

Advice to Approved Persons

Seating capacity reductions

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has become aware that some approved persons (AP) may not be certifying seating reductions correctly. For example, a 14 seat light omnibus vehicle category code “MD2” modified to a 12 seat light omnibus changes the vehicle from vehicle category code “MD2” to vehicle category code “MD1” and requires an LO1 certification.

The TMR Vehicle and Vessel Standards Unit have published Vehicle Standards Instruction (Light 29.0) – Change in Seating Positions to clarify the requirements when changing the seating capacity of a vehicle. This document is available on the TMR web site at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Safety/Vehicle-standards-and-modifications/Vehicle-standards/Vehicle-standards-instructions.

Vehicles that are identified as incorrectly certified by TMR Compliance Officers may be issued with a defect notice which will require the vehicle operator to have the certification completed correctly.

Any further technical enquiries in relation to seating reductions can be forwarded via email to vehiclestandards@tmr.qld.gov.au or the vehicle standards help desk on 13 23 80 (ask for Vehicle Standards Unit).

Voluntary surrender of Approved Person accreditation

If you no longer want to be an AP you can voluntarily surrender your accreditation by:

- completing the relevant sections of the *AP Application* (Form F1855)
- returning any unused certificates of modification and modification plates to the AP administrator
- returning all used certificates up to seven years old to the AP administrator
- lodging the application with the AP administrator at the address below

Contact us

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