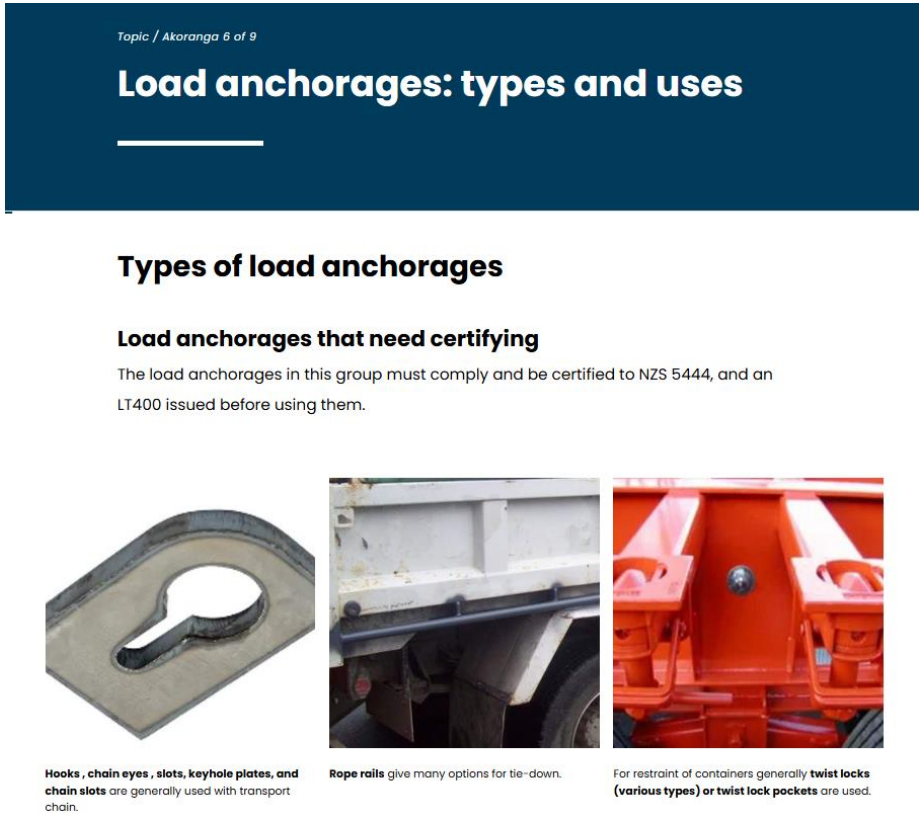
Interactive activities throughout

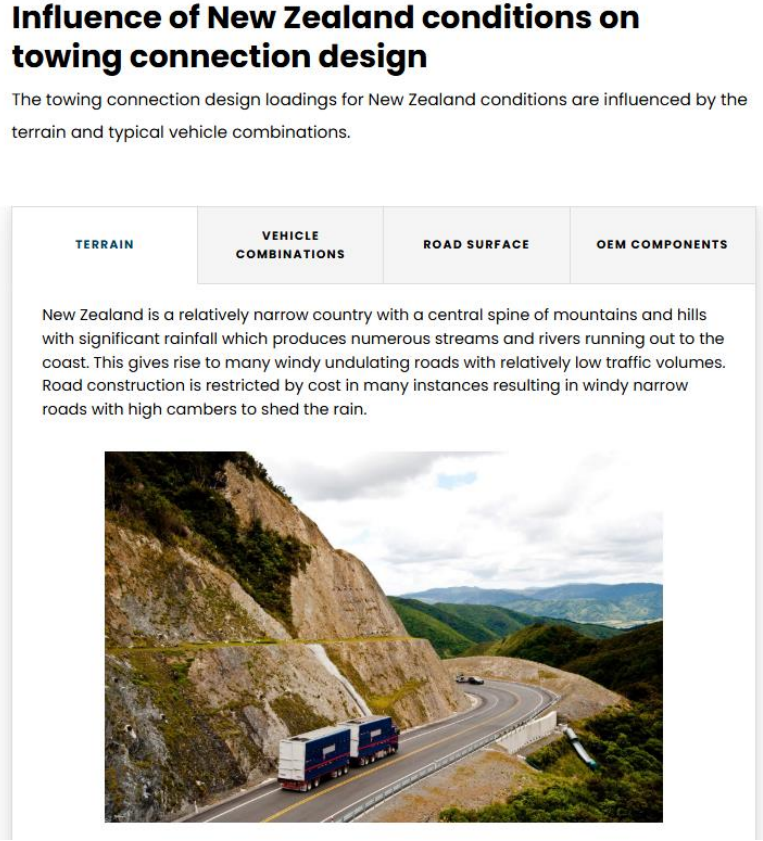


Current training programme

- Aspects: intro online modules/rest are with a facilitator with full scenarios

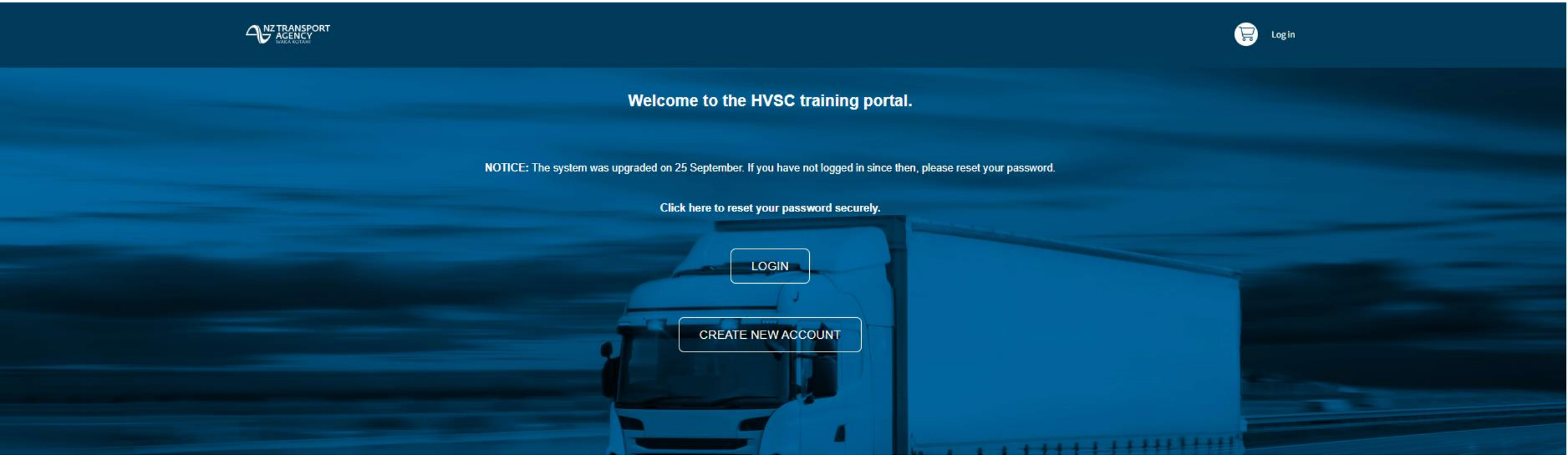
Online module: getting basics correct

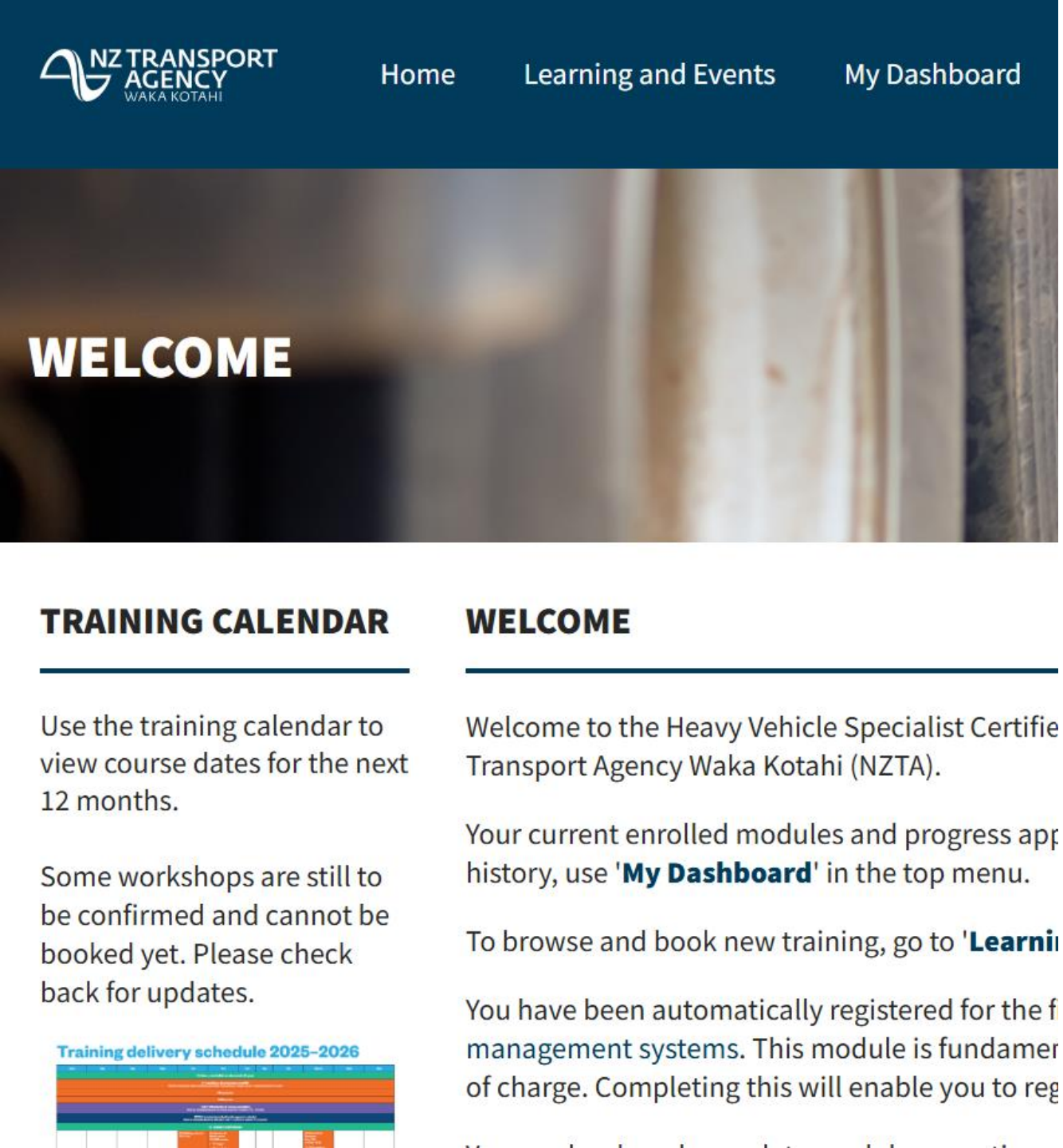




Training platform and signup process

- HVSC training portal – managed by Engineering New Zealand
- Easy registration and login process – choose the audience you belong to, eg experienced vs trainee





Training portal:

