

IQF Level	1	IQF Credit	2
Approved References	Guide to safe loading and towing for light vehicles (NZ Transport Authority, 2022) Guide to Towing (UK Driver and Vehicles Standards Agency)		
Special Notes	Must hold the appropriate driver license and endorsements as required by local law and regulations. Light trailers are those as defined as such by local laws, but generally a trailer that has a design gross vehicle weight (DGWW) of 3,500 kg or less. May be single or tandem axle type. Open roads means where there is an open or highway speed limit, closed roads means private or urban roads that have a lower speed limit than open roads.		

Hold vehicle license appropriate to tow light trailer	703624D01
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Performance	Supply evidence of holding current vehicle license for vehicle being used to tow light trailer.
Standards	In accordance local legal requirements.
Conditions	
Comments	License must be sighted by assessor.

Comprehend legal requirements and regulations for light trailer operation	703624D02
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Performance	Recall local laws and regulations regarding trailer towing, including weight limits, speed restrictions, and licensing requirements
Standards	In accordance with local legal requirements.
Conditions	
Comments	Range: braked and unbraked.

Demonstrate light trailer coupling and uncoupling proficiency	703624D03
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Performance	Perform safe and correct coupling and uncoupling of a light trailer to a towing vehicle, ensuring all connections are secure.
Standards	In accordance with manufacturer instructions, organisational doctrine and local legal requirements.
Conditions	Given light trailer and coupling hitch on vehicle.
Comments	

Execute light trailer pre-journey inspection	703624D04
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Performance	Conduct a thorough pre-journey inspection of both the towing vehicle and trailer, including checks on lights, tyres, and load security
Standards	In accordance with manufacturer instructions, organisational doctrine and local legal requirements.
Conditions	Given light trailer hitched to suitable vehicle.
Comments	Must include visual external check of brake pads if fitted to trailer.

Apply load securing and weight distribution principles for light trailer use	703624D05
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Performance	Implement proper load securing techniques and demonstrate understanding of weight distribution principles and their impact on vehicle handling
Standards	In accordance with manufacturer instructions, organisational doctrine and local legal requirements.
Conditions	Given light trailer hitched to suitable vehicle and load to secure.
Comments	

Perform forward driving techniques towing light trailer.	703624D06
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Performance	Operate a vehicle with a trailer attached in various road conditions, demonstrating proper lane positioning and speed management
Standards	In accordance with manufacturer instructions, organisational doctrine and local legal requirements.
Conditions	Given light trailer hitched to suitable vehicle with secured load and closed and open road conditions.
Comments	

Perform reversing and manoeuvring a light trailer.	703624D07
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Performance	Execute accurate and controlled reversing manoeuvres with a trailer, including straight-line reversing and turning whilst reversing.
Standards	In accordance with manufacturer instructions, organisational doctrine and local legal requirements.
Conditions	Given light trailer hitched to suitable vehicle with secured load.
Comments	

Assess secured and unsecured weight on a light trailer.	703624D08
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Performance	Discuss the concepts of secured and unsecured weight and their implications for vehicle dynamics, safety, and handling when towing a trailer.
Standards	In accordance with manufacturer instructions, organisational doctrine and local legal requirements.
Conditions	
Comments	

Navigate complex road features whilst towing a light trailer.	703624D09
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Performance	Safely negotiate junctions, roundabouts, and tight turns whilst towing a trailer, accounting for increased vehicle length and turning radius
Standards	In accordance with manufacturer instructions, organisational doctrine and local legal requirements.
Conditions	Given light trailer hitched to suitable vehicle with secured load, and suitable roadways.
Comments	

Practice emergency procedures whilst towing a light trailer.	703624D10
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Performance	Apply emergency procedures specific to trailer towing, including handling trailer sway and performing emergency stops.
Standards	In accordance with manufacturer instructions, organisational doctrine and local legal requirements.
Conditions	Given light trailer hitched to suitable vehicle with secured load, and suitable roadways.
Comments	

Perform maintenance tasks on light trailer.	703624D11
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Performance	Carry out essential maintenance tasks to ensure the trailer is in optimal condition.
Standards	In accordance with manufacturer instructions, organisational doctrine and local legal requirements.
Conditions	
Comments	Range: tyre pressure, couplings (mechanical and electrical), washing, lubricating.

Practice fuel efficient and safe driving whilst towing a light trailer.	703624D12
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Performance	Utilize fuel-saving driving techniques whilst maintaining safety, considering the additional weight and drag of the trailer
Standards	In accordance with manufacturer instructions, organisational doctrine and local legal requirements.
Conditions	Given light trailer hitched to suitable vehicle with secured load, and suitable roadways.
Comments	

Execute parking and unhitching procedures for a light trailer.	703624D13
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Performance	Demonstrate the ability to safely park a vehicle with a trailer in various situations, including on slopes, and properly unhitch and secure the trailer.
Standards	In accordance with manufacturer instructions, organisational doctrine and local legal requirements.
Conditions	Given light trailer hitched to suitable vehicle with secured load, and suitable roadways.
Comments	Slopes shall be between 5 and 25 degrees incline.

Adopt driving behaviour when towing a light trailer.	703624D14
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Performance	Modify driving behaviour to account for the presence of a trailer, including increased stopping distances and wider turning circles
Standards	In accordance with manufacturer instructions, organisational doctrine and local legal requirements.
Conditions	Given light trailer hitched to suitable vehicle with secured load.
Comments	

Assess driving conditions for towing a light trailer.	703624D15
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Performance	Assess environmental conditions to make informed decisions about safe trailer towing practices
Standards	In accordance with approved references, manufacturer instructions, organisational doctrine and local legal requirements.
Conditions	Given light trailer hitched to suitable vehicle with secured load.
Comments	Range: road, weather, visibility.

Assess light trailer suitability for towing.	703624D16
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Performance	Assess compatibility of light trailer, load and vehicle for towing operations.
Standards	In accordance with approved references, manufacturer instructions, organisational doctrine and local legal requirements.
Conditions	Given range of trailer and load options (illustrated or actual).
Comments	Range: braked (mechanical, hydraulic, electric), unbraked, tow bar loading, vehicle towing capacity, coupling types, tow-ball height, drawbar height, tow ball sizes, safety chain length and rating, manufacturer recall notices.