Heavy Vehicle Competency Based Assessment (HVCBA)
Fact Sheet – Assessment Criteria 11 “Reversing”
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Objective
Ensure that all heavy vehicle licence applicants are trained and assessed in accordance with requirements.

Purpose
All heavy vehicle licence holders must be able to demonstrate the required skills to safely reverse a heavy vehicle.

Criteria 11
Reversing

Performance: Demonstrate safe and accurate vehicle control during reversing manoeuvres.

Conditions:

- Centre driving mirror offset (if fitted) and/or rear window blocked off
- Straight level road with either a kerb, marked edge line or a clearly defined straight seal edge
- Non-traffic or low level traffic area. May be an off-road location
- Clear of pedestrian activity.

Requirements:
One off test (assessed only once)

With the exception of class MC, applicants must successfully complete a long reverse and one of the following three low speed manoeuvres (LSM) as determined by Licensing Authorities:

- Reverse parallel park (rigid vehicles only)
- Off-set reverse (excluding MC)
- Loading dock simulation (excluding MC).

Test Criteria

- Long reverse
- Reverse parallel park (rigid vehicles only)
- Offset reverse (may include reversing around a left hand kerb (except MC)
- Loading dock simulation (all vehicle types except MC).
No exemption from Criteria 11

All licence applicants completing HVCBA are required to complete Criteria 11 - Reverse. Assessors are reminded that correct assessment requires the applicant to demonstrate safe and accurate vehicle control during reversing manoeuvres.

Summary

In a number of recent national reports, the logistics industry has been critical of the skill levels relating to newly licenced heavy vehicle drivers. One of the major concerns has been the ability of some drivers to reverse vehicles into the required locations for loading and unloading. The ability to safely and effectively reverse a heavy vehicle is an essential skill for all licence holders. Assessors are to ensure that this criterion is trained and assessed in accordance with requirements.

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