



Dangerous goods vehicle licence – general information

Dangerous Goods Safety Act 2004

Dangerous Goods Safety (Road and Rail Transport of Non-explosives) Regulations 2007

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The following information is to guide you on the requirements for applying for and renewing [dangerous goods vehicle licences](#). Licences are issued for five years. Refer to [schedule of fees and charges](#) for the applicable fee.

1. Do you need a licence?

A dangerous goods vehicle licence is required:

- for road tank vehicles where the tank forms an integral part of the vehicle.

Where a removable tank is attached to the vehicle and does not form a structural part of the vehicle, a licence is not required.

The Dangerous Goods Safety (Road and Rail Transport of Non- Explosives) Regulations 2007 have retained the option to licence **non-road tank** vehicles to transport dangerous goods, if the vehicle:

- is used to transport dangerous goods in other States and requires licensing while operating there
- cannot be licensed in another State because the vehicle is based in Western Australia (WA)
- a licence would be issued in another State if the vehicle was based there.

2. Suitability of applicant

To be eligible to apply for a dangerous goods vehicle licence, you must:

- be the registered owner of the vehicle
- have a current motor vehicle licence issued under the *Road Traffic Act 1974 (WA)* or *Federal Interstate Road Transport Act 1985 (WA)* in the name of the applicant (refer to item 7 for information on vehicles not registered in WA)
- ensure the vehicle and its operation complies with the [Australian Dangerous Goods Code, 7th edition](#)
- have relevant public liability insurance

Note: If you are the subject of a court order prohibiting transport of dangerous goods by road, you may not be granted a dangerous goods vehicle licence. Contact Resources Safety for more information before making application.

3. Before completing your application

- Obtain a Department of Transport inspection certificate [refer to item 4 Department of Transport (MR1) inspection certificate].
- Copy the current motor vehicle licence paper (registered in same name as applicant) [refer to item 5 Motor vehicle licence]
- Copy the transport tank design approval document(s) (tank applications only) [refer to item 6 Transport tank approval documents]

4. Department of Transport (MR1) inspection certificate

The vehicle must pass a roadworthiness inspection conducted by the Department of Transport (DoT) or DoT accredited agent or an interstate equivalent, and is required for both a new and renewal application. The certificate must be dated not more than six months before the day the application is lodged.

A certificate is **not** required for a new vehicle in the first year of the motor vehicle licence.

5. Motor vehicle licence

A copy of the current motor vehicle licence registered in the name of the applicant, and issued under the *Road Traffic Act 1974 (WA)* or *Federal Interstate Road Transport Act 1985 (WA)*, is required for new applications and dated not more than six months before the day the application is lodged.

6. Transport tank approval document(s)

Copies of transport tank approval document(s) issued by the relevant competent authority stating the design has been assessed against the requirements of the [Australian Dangerous Good Code, 7th edition](#) for the transport of dangerous goods are required. The document(s) must include the following information:

- tank type
- material of construction
- tank capacity
- number of compartments
- serial number
- approval number
- date of approval

7. Vehicles not registered in WA

Holders of current dangerous goods vehicle licences issued in other States or Territories of Australia may transport dangerous goods in WA without the need to apply for a WA dangerous goods vehicle licence.

Vehicles registered under the *Federal Interstate Road Transport Act 1985* (WA) can be licensed in WA to transport dangerous goods.

8. Public liability insurance

The registered vehicle owner must hold a minimum public liability insurance policy of five million dollars to transport a placard load of dangerous goods.

9. Emergency responders

A prime contractor transporting a placard load of dangerous goods in WA must:

- be an approved emergency responder; or
- have a contract with an [approved emergency responder](#)

The role of the [emergency responder](#) is to control the clean-up response that may result from an incident involving a road vehicle transporting the dangerous goods.

10. Transporting ammonium nitrate

Vehicles used for the transport of Security Risk Substances (SRS) require licensing to transport dangerous goods and the operator will need an [SRS Transport Licence](#).

Any driver with unsupervised access to ammonium nitrate must:

- hold a current dangerous goods driver licence
- hold a current [WA Dangerous Goods Security Card](#)
- be authorised by the licence holder as a [secure nominee](#).

11. Lodging your application

The completed application form and supporting documentation, must be:

- the original or the original certified document (where a copy is requested this does not apply)
- when requested dated not more than six months before the day the application is lodged.

Lodgement details are included on the application form.

12. Processing the application

Failure to provide the required documentation may delay the processing of your application, or result in it being returned. Processing time for a compliant application that does not need complex internal assessment may take up to 20 business days.

13. Obligation of a licence holder

You must notify the Chief Dangerous Goods Officer within 14 days of any material changes to the details on your licence as follows:

- change of name or change to mailing address details
- change to location where vehicle is normally garaged
- change in plate numbers
- change in classes of dangerous goods being transported
- the vehicle is no longer roadworthy

Refer to item 14 Amending the licence for more information.

14. Amending the licence

A fee is not required to amend, upgrade or transfer your dangerous goods licence and a completed application form must be lodged. Refer to the following information or visit the Resources Safety website.

Note: Before lodging, check the application form for any supporting evidence required.

- Change of personal details (e.g. change of name or change of mailing address) – complete a [Change of details form](#)
- Change of location of garaging for vehicle, change in plates – complete an [Application for a dangerous goods vehicle licence](#)
- Upgrade of licence (e.g. addition of classes) – complete an [Application for a dangerous goods vehicle licence](#)
- Transfer of ownership – complete an [Application for a dangerous goods vehicle licence](#)

Note: For a transfer the new owner must advise the Department within 21 days of the business transfer. If the dangerous goods licence is not current the transfer is not permitted and a new application form must be lodged.

15. Renewing your licence

A renewal notice is sent three months prior to the licence expiry date. You must lodge the renewal prior to the expiry date of your licence.

Note: Expired licences cannot be renewed and you must apply for a new licence.

16. Reference material

Further information can be found at the [Resources Safety website](#) and as follows:

- [Dangerous Goods Safety Act 2004](#)
- [Dangerous Goods Safety \(Road and Rail Transport of Non-explosives\) Regulations 2007](#)

(download of the Act and regulations are available free on the State Law Publisher's website at [www.slp.wa.gov.au](#))

- [Australian Dangerous Goods Code, 7th edition](#)

(available from [www.canprint.com.au](#) or CanPrint. Phone: 1300 889 873)

- [Dangerous goods safety guidance note – dangerous goods transport documents](#)
- [Dangerous goods safety guidance note – safety equipment for road vehicles transporting dangerous goods](#)
- [Dangerous goods safety guidance note – road transport in receptacles of 500 L or kg or less](#)
- [Dangerous goods safety guidance note – road transport in receptacles of more than 500 L or kg](#)
- [Dangerous goods safety guidance note – route selection, vehicle stopping and bulk transfer](#)
- [Dangerous goods guideline – reporting dangerous goods incidents](#)

(available from the Resources Safety website at [www.dmp.wa.gov.au/ResourcesSafety](#))