

Transport services licensing

What is changing with transport services licensing?

Current transport services licensing system	Changes to transport services licensing system
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Covers the range of services provided by commercial transport including passenger services - such as taxis and buses - freight services, towing services and rental vehicles.• Controls the entry and exit of transport operators• Difficult to exit bad operators• Duplicates other regulatory systems.	<p>NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) to report by 30 September 2013 on ways to streamline and refocus the system towards operators who present a greater risk to road users. This includes reporting on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the implications of removing farmers and trades people who only use one goods vehicle of less than 15,000kg gross vehicle mass, from having a transport services licence• ways to improve the process for entry to transport services licensing• opportunities to better manage and exit unsafe and poor performing operators from transport services licensing• whether the fees and charges for the regulatory activities should change to reflect the activities carried out for different sectors.

Why is transport services licensing being retained?

Transport services licensing will be kept because it has become an increasingly important way to identify commercial transport operators for a variety of regulatory purposes. Identifying operators underpins the NZ TA's Operator Safety Rating System by linking vehicles and drivers to the operators who are responsible for them.

Industry sectors told officials that they value the transport services licensing system and want it retained. However, the operation of the system could be improved. It may capture some operators who do not need to be included, for example, contractors who own a truck to move their own goods.

As a result, the NZ TA will carry out a further review of the effectiveness of the system, working with industry, and report back by 30 September 2013. Streamlining the current system will ensure it best meets its objective to contribute to road safety and consumer service and safety.