

Appendix A

HGV safety permit scheme exemptions policy

Scope

The HGV safety permit scheme is only applicable to HGVs exceeding 12 tonne GVW. These are classed as N3 category vehicles. Vehicles of 12 tonne GVW or less are not required to apply for a permit.

HGVs fully exempt from the HGV safety permit scheme

Table I shows vehicle types that are fully exempt from the HGV safety permit scheme and are not required to hold a permit.

HGVs partially exempt from the HGV safety permit scheme

Table 2 shows vehicle types that are only partially exempt from specific elements of the HGV safety permit scheme. These vehicles must still hold a valid permit. Where the following vehicle type is rated zero star and therefore required to fit a Safe System of mitigating measures, they are exempt from the listed equipment only.

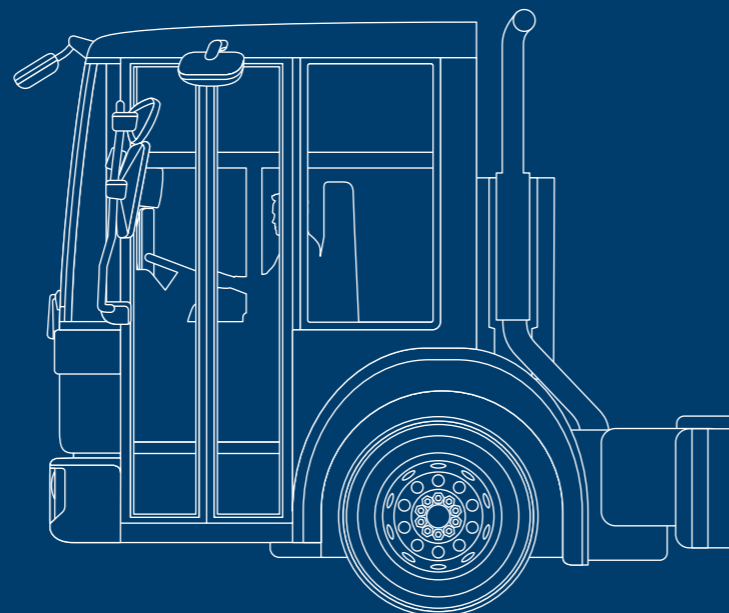


Table I: HGVs fully exempt from the HGV safety permit scheme

Vehicle type	DVS exemption
Emergency service vehicles, such as ambulances and fire engines, which have a taxation class of 'ambulance' or 'fire engine' on the date of travel	Exempt where applicable It is not considered appropriate to require emergency service vehicles to meet the DVS star rating threshold or to comply with the Safe System conditions as these vehicles need to be suitable for the operations for which they are designed
Specialist gritting and snow plough vehicles (London Boroughs)	Fully exempt These are specialist, very low-mileage vehicles that are only utilised in certain weather conditions
Armed Forces vehicles	Fully exempt It is not considered appropriate to require Armed Forces trucks to meet the DVS star rating threshold or to comply with the Safe System conditions as they need to be suitable for the operations for which they are designed
Ministry of Defence vehicles/military vehicles	Fully exempt where applicable It is not considered appropriate to require military trucks to meet the DVS star rating threshold or to comply with the Safe System conditions as these vehicles need to be suitable for the operations for which they are designed
Breakdown organisations/recovery vehicles	Fully exempt where applicable Exempt for vehicles called out by the emergency services whose load is required for the purposes of dealing with any actual or perceived emergency affecting the safety of persons or property
Historic vehicles	Fully exempt All vehicles that have a 'historic' vehicle tax class will be exempt from the DVS. This tax class excludes any vehicle used commercially. It would be inappropriate to require historic vehicles to comply with the Safe System permit conditions
Showman's vehicles	Fully exempt Showman's vehicles are eligible for an exemption from DVS if they are registered to a person following the business of a travelling showman and have been modified or specially constructed for this purpose. It would be inappropriate to require showman's vehicles to comply with the Safe System permit conditions
A vehicle to which no bodywork has been fitted and which is being driven or towed	Fully exempt where applicable <ol style="list-style-type: none"> For the purpose of a quality or safety check by its manufacturer or a dealer in, or distributor of, such vehicles To a place where, by previous arrangement, bodywork is to be fitted or work preparatory to the fitting of bodywork is to be carried out By previous arrangement to premises of a dealer or distributor
Mobile cranes	Exempt These are specialist, low-mileage vehicles requiring special permission to operate in London
A vehicle being driven/towed to a place where by previous arrangement Safe System equipment is to be fitted	Fully exempt

Table 2: HGVs partially exempt from the HGV safety permit scheme

a. Exemptions from sideguards

Vehicle type	DVS exemption
Road sweepers	Exempt
Gully emptiers/suckers	Exempt
Breakdown organisations/ recovery vehicles (where not fully exempt) – see condition	Exempt where applicable Only exempt where the sides of the vehicle are so designed and/or equipped that by their shape and characteristics their component parts together meet the requirements as to the fitting of sideguards or provision of lateral under-run protection
Tractors for articulated vehicles	Exempt All trailers used with the exempt tractor unit will be required to fit sideguards (unless covered by an additional exemption)
Vehicles mounted with cranes and/or access working platforms	Exempt where applicable a. From the forward point of the vehicle stabiliser legs b. Otherwise where it is not fully practicable to comply with requirements as to the fitting of sideguards
Vehicles fitted with items in the area where a sideguard would otherwise be required to be fitted, such as fuel tanks and equipment boxes	Exempt where applicable Only where the shape and characteristics of such items or components would provide lateral under-run protection equal to that of a sideguard, provided that the spaces between component items providing lateral under-run protection shall not exceed 300mm
Tank-vehicles (that is, a vehicle designed solely for the carriage of fluid substances in a closed tank permanently fitted to the vehicle and provided with hose or pipe connections for loading or unloading)	Exempt where applicable If it is not possible for practical reasons to comply with requirements as to the fitting of sideguards because to do so would prevent (not merely hinder) the operation of the vehicle's hose or pipe connections
Vehicle transporters (that is, a vehicle specially designed and constructed, and not merely adapted, to carry other vehicles loaded on to it from the front or the rear)	Exempt where applicable If the chassis rails are located on the extremities of the vehicle
Vehicles equipped with anchorage points for roll-on/roll-off transport	Exempt where applicable To the extent that there are gaps within the sideguard to accept the passage and tensioning of fixings or lashings

b. Exemptions from Class V and/or VI mirrors

Vehicle type	DVS exemption
Bonneted vehicles eg Unimog	Exempt From Class VI mirror only
Vehicles fitted with any combination of direct view and/or indirect vision devices as an alternative to fitting a Class V or Class VI mirror	Exempt As permitted by UNECE Regulation 46

c. Exemptions from camera monitoring systems

Vehicle type	DVS exemption
No vehicles will be exempt from fitment of a camera monitoring system	N/A – no vehicle exemptions

d. Exemptions from sensor system alerting the driver to the presence of a vulnerable road user

Vehicle type	DVS exemption
No vehicles will be exempt from fitment of a sensor system alerting the driver to the presence of a vulnerable road user	N/A – no vehicle exemptions

e. Exemptions from left turn audible alarm (right turn for left-hand drive vehicles)

Vehicle type	DVS exemption
No vehicles will be exempt from fitment of a left turn audible alarm (right turn for left-hand vehicles)	N/A – no vehicle exemptions

f. Exemptions from warning signage

Vehicle type	DVS exemption
Tractors for articulated vehicles	Exempt All trailers used with the tractor unit will be required to fit warning signage