

Question what do you register a Telehandler as

Fact sheet 27 from NZ Transport Agