

# **Land Transport Rule Operator Safety Rating**

**Consolidated Rule  
with amendments incorporated  
as at  
April 2010**

---

**The consolidation of the Rule and its amendments is intended to provide up-to-date details of the current requirements. It is not the official version of the Rule.**

---

## Preface

The consolidated Rule brings together the requirements relating to operator safety rating in the principal Rule and its amendments. These Rules were produced, under an agreement with the Secretary for Transport, by the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) or its predecessor land transport Crown entities. They were signed into law by the Minister of Transport or his or her delegate under the *Land Transport Act 1998*.

## The principal Rule

**Land Transport Rule: Operator Safety Rating 2008** (the Rule), will come into force on a date yet to be notified in the *New Zealand Gazette*. It sets out the key aspects of the operator rating system. The rating of operators will allow NZ Transport Agency compliance units, and Police enforcement units, to focus on operators of vehicles covered by the Rule.

## Amendment 1

Following public consultation, the Rule was amended in 2009 and will come into force on a date to be notified in the *New Zealand Gazette*. The objectives of this amendment Rule are to add ‘unrated’ as a category for an operator with insufficient event information to enable one of the other ratings to be assigned (for example, a new operator) and to remove the limits on the review panel pool size, allowing the NZTA to appoint as many pool members as are required, particularly in the first year of operation of the system.

## Amendment 2

The Rule was amended in 2010 and will come into force on a date to be notified in the *New Zealand Gazette*. The amendment was required;

- to ensure that the Rule is updated in line with changes to other legislation;
- to remove reference to safety ratings being included in an operator’s vehicle crash history, as crash data is part of a rating in the Rule but it should be at the discretion of the NZ Transport Agency; and
- to allow a panel set up to review a proposed operator rating to consist of only three persons if the decisions are of a limited nature, for example, there is only a small set of disputed events.

---