

Title	Demonstrate knowledge of traffic law for the purpose of safe driving		
Level	2	Credits	3

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to describe the legal responsibilities of a driver, and legal requirements for driving on a road in relation to other road users.
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Classification	Driving > Core Driving Knowledge and Skills
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 At the time of assessment, the candidate shall not have access to external sources of information through such means as notes, literature, or verbal suggestions.
- 2 Legal requirements relevant to this unit standard include:
Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Rule 1999;
Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Amendment Rule 2006;
Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004;
Land Transport Act 1998;
Traffic Regulations 1976.
- 3 Any new, amended or replacement Acts, regulations, Rules, standards, codes of practice, or NZ Transport Agency requirements or conditions affecting this unit standard will take precedence for assessment purposes, pending review of this unit standard.
- 4 **Definitions**
Driving refers to being in control of a motor vehicle. Motor vehicles include motorcycles.
A *motorcycle* is a motorcycle, moped, or all-terrain vehicle.
Road users include any vehicles, cyclists, pedestrians, or animals that use the road, whether they are moving or stationary.
- 5 **Reference material**
The Official New Zealand Road Code and Licence Guide for Car Drivers, The Official New Zealand Road Code and Licence Guide for Motorcyclists, and The Official New Zealand Road Code and Licence Guide for Heavy Vehicle Drivers (current versions), which are available from booksellers, reflect legal requirements but do not override governing legislation.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe the legal responsibilities of a driver.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 The legal responsibilities of a driver in relation to motor vehicle equipment and documentation are described.
- Range one legal responsibility each from any five of – lighting, brakes, tyres, restraints, visible fittings, windows, steering, mirrors, instrumentation, warning devices, exhaust system, load, registration and licensing, warrant of fitness.
- 1.2 The legal responsibilities of a driver for the use of personal safety equipment for the driver and passengers are described.
- Range seat belts, child restraints, helmets.
- 1.3 The legal alcohol limits for the driver in terms of specific blood and breath concentrations for drivers under and over the age of 20 years.
- 1.4 The legal responsibilities of a driver in relation to crash situations are described.
- Range injury, non-injury, damage to third party property.
- 1.5 The legal responsibilities of a driver for the situation in which a driver is in charge of towing is described.
- Range towing a trailer, towing another motor vehicle.

Outcome 2

Describe legal requirements for driving on a road in relation to other road users.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 The legal requirements for motor vehicle positioning on the road is described.
- Range one legal requirement each for – keeping left, driving in lanes, following distance.
- 2.2 The legal requirements in relation to a situation involving overtaking or passing on the right and for a situation involving overtaking or passing on the left is described.
- Range one legal requirement for each situation – no passing lines, pedestrian crossings, laned roads, unlaned roads, laned intersections, unlaned intersections.

- 2.3 The legal requirements for giving way to other road users at controlled intersections, uncontrolled intersections, and roundabouts are described.
- 2.4 The legal requirements where traffic controls regulate road users are described.
 Range one legal requirement each for – railway level crossings, school patrols, pedestrian crossings, motorways;
 one legal requirement each for – lane markings, traffic lights, police officers, road works.
- 2.5 The legal requirements where traffic signs regulate road users are described.
 Range legal requirements for – two compulsory signs, two hazard warning signs.
- 2.6 Driver communication methods in relation to signalling and warning are described.
 Range two methods each for – signalling, warning.
- 2.7 The legal requirements for the use of motor vehicle lights are described.
 Range while driving, while parked.
- 2.8 Speed limitations in relation to adverse conditions, accident scenes, school buses stopped to let passengers on or off, and towing are described.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference	0014
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

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