### Apply control in driving a light motor vehicle

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**Purpose**  
People credited with this unit standard are able to: select and change gear for light motor vehicle control; drive a light motor vehicle through bends; and stop a light motor vehicle.

**Subfield**  
Driving

**Domain**  
Core Driving Knowledge and Skills

**Status**  
Registered

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**Entry information**  
Candidates must hold a minimum of the Class 1 Learner licence and comply with the requirements of the Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Rule 1999 and the Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Amendment Rule 2006.

**Accreditation**  
Evaluation of documentation by NZQA, industry and Land Transport NZ.

**Standard setting body (SSB)**  
NZ Motor Industry Training Organisation (Incorporated)

**Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP) reference**  
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**Special notes**

1. Legislative requirements to be complied with for 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;  
2 Any new, amended or replacement Acts, regulations, Rules, standards, codes of practice, or Land Transport New Zealand requirements or conditions affecting this unit standard will take precedence for assessment purposes, pending review of this unit standard.

3 Reference material
The Official New Zealand Road Code and Licence Guide for Car Drivers (current version), available from booksellers, reflects legal requirements but does not override governing legislation.

4 Definitions
Good road surface is road surface that is sealed, even, and provides good traction for a vehicle in roadworthy condition.
A light motor vehicle is a motor vehicle (including a tractor but excluding a motorcycle) that has a gross laden weight of not more than 4500kg or a combination vehicle that has a gross combined weight of not more than 4500kg.
Low friction surface may include but is not limited to loose metal, wet tarseal, ice, and sand.
Safe driving practices include but are not limited to scanning the roadway ahead, accelerating smoothly, being prepared to react, signalling movements, obeying traffic laws and traffic control devices (signs, signals, and markings), being physically and emotionally ready to operate a vehicle, concentrating on driving, avoiding distractions, applying patience and common sense, and vehicle being kept in good operating condition to avoid mechanical failures.
A slope is a gradient on which braking must be applied to prevent a stationary vehicle from moving.

5 Performance criterion 1.1 only applies to a vehicle fitted with manual transmission. Assessment in this performance criterion is waived for a vehicle fitted with automatic transmission.

6 Performance criterion 1.2 only applies to a vehicle fitted with automatic transmission. Assessment in this performance criterion is waived for a vehicle fitted with manual transmission.

7 Competency in this unit standard requires that all actions comply with traffic law, and evidence indicates that all actions are carried out in a manner that avoids actual or potential danger to other road users and to the occupant(s) of the driven motor vehicle.
Elements and performance criteria

Element 1

Select and change gear for light motor vehicle control.

Range  moderate acceleration and deceleration, rapid acceleration and deceleration, up a slope, on the level, down a slope.

Performance criteria

1.1  In a vehicle fitted with manual transmission, gear selection while driving maintains vehicle control and is appropriate to speed and conditions. Gear changes are smooth and avoid unnecessary stress on the vehicle.

1.2  In a vehicle fitted with automatic transmission, gear selection is managed to avoid unnecessary stress on the vehicle.

Element 2

Drive a light motor vehicle through bends.

Performance criteria

2.1  Light motor vehicle is driven through bends, with lane position and smooth directional control maintained, at a speed that is safe for conditions and load.

Range  low friction surfaces, good road surfaces.

Element 3

Stop a light motor vehicle.

Performance criteria

3.1  Light motor vehicle is brought to a stop in a controlled manner that is consistent with safe driving practices.

Range  moderate braking in a straight line at 70 km/h or above on a good road surface, heavy braking in a straight line at 50 km/h or below on a low friction surface.

Please note

Providers must be accredited by the Qualifications Authority, or an inter-institutional body with delegated authority for quality assurance, before they can report credits from assessment against unit standards or deliver courses of study leading to that assessment.

Industry Training Organisations must be accredited by the Qualifications Authority before they can register credits from assessment against unit standards.
Accredited providers and Industry Training Organisations assessing against unit standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards.

Accreditation requirements and an outline of the moderation system that applies to this standard are outlined in the Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP). The AMAP also includes useful information about special requirements for organisations wishing to develop education and training programmes, such as minimum qualifications for tutors and assessors, and special resource requirements.

Comments on this unit standard

Please contact the NZ Motor Industry Training Organisation (Incorporated) info@mito.org.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.