

What I Need to Know

The Commissioner has approved the use of Brigade vehicles for driver training and license testing under the following conditions:

- The vehicle to be used is to undergo and pass a formal Queensland Transport Safety Inspection annually (registration not required).
- A suitably qualified driver, as per Queensland Transport requirements and formally approved by the brigade management committee must be used as the trainer.
- A sign at least 100cm by 15cm must be displayed front and rear stating “DRIVER UNDER INSTRUCTION”.
- No driver training to be conducted during response or operations. If a response is required during a period of instruction, the qualified driver is to take over.
- All costs (i.e. safety inspection and driver test) are to be borne by the brigade.

How I do it

- Brigades must notify their Area Director in writing of their intent to conduct driver training advising:
 - The brigade member to be used as trainer;
 - The vehicle to be used; and
 - A copy of the Safety Inspection (12 month currency only).
- The scheme is for license endorsement for an MR, LR & HR license (not for initial driver training for a first license).
- Licence Requirements
 - Appliances rated up to 4.5 t GVM require a C Class licence
 - Appliances rated over 4.5 t GVM and up to 8 t GVM require a LR class licence
 - Appliances rated over 8 t GVM (2 axles only) require a MR class licence
 - Appliances rated over 8 t GVM (no axle limit) require a HR class licence

Any changes and Safety Inspection updates are to be communicated to the Area Office. Individual notification of each training session is not required.

Reference Materials

- Rural Fire Brigade Manual – Business Rule: A2.9 Compliance with Traffic Regulations
- Queensland Transport website: www.transport.qld.gov.au