- The training consistently receives excellent feedback from learners – both newbies and senior.
- But you still need a mentor and workshop / hands-on experience to pass the exams.
- Feedback and new information that comes to light is addressed, and changes made accordingly.
- Module calendar is on the training portal.

Coming up

- Advanced HVSC-E training
- Chassis Code of Practice – why do we need one?
- End to end process improvements
- From engineer to manufacturer, and back
- Smoothing the pathway of working together

Advanced training HVSC-E

- Chassis analysis
- Timing = by mid-2026
- Mode of delivery = likely to be in-person workshop due to complexity
- Who: HVSC-E adding chassis appointment / experience chassis HVSC

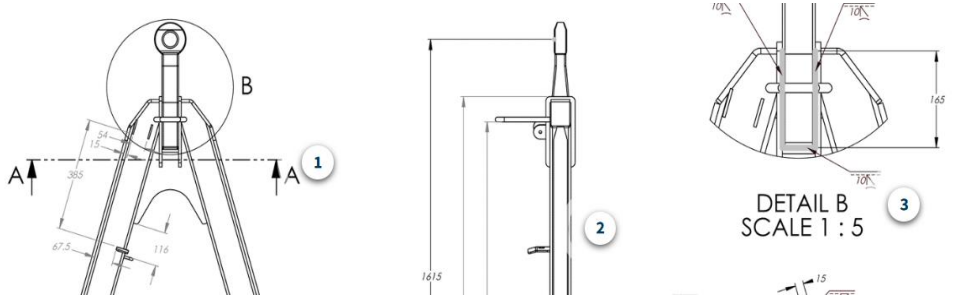
- Chassis fatigue
- Building on the fundamental skillset module
- Timing = by mid-2026

Chassis Code of Practice

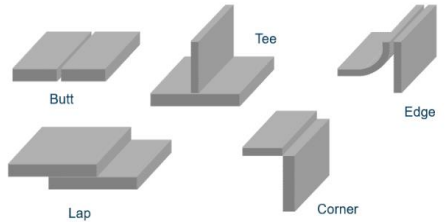
- 11 sections, with multiple sub-sections
  - Completed: Repairs, Tippers
  - Current: Vehicle recovery, chassis structure, suspension
  - Coming: Steering, axles and more
- Consistency, quality, safety, ethics, training, accountability
- Cross-section of HVSC-E involved – 20 to date
- Development prioritised through agreement between industry and NZTA

