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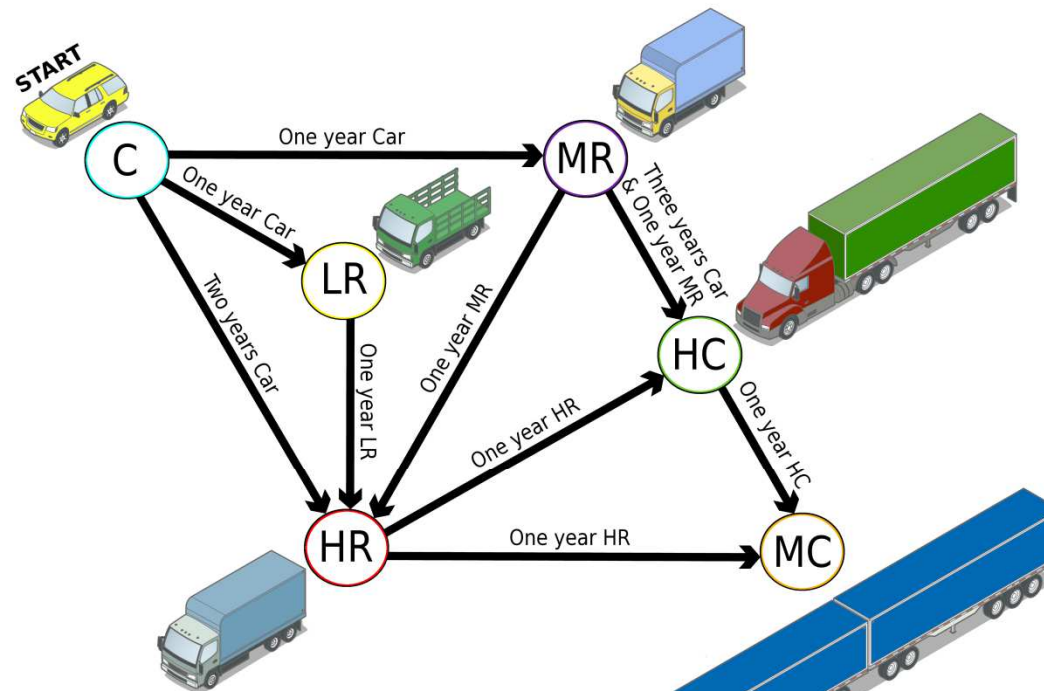
**ALIGNING SKILLING AND LICENSING –
THE DISCONNECT BETWEEN A
LICENCE AND COMPETENCE**

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All About Me



Truck Licence – What does it mean?



| Category | Eligible to Drive | Can also drive |
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| C | Car | C |
| LR | Light Rigid | C, LR |
| MR | Medium Rigid | C, LR, MR |
| HR | Heavy Rigid | C, LR, MR, HR |
| HC | Heavy Combination | C, LR, MR, HR, |
| MC | Multi Combination | C, LR, MR, HR, HC |







Requirements to drive a truck

Licence, which includes both a theory test and a practical assessment.

Passing a practical driving assessment may include:

- Demonstrating how to couple and uncouple a semi trailer
- Checking security of spare wheels, air lines and electrical connections
- Ensuring any load is correctly fastened

Skills required to be a truck driver

- Truck maintenance
- Load and unload goods
- Load restraint
- Fatigue management
- Workplace Health and Safety
- Communication
- Spatial awareness
- Problem solving

Or to put it another way?

How to follow procedures and policies of the company
Check and know what all the gauges mean on the dash
Check all fluids know how to fill up if needed
Check all hook up points, turntables, ring feeders, airlines and taps
Check light leads connected and all lights working
Check tyres for wear and air pressure.
What is the wear line?
What pressure do you need in your steerers, and your drive tyres on a highway and dirt roads?
How to change a tyre, ten stud or spider rim
Check under your truck for no fluid leaks
All windows and mirrors clean.
Make sure you have wheel brace and jack and spare tyre If loaded check
Check straps, chains are tight and placed correctly
Check the load restraints are in the correct place on the load
Check load has not moved.
Check tool boxes for load restraint equipment for the job ahead.
As you pull off check all tyres are moving and not locked on
A good driver needs to be aware of truck position on the road
Stopping distances with the weights you have on the back of truck
The ability to read the motorists on the highway and what they may do
Travelling speeds for the road temperature you are on.
Understanding the weight distribution of the load
Top heavy means really slow around corners
What is the height you can load on your trailer
What is the width you can load on a non permitted vehicle
How to read permits and understand what they mean
What flagging and signs are needed If doing oversize loads & when do you need a pilot
When do you need to put a flashing light on your roof
Do you need a flashing light at the rear of you trailer
How to work with a pilot
What do wig wags mean

Correct two way radio procedures
Basic mechanical knowledge or diagnostic ability
Dealing with clients calmly and professionally
How to fill out "log" books, work diaries
How to fill out and check paperwork that accompanies loads
Understanding certain loads you cannot cart unless you have the licence required.
Controlled waste items and what they are, needs a controlled waste licence.
Dangerous goods what quantities can be carried before you need a DG licence
What weights can be carried on a semi, truck and dog, B double, road train.
What weights can be put on axles with different sizes tyres!
How to use different trailers.
How to use and load an extendable trailer.
How to use a trailer with container pins, where to put the blocks.
How to hook up road trains with dollies.
How to widen trailers and floats.
Check if your trailer has a block, do you need a ball race to tow that trailer.
How to lower ramps on a drop deck, hydraulic and electric ones.
How to drive all sorts of machinery onto a drop deck or float
How to paddock load a tipper for grain carting
How to tip an end tipper
How to use a side tipper without destroying your fuel tank
Communication - Deal with customers (and prime contractor customers, where sub-contracted) both office and yard based (ie on different "levels"), and written communication (job sheets, fatigue paperwork, vehicle fault reporting)
Problem solving - Mechanical issues with vehicles, incorrect loading/delivery information - in particular need to be able to suggest possible solutions and talk through with others
Spatial awareness - relates to vehicle size/manoeuvrability, other traffic and to load placement
Basic maths - load dimensions, weight distribution, restraints required, calculation of fatigue hours and work/rest over extended time periods

Industry Standards

Licence?

Is that enough?

Qualification?

Takes time, money and commitment!

Experience?

Takes time, money and commitment!

Licensing



Training and Experience



Training

Traineeships Available:

- Certificate II in Driving Operations – Medium Freight, Tow Truck, Taxi, Community Service, General
- Certificate III in Driving Operations – Heavy General Freight, Agitator, Bus, Refrigerated, Pilot Vehicle, Dry/Liquid, Car Carrier, Livestock, Wood Products, Dangerous Goods, Over Dimensional
- Certificate IV in Driving Operations – Fuel Tanker, LP Gas Tanker, Chemical Tanker, Heavy Recovery

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Where to now?



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