

# A PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

Log Transport Safety Council  
Driver Evaluation



*Bronze*



*Silver*



*Gold*



*Platinum*

*This book belongs to*

Name: .....

Contact phone: .....

**Driver Evaluation  
For**

**Company**

**Location/Depot**

**Driver Details**

Name;	
Driver Licence#;	Expiry Date;
Classes / Endorsements;	

**Vehicle Details**

Vehicle Make/Model;	Year;
Configuration;	
R.U.L Weight;	Eval. Weight;
HPMV; Yes / No	HPMV Type;
Engine;	Transmission;
Brake System;	Auxiliary Brake;

**Evaluation Details**

Date;	Weather;
Start Time;	Finish Time;
Start Km's	Finish Km's
Crew;	Load;
Location;	Destination;
Route;	

**Trainer/Assessor Name;**

**Contact Phone Number**

## ***POINTS TO NOTE***

1. This evaluation was conducted under the conditions stated on the opening page of this report and all comments and results are based on performance under those conditions.
2. The evaluation recognises performance by an individual driver and identifies, for the company, potential loss and/or risk factors which are colour coded green, amber and red.
3. The section columns indicate the following:
  - GREEN** - Segment skill and/or knowledge demonstrated consistently in all assessment conditions and with little, or no, potential for risk or loss.
  - AMBER** - Segment skill and/or knowledge demonstrated but consistency yet to be achieved to maximise operational economies.
  - RED** - Segment skill and/or knowledge not demonstrated to a satisfactory standard a loss and/or risk potential exists.
4. To achieve the required standard for a “Standard Met” outcome there must be no red sections present in the report.
5. Where there are multiple Amber boxes in one section, the trainer/assessor must decide if the issues are critical for a “Standard Not Met” outcome.

*The Log Transport Safety Council (LTSC) wish to acknowledge the generosity of Roadtrain (NZ) 2000 Ltd. for allowing the use and modification this report format.*

1. Vehicle Inspection, Start Up & Shut Down			
1.1	Checks vehicle posture on approach		
1.2	Checks fuel, oil, coolant and other appropriate fluid levels		
1.3	Starts engine according to manufacturer's recommendations		
1.4	Windscreen, wipers, washers are checked		
1.5	Lights and indicators are checked		
1.6	Tyres checked for inflation and damage ( <i>including trailer if up</i> )		
1.7	Wheels checked for security ( <i>including trailer if up</i> )		
1.8	Checks trailer couplings and connections ( <i>if applicable</i> )		
1.9	Checks load security ( <i>if loaded</i> ) or trailer securing chains are attached		
1.10	Vehicle is parked safely with neutral selected and park brake applied		
1.11	Engine run down period appropriate prior to shutdown		
1.12	Driver dismounts vehicle in safe manner ( <i>3 points of contact</i> )		
<b>Comments</b>			

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<b>2. Clutch, Transmission, Driveline</b>			
2.1	Engages clutch smoothly		
2.2	Utilises clutch/countershaft brake correctly ( <i>where applicable</i> )		
2.3	Does not ride clutch or use as brake when stationary		
2.4	Does not double clutch a synchromesh transmission		
2.5	Double clutches with a non-synchromesh transmission		
2.6	Suitable gear selected to move off		
2.7	Unrushed shifting style demonstrated		
2.8	Gears not forced through gate		
2.9	Correct gear selected BEFORE commencing descent or correct gear selected safely during descent		
2.10	Gear shifts kept to a minimum		
2.11	Does not rest left hand on gear lever		
2.12	Avoids unnecessary downshifting prior to stopping		
2.13	Range change/splitter buttons used correctly		
2.14	“Mystery” gear not used on non-synchromesh transmissions		
2.15	Traction control systems and Central Tyre Inflation (C.T.I) systems used according to manufacturer’s recommendations		
2.16	Differential locks engaged according to manufacturers recommendations and before vehicle loses traction		
<b>Comments</b>			
<b>Automated Transmission</b>			
2.1	Engages clutch smoothly ( <i>where applicable</i> )		
2.2	Does not ride clutch or use as brake when stationary ( <i>if applicable</i> )		
2.3	Suitable gear selected to move off		
2.4	Automated transmissions used in accordance with manufacturers recommendations		
2.5	“Manual” mode of automated transmission used in off-highway driving		
2.6	Traction control systems and Central Tyre Inflation (C.T.I) systems used according to manufacturer’s recommendations		
2.7	Differential locks engaged according to manufacturers recommendations and before vehicle loses traction		
<b>Comments</b>			

