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New requirement linking heavy vehicle permits to RUC compliance from 1 February 2022

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency has issued the following information. This is an additional step in the permit approval process. The reasons for this step are set below and emphasise the current criteria around RUC compliance. Most operators are already aware of that operator compliance history (the operator safety check circa 2015) is linked to permit applications.

Permitting and RUC to be linked

9 December 2021



New condition for heavy vehicle permits from 1 February 2022

Kia ora

I'm writing to let you know about a new condition that will be added for all heavy vehicle permit applications.

From 1 February, a condition for all permits will be that the operator must comply with their RUC obligations. Failure to keep RUC up to date may mean future permit applications are declined, the permitted period is shortened or the permit is revoked.

No new charges are being introduced, and for operators already paying the correct amount of RUC, nothing will change.

The Debt Management team at Waka Kotahi will work with operators who are not up to date with their RUC to put in place a suitable plan.

Everyone who uses our roads contributes to their upkeep and needs to pay their fair share. Petrol is taxed at the pump and diesel users pay through RUC. By ensuring heavy vehicle permit holders keep their RUC up to date, we will help level the playing field for industry.

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As the lead regulator of the land transport system it is the responsibility of Waka Kotahi to collect RUC on behalf of the Crown. Linking permitting and RUC follows our firm and fair approach to improving regulatory compliance and will ensure the land transport system is safe, fair and sustainable, and functions well for everyone in New Zealand.

If you have any questions, please email me at peter.mckay@nzta.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi

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