



Fact Sheet

Driving authorisation required - towed agricultural implements

While agricultural implements are not required to be licensed, they may fall within the definition of a 'trailer' and as such drivers of vehicles (including tractors) towing these implements must hold the appropriate driver's licence authorisation.

The vehicle class required is determined by factors such as the tare weight and number of axles of the towing tractor as well as the gross vehicle mass (GVM) and the number of implements being towed. The table below provides for the class/es of vehicles a person must be authorised to drive when towing agricultural implements.

| Tractor (GVM) | Axles of Tractor | Implements being Towed | GVM of Implement being towed * | Must hold authorisation to drive vehicles of class** |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| > 4.5 tonnes but < 8 tonnes. | 2 or more | One | 9 tonnes and less. | LR |
| > 8 tonnes. | 2 | One | 9 tonnes and less. | MR |
| > 8 tonnes. | 3 or more | One | 9 tonnes and less. | HR |
| Any tractor. | N/A | One | > 9 tonnes. | HC** |
| Any tractor. | N/A | Two | One implement > 9 tonnes and one implement < 9 tonnes. | HC** |
| Any tractor. | N/A | Two | Both implements > 9 tonnes. | MC** |
| Any tractor. | N/A | Three | GVM not a consideration.* | MC** |

*The total weight of the towed implements(s) must not exceed the load rating of the tractor

** Where the vehicles being towed are agricultural implements a conditional licence may be granted

For information on how to apply for the authorisation to drive a vehicle towing agricultural implements please refer to the fact sheet '*Application for the authorisation to drive Towed Agricultural Implements*'.