Manufacturer certifier training

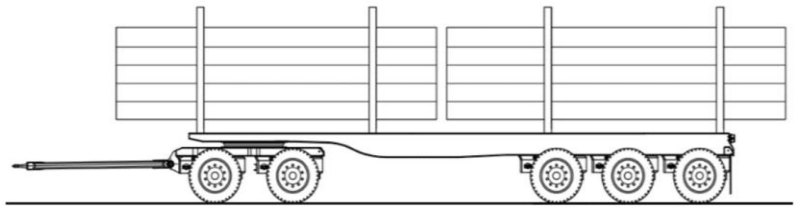
- Compulsory training programme
- Ten online modules: foundational/aspects
  1. The regulatory environment
  2. Quality management system
  3. Drawings
  4. Welding
  5. Mechanical fasteners
  6. Inspection
  7. Load restraints and anchorages
  8. Towing
  9. Chassis
  10. Bolster attachments (optional)



The cumulative effect of these repetitive or cyclic loads is to eventually initiate cracking, usually at a local stress raiser such as a notch.



The five most common weld joints are butt, lap, edge, tee (T), and corner joints.



Billet trailers
Two or more 'billet' log packets (3m–6 m) per vehicle, each supported by two bolsters. Centre bolsters are often able to slide to alternate positions to support different length packets, including a shorts packet.

Sneak peek

What you get out of it

Learning outcomes

This module will give you the tools to be able to:

1. demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the coverage outlined in:
   - Heavy Vehicles 2004 - Rule 31002: Schedule 4 Bolster Attachment Code
   - Land Transport Rules, HVSC VIRM and In-service VIRM sections relevant to bolster attachment
2. give an overview of the coverage of the following standards regarding bolster attachment:

Activities and visuals

Definitions

Select the markers on the image below to become familiar with the components used in log transport. We will look at each of these in more detail in the next topic.

Quiz

One final quiz to check your understanding. There are **10** questions and you need to get **80%** to pass.

Some questions require a **single answer** while others will have **several** correct responses - so if your answers are correct but miss one of the correct responses you will be marked as overall incorrect for the question.

You may retry the quiz as many times as you like!

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Test your knowledge

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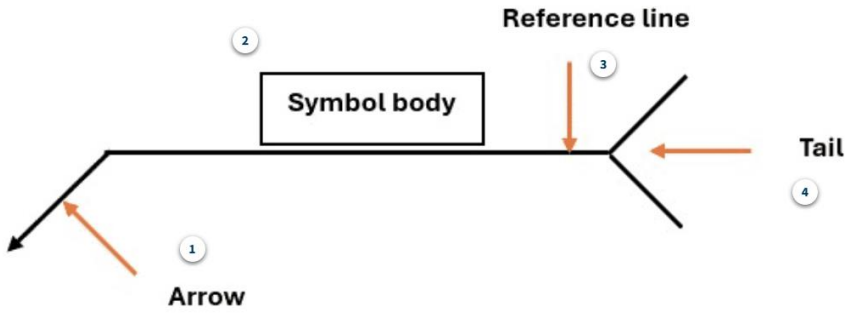
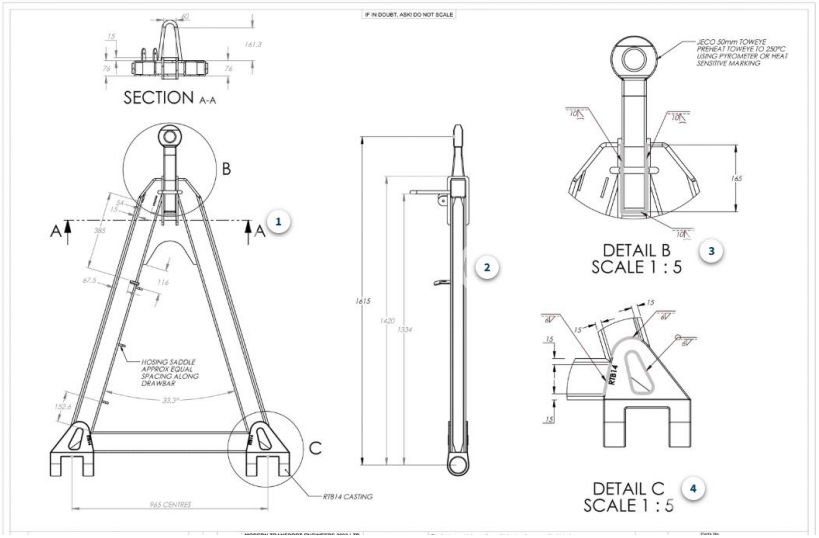
Welding symbols



Reading drawings



Interactive learning

Inspection

Explore the following to find out what an inspection prior to repair or modification involves.

- **Obtain the original SoDC** +
- **Assess wear and damage limits** +
- **Check locking systems** +
- **Inspection for cracks** +
- **Check all flexible elements** +
- **Repair or maintenance is required** +