

Light Trailer Familiarisation Course



The Light Trailer Management Course is a practical-first training course designed to ensure drivers can safely, legally, and competently tow light trailers in real-world operating environments. The course combines targeted pre-learning, hands-on practical training, and observed competency assessment to reduce towing risk, improve on-road performance, and support organisational safety and compliance obligations.

Course Format

1. Pre-Course Learning (Online – 15–30 minutes)

Participants complete a short online module prior to attending the practical session covering trailer safety fundamentals, legal responsibilities, common risk factors, and TWIRL pre-drive safety checks.

2. On-Site Practical Training

- Group size: Maximum 12 participants per day, delivered in groups of 3
- Practical briefing: 15 minutes
- Practical training: 60–90 minutes per group
- Q&A and debrief: 15 minutes

Practical Skills Covered

- TWIRL pre-departure safety checks
- Coupling and uncoupling trailers
- Load placement and load security
- Weight distribution and stability management
- Reversing and confined-space maneuvering
- Low-speed control
- On-road towing techniques

Cost

\$1,750 +GST per day plus travel if required.

NZQA Unit Standard 3471 (Optional)

This course can be delivered as a competence-based assessment pathway toward NZQA Unit Standard 3471. Where selected, competency is assessed against NZQA requirements and successful participants may achieve formal NZQA recognition.

Certification

Participants receive a Certificate of Completion. Where NZQA assessment is completed, NZQA Unit Standard 3471 may also be awarded.

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