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<b>3. Fuel Economy</b>			
3.1	Applies progressive shifting techniques		
3.2	Vehicle is not left to idle for more than 5 minutes		
3.3	Maintains engine rpm in recommended ranges during hill climbs		
3.4	Maintains engine rpm in recommended ranges during city/urban/metropolitan driving		
3.5	Uses cruise control where appropriate		
3.6	Avoids excessive vehicle speeds		
3.7	“Reads the road” to ensure correct speeds and gear selections are maintained		
<b>Comments</b>			

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<b>4. Braking, Steering, Vehicle Control</b>			
4.1	Smooth progressive braking used in general driving		
4.2	Brakes used correctly during descents to compliment transmission and auxiliary brake		
4.3	Park brake always applied when driver leaves cab of vehicle		
4.4	Auxiliary brake is used in manufacturers rev range during steep descents		
4.5	Avoids unnecessary use of auxiliary brake in general driving		
4.6	Auxiliary brakes not used in urban/city/residential areas or where prohibitions exist		
4.7	Two handed steering maintained		
4.8	Smooth, progressive style of steering used in all situations		
4.9	Vehicle speeds are appropriate at all times for the driving conditions and vehicle configuration		
<b>Comments</b>			

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5. Observation, Driver Courtesy			
5.1	Identifies all potential hazards early and reacts in an appropriate manner		
5.2	Meets all obligations in regards to road signs and markings		
5.3	Applies correct following distances		
5.4	Makes adequate use of rear vision mirrors in all driving conditions		
5.5	Overtaking manoeuvres are conducted safely with regard to other road users		
5.6	Takes steps to allow following traffic past <u>when safe to do so</u>		
5.7	Demonstrates courtesy toward other road users		
5.8	Cell phones and communications equipment used safely and at appropriate times		
<b>Comments</b>			

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6. Intersections, Corners, Roundabouts, Lane Use			
6.1	Vehicle is driven within lane ( <i>does not cut corners</i> )		
6.2	Keeps left, where appropriate, on multiple laned roads		
6.3	All intersection and lane markings and signs are observed		
6.4	Give way rule is applied correctly at intersections and roundabouts		
6.5	The System of Vehicle control is applied consistently through intersections and roundabouts		
6.6	Demonstrates ability to anticipate traffic lights and traffic flow		
6.7	Speeds are appropriate for the vehicle and driving conditions and would allow driver to stop safely in an emergency		
6.8	Determines safe cornering speeds through use of advisory signs and with consideration to driving and vehicle conditions		
6.9	Correct cornering technique is used		
6.10	Correct cornering line is used		
6.11	Remains within correct lane when cornering ( <i>does not cut corners</i> )		
6.12	All cornering is completed safely		
<b>Comments</b>			

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<b>7. Off-Highway Driving</b>			
7.1	Transition from seal to unsealed road is smooth		
7.2	Uses correct lines appropriate to road conditions		
7.3	Minimises the effect of road camber when ascending grades		
7.4	Speed appropriate for road conditions and vehicle configuration with forest owner speed not exceeded		
7.5	All passing manoeuvres completed safely		
<b>Comments</b>			

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<b>8. Reversing, Manoeuvring</b>			
8.1	Checks confined manoeuvring areas by foot, if necessary, and identifies all potential hazards		
8.2	Selects suitable low gear for manoeuvre		
8.3	Remains seated and makes effective use of rear view mirrors		
8.4	All reversing and low speed manoeuvring completed safely		
<b>Comments</b>			

