

LTSC December Newsletter 2019

Contractor Certification:

The LTSC Executive and Council have signed off on the new proposed Contractor Certification project, this will be presented to the NZ Forest Owners Transportation Committee in February 2020 for their sign off, and once signoff has been completed the program will be rolled out across the Country.

Purpose

To formulate a credible Log Transport Certification system that includes the achievement and continued performance against a set of Health, Safety and Employment outcomes agreed and recognised by the forest industry and road transport sector. These Standards are to be reviewed and supplemented as the system develops.

Key Points

- Contractor Certification has been built by the Log Transport Safety Council to provide industry with a credible tool that is industry focused. It can replace auditing systems which are no longer or outgoing. (WSMP & Fleetsaver)
- Contractor Certification can be used for multiple customers and forest managers reducing the amount of audits LTSC contractors may have to complete.
- Provide LTSC members with the opportunity to self audit their health, safety and compliance systems and enhance performance, as/ where required.
- Contractor Certification has been built as a sustainable evaluation process/ resource for the future. The evaluation tool will continue to evolve and change as industry moves forward whilst remaining cost effective over time.

Audit

The Audit is a 5 star programme with stars issued for the following achievements:

- 1 Star - 29% the process and/or documentation has been started and there is some implantation.
- 2 Stars – 30 – 49% the process and or/documentation is more than 50% of the way to completion and some implementation.
- 3 Stars – 50 – 69% the process and documentation is more than 50% of the way to completion and some is being implemented.
- 4 Stars – 70 – 89% the process and/or documentation is complete and is fully implemented.
- 5 Stars - 90 – 100% the organisation can show that they are leading by going beyond industry best practice.

We would expect all participants to be aiming to achieve at least 3 stars.

To attain 4 to 5 stars you must obtain at least 50% for every section.

To be certified participants must attain 4 to 5 credits.

Timeframes

- Contractors will be audited every 2 years.
- If 1,2 or 3 stars are achieved the contractor may apply for a re-audit within 6 months on aspects they select to achieve a higher level. After 6 months a completely new audit needs to be undertaken.
- If 4 stars are achieved the contractor must wait at least 12 months before a new audit can be undertaken if they want to progress to 5 stars.
- Reports are to be completed within ten working days of undertaking the audit.

Trailer Lifting stickers for the 2020/21 year.

The new stickers will be available from 1 October for operators who have completed the Trailer Lifting chain checks as per the checklist that is available on the LTSC website.

Remember you only have to forward the Statutory Declaration page; you need to keep the checklist as your record.

NZTA Campaign on Medication related substance Impaired Driving:

NZTA are doing a campaign on the effects of Medication Related Substance Impaired Driving (SID) – aimed at the heavy transport sector

The key messages for the campaign are:

- Know: Know how medications can affect you by asking.
- Check: Check how you feel before/while you drive.
- Stop: Stop driving or don't start driving if you feel impaired.

Educating the HT sector is a priority due to the potential for catastrophic harm when these vehicles crash, and because the average age of this group is 50+years. Age-related health conditions result in an increased possibility that drivers will take multiple medications.

The programme was developed in collaboration with industry stakeholders and medical professionals. A series of resources is available to the HT sector, including videos, wallet cards, coasters, digital display images, and a leader's tips document.

All resources are freely available to download and order through the Waka Kotahi website:

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/driving-safely/medication/heavy-transport/>

Training Pathway:

Currently we have the following numbers of Training pathway certificates issued:

Platinum:	9
Gold:	212
Silver:	86
Bronze:	211

The latest Platinum certificate will be presented in Northland at G C Stokes Transport Ltd start up meeting 6th of January 2020, well done Reece Mist great effort.

Remember keep the training up it is good for your Business as well as ensuring your Drivers are at the top of their game.

Promotional video:

The LTSC recently completed a promotional video on our Industry; the video was shot in 3 locations (Nelson, Gisborne and Invercargill) across New Zealand. The stars of the show were a newbie driver, a lady driver and a long serving driver. The LTSC is planning to use this at career expo's, also on the careers bus (sponsored by the NZFOA) that travels around New Zealand, onto the Forest Owners website as well as the LTSC website. This project was funded by the Forest Growers Levy Fund. We plan to do another video on the "Driver Induction process"; this is currently being scoped by a small team, more details when the project brief has been completed.

The video can be viewed by logging onto the LTSC website, look under **Resources/ links and the promotional video is there.**

Overweight Loads:

Over the last few months the LTSC has been receiving comments and photos of what are deemed to be over height loads, at the recent Council meeting it was decided that these will be treated like a 0800 call. The information will be forwarded to the operator (if known) and including a copy of the Load security code ask them to talk to the driver concerned and ensure they understand the code. We are doing this as a safety measure; no-one wants to see a driver hit by a log falling from his/her load because they had loaded it incorrectly and everyone has a right to go home safe after a day's work. Some of the photos of loads have been very disappointing to say the least.

LTSC Contact details:

Please update you contact details for the LTSC, our email address is:

ltsc@logtruck.co.nz

Trailer Gantries:

The Industry has seen an increase in the number of serious harm injuries to drivers whilst they are using trailer lifting gantries to load their trailers.

At this stage we don't have the results of the investigations into these incidents, but one thing we do know, there was significant delay in several of these incidents being reported, which exposes the injured party and their employer to further risk, not to mention, inhibits the review process from delivering outcomes to help prevent others from suffering a similar fate. Please remind staff of their responsibility/ obligations and explain the importance of reporting incidents immediately so the appropriate process and measures can be put in place.

It is very important that drivers load their trailers as per the Industry Guidelines, remember there is a training video on our website which clearly shows the correct procedure to load trailers. Details are below.

Early in the New Year a group from within the Forest Industry will look at the current design of Trailer Lifting gantries to see if they are fit for purpose, taking into account HPMV and 50 MAX units that are now operating within our Industry but not thought of when the gantries were designed and built many years ago.

Trailer Lifting Training Video:

There is a trailer lifting training video available on the LTSC website **courtesy of Weighing and Measuring Solutions Ltd.**

This is a very good induction tool for new drivers as well as a refresher course for other drivers.

The link to the video is under Resources/ links.

Regional Meeting:

It has been agreed that the Regional meetings for this financial year will not happen until the New Year, with a number of important projects about to wind up; we will be in a better position to share the outcomes of these with our members.

2019/20 meeting dates:

LTSC Council

Thursday 13 February 2020
Thursday 28 May 2020

AGM

Thursday 28 May 2020

Regional meetings:

Gisborne
Nelson
Southland area
Northland

Dates for the Regional meetings will be advised later.