

New Zealand Certificate in Commercial Road Transport (Heavy Vehicle Operator) (Level 3)

MOE Code	NZ3089	Level	3	Duration	21 weeks (full time)	Version	1
Delivery	Full-time, Intramural. Part-time option available			Intakes	Semesters 1 and 2		
Strategic purpose	<p>The purpose of this qualification is to provide the commercial road transport industry with people who have the skills and knowledge to safely and competently operate heavy rigid vehicles or heavy vehicle combinations. This qualification is targeted at new or existing heavy vehicle drivers who wish to gain skills and knowledge beyond those required to be a licence holder. Learners will benefit by having a qualification that enables improved job performance and enhanced employment opportunities in the field of commercial road transport. This qualification does not permit the holder to drive a motor vehicle on New Zealand roads without a current relevant driver licence issued by the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA).</p>						
Graduate profile	<p>Graduates of this qualification will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> comply with the commercial road transport regulatory environment and health and safety obligations as a heavy vehicle operator to ensure the safety of themselves, their vehicle, other road users, and the public; demonstrate safe and fuel efficient driving skills and expertise, and perform driving manoeuvres and tasks for a heavy rigid vehicle or heavy vehicle combination; complete comprehensive route planning as a heavy vehicle operator using appropriate navigation technology, ensuring regulatory obligations are met and public safety is protected; communicate effectively with customers, clients, and colleagues as a heavy vehicle operator; apply knowledge of heavy vehicle mechanical and electronic principles and systems, such as vehicle technology, types, and combinations, to transport freight and safely carry out essential checks; understand and apply loading, restraint, and unloading principles and procedures as a heavy vehicle operator. 						
Education pathway	<p>This qualification builds on the New Zealand Certificate in Commercial Road Transport (Level 2) [Ref: 3088]. It may lead on to other driving qualifications, such as the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Zealand Certificate in Commercial Road Transport (Specialist Driver) (Level 4) with strands in Transportation of Logs, Heavy Haulage Transportation, Livestock Transportation, Dangerous Goods Transportation, Waste Transportation, General Cartage and Groundspreading [Ref: 3091]; New Zealand Certificate in Commercial Road Transport (Senior Driver) (Level 5) [Ref: 3093]; New Zealand Certificate in Commercial Road Transport (Heavy Haulage Class 1 Pilot) (Level 4) [Ref: 3090]; New Zealand Certificate in Commercial Road Transport (Operations Management) (Level 5) [Ref: 3092]. <p>Graduates may also complete a business management qualification.</p>						
Employment pathway	Graduates of this qualification will have the skills and knowledge to be employed as heavy vehicle combination or heavy rigid vehicle drivers.						
Award(s)	New Zealand Certificate in Commercial Road Transport (Heavy Vehicle Operator) (Level 3)						
Completion requirements	<p>90 credits, as listed in Programme Structure.</p> <p><i>This programme has been accredited by NZQA. This programme is partially assessed against NZQF assessment standards and credits gained for the standards will be reported to NZQA.</i></p>						
Entry requirements	<p>Applicants must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must hold the appropriate Full NZ Driver Licence for the mandatory NZTA period (3 or 6 months); NCEA Level 1 in English and Mathematics, or equivalent skill. <p>Due to NZTA licensing requirements, no international students will be enrolled.</p> <p>Applicants whose English is not their first language must have an IELTS Academic score of 5.5 with no band score lower than 5; or an accepted international equivalence.</p>						
Credit recognition	Credit from Recognition of Prior Learning, Credit Transfer and Unit Standard Transfer (if applicable) will be in accordance with the policy <i>Credit Recognition (05.004)</i> .						
Time limit for completion	2 years from initial enrolment						
Programme structure							
Note: Unit standards listed in this programme are correct at the time of publication, but may be subject to change as required by NZQA.							
Code	Title			Credits		Level	
Compulsory courses							
3511.3001	Introductory Skills			20		3	
3511.3002	Industry Skills			20		3	
3511.3003	Vehicle Technology			15		3	
3511.3004	Professional Operator Skills			15		3	
3511.3005	Specialist Driving Skills			20		3	
Course prescriptors							
Title		Code		Credits		Level	
Introductory Skills		3511.3001		20		3	
Aim: To enable students to comply with commercial road transport rules and regulations and manage their driving performance to ensure the safety of self and others.							
<i>Learners may be assessed against unit standards: 17574, 17576, and 24089</i>							
Industry Skills		3511.3002		20		3	
Aim: To enable students to apply basic industry skills as they navigate their legal responsibilities as heavy vehicle operators.							
<i>Learners may be assessed against unit standard: 16718</i>							
Vehicle Technology		3511.3003		15		3	
Aim: To enable students to know the range of technological innovations and how these are used on a heavy combination or rigid vehicle.							
Professional Operator Skills		3511.3004		15		3	
Aim: To enable students to demonstrate professional behaviours and skills and apply these in work placement contexts.							
<i>Learners may be assessed against unit standards: 18496 and 10851</i>							
Specialist Driving Skills		3511.3005		20		3	
Aim: To enable students to carry out appropriate safety checks and safely operate a heavy vehicle.							
<i>Learners may be assessed against unit standards: 16701, 16702, 16703, 17576 and 17575</i>							