

Overview

This standard defines the competence required to transport waste. It involves being able to operate and control a waste transport vehicle (with or without attachments), monitoring and reviewing the vehicle's (and its attachments) performance and the operating schedule in compliance with organisational and regulatory requirements. This standard is for those who drive waste transport vehicles.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

Operate and control a waste transport vehicle

1. carry out daily routine checks on the vehicle in accordance with operational procedures
2. confirm the operational suitability of the vehicle and specialist equipment
3. ensure the vehicle is suitable for the task and that any required additional equipment is available and fit for use
4. select and use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) in accordance with operational requirements
5. drive and manoeuvre the vehicle safely in line with training and operational procedures
6. drive the vehicle in a manner which minimises wear and tear, the risk of accidental damage, and maximises efficiency
7. drive in a manner which shows consideration for others and minimises risk to oneself and the crew
8. drive and operate the vehicle legally
9. confirm the load is secure and stable before moving off

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10. monitor continuously the condition of the vehicle and its load by observing the vehicle's performance, and report any problems in accordance with operational procedures
11. follow operational procedures in the event of accident, breakdown, and other problems

Use and communicate data and information related to the transportation of waste

12. complete and sign the daily vehicle and vehicle attachments checks documentation
13. report problems which arise from the vehicle and vehicle attachments check
14. record variations in vehicle and vehicle attachments performance
15. complete operational documentation
16. confirm regulatory documentation and signage is completed and positioned accurately

Resolve problems which arise with the transportation of waste

17. report variations in vehicle performance
18. take steps to resolve insecure or unstable loads and any aspects of the vehicle that causes concern

19. advise colleagues or managers of situations which require their attention
20. report situations which are outside the job role responsibilities in line with operational procedures
21. respond to falls from vehicles, accidents, breakdowns or other problems in line with organisational procedures

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

General

1. the classifications and types of waste
2. the potential hazards associated with different wastes
3. how to identify work-related hazards and risks
4. details of operational procedures and documentation
5. how to work constructively with colleagues and other people and resolve disagreements
6. how to use personal protective equipment (PPE) in line with operational procedures
7. operational procedures and why it is important to comply with them
8. your job responsibility and when to report to managers

Waste transport vehicle and equipment

9. vehicle controls, equipment, and their functions
10. vehicle handling and load characteristics
11. load use and their effects on vehicle performance
12. the methods of checking vehicle performance
13. how to identify variances in vehicle performance and the reporting procedures
14. how to identify deviations from the schedule of operations
15. how to establish load stability and security
16. how to manoeuvre safely and effectively
17. how to minimise wear and tear and the risk of accidents
18. how to respond to falls, accidents, breakdowns or other problems
19. how to accommodate special instructions in route and schedule planning
20. the requirements of the organisation receiving the load
21. the potential environmental impact of the vehicle and its load
22. relevant legislation affecting the vehicle, its driver, and its load

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