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9. Legal Compliance			
9.1	All vehicle documentation is present and valid ( <i>not expired</i> )		
9.2	Logbook compiled correctly and "Work Time Rule" complied with		
9.3	Drivers licence carried in vehicle, current and appropriate class held for vehicle being driven		
9.4	Seatbelts, where fitted, are utilised		
9.5	Headlights switched on as required by law ( <i>100m minimum visibility</i> )		
9.6	Indicators used to signal intent to turn, change direction, change lanes, merge, overtake or pull over/out		
9.10	Load is secured in accordance with LTSC/legal requirements		
9.11	All HPMV/50Max requirements met and complied with		
<b>Comments</b>			

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10. Coupling, Uncoupling, Trailer Up			
<b>COUPLING</b>			
10.1	Trailer securing chains are undone prior to lifting trailer		
10.2	Trailer is lifted safely clear of truck		
10.3	Checks that "ring feeder" / jaws are open and drawbar / trailer is at correct height		
10.4	Trailer hooked up safely		
10.5	Conducts visual check to ensure pin is down / jaws are closed and locked		
10.6	Secures landing legs / drawbar stand and connects all air and electrical lines and hoses		
<b>UNCOUPLING</b>			
10.7	Vehicle positioned correctly for lifting onto truck		
10.8	Applies park brake		
10.9	Disconnects and secures all air and electrical lines		
10.10	Lowers landing legs / drawbar stand		
10.11	Disconnects coupling		
10.12	Trailer lifted and placed onto back of truck safely and correctly		
10.13	Trailer securing chains positioned correctly		
10.14	Lifting equipment restored to starting position ( <i>gantry operation</i> )		
<b>Comments</b>			

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<b>11. Loading / Unloading</b>		
<b>LOADING</b>		
11.1 Stops at sign or site entry		
11.2 Enters site when requested by loader operator		
11.3 Turns and positions vehicle correctly for loading		
11.4 Unloads and connects trailer ( <i>as per section 10</i> )		
11.5 Unit configured correctly and safely with brakes set accordingly for on-board scales		
11.6 Stays in "safe zone" while loading		
11.7 Loads according to LTSC guidelines		
11.8 Checks load before moving vehicle ( <i>dimensions, weight &amp; crowning</i> )		
11.9 Moves vehicle not more than 100 metres to secure load		
11.10 Secures load in accordance with LTSC / forest owner standards		
11.12 Wears correct P.P.E at all times		
11.13 Vehicle decks cleaned off before leaving site		
11.14 Radio call BEFORE leaving site ( <i>where applicable</i> )		
11.15 Stops and checks load / vehicle before entering public highway		
<b>UNLOADING</b>		
11.16 Load is weighed at appropriate facility		
11.17 Stops at sign or site entry		
11.18 Removes chains in unchaining area		
11.19 Enters unloading site when requested by loader operator		
11.20 Positions vehicle safely and correctly for unloading		
11.21 Remains in safe zone while unloading		
11.22 Vehicle readied for "trailer up" ( <i>bolsters re-positioned folded down etc.</i> )		
11.23 Trailer positioned on back of truck safely ( <i>as per section 10</i> )		
11.24 Wears correct P.P.E at all times		
11.25 Follows all site rules		
11.26 Vehicle tared out ( <i>where applicable</i> )		
11.27 Exits site safely		
<b>Comments</b>		

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**Summary Comments**

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<b>Overall Standard Met</b>	
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**Trainer / Assessor:**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:**

## *LTSC Approved Assessor Trainee Checklist*

<i>Trainee Name</i>	<i>Trainee Company</i>

- Company is financial member of LTSC  
Time served relevant to level being achieved

<i>✓ level</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Months/Years</i>
	Bronze	
	Silver	
	Gold	
	Platinum	

Evidence collected for Level:

- Letter of Attestation from current employer (*on company letterhead*)
- Letter of Attestation from previous employer (*if required*)
- Copy of Trainee "Record of Achievement"
- Copy of National Certificate  
OR
- Copy of Unit Standards completion certificate (where a Nat. Cert. is not held e.g. Bronze)

I, *LTSC Approved Assessor*, verify that *Trainee Name* has met all the requirements to achieve the LTSC Pathway program level stated above and has successfully completed an assessment drive on (*Date*)

*Trainee Name* can now be awarded this level.

Signed by LTSC Approved Assessor:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

