

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Land Transport Authority (LTA) continues to enforce the restriction of overloaded trucks and trailers in an attempt to minimize the damage they cause to Road Infrastructure including Bridges & Jetties.

The LTA would like to remind owners of trucks and trailers to abide by the **prescribed Gross Vehicle Mass or Gross Combination Mass** as per the Land Transport (Vehicle Registration & Construction) Regulation 80.

The LTA is fully committed to ensuring the protection of Fiji's Roads and Bridges together with vehicle safety as per the LTA Act and Regulations and will be prosecuting any individual or organisation who fails to comply with these weight limits.

An offence is committed if an axle limit is exceeded, even if the vehicle is under its GVM or GCM limit whichever is applicable.

The law limits how much weight a heavy vehicle can carry. Exceeding these limits is an offence, known as "Non – Conforming Mass plus Load".

According to the Land Transport (Vehicle Registration & Construction) Regulation 80 (9c) and (9d);

The maximum permissible aggregate mass, expressed as the GVM or GCM of the vehicle, in respect of all the axles of a motor vehicle, a trailer, articulated vehicle or combination vehicle is—

- *"in the case of a combination vehicle - 32 tonnes; or*
- *"the manufacturer's gross vehicle mass or gross combination mass as the case may be, whichever is the least".*

Therefore, the LTA would like to advise members of the public that from the 25th of February 2019 the LTA would be carrying out rigorous enforcement on overloading of rigid or combination vehicles above the maximum permissible limit of 32 Tonnes.

The LTA urges the drivers and vehicle owners/operators to adhere to the regulations and refrain from committing an offence by violating them.

Members of the public can apply for exemptions for combination vehicles where the axle limits may add up to more than 32 Tonnes using the LTA's standard Application for Temporary Exemption Form which can be obtained from the LTA Website or the Technical Department at any of our offices.

The exemption application needs to be assessed and approved by the Fiji Roads Authority (FRA) prior to being submitted to LTA for processing. Therefore, members of the public wishing to apply for exemptions can liaise with the FRA Head of Governance, Dr. Charles Ward via email Charles.Ward@fijiroads.org.

For further information please contact the LTA Manager Standards & Engineering on Mob: 9905260 or Email on Standards@lta.com.fj or follow the link <https://www.lta.com.fj/weight-limits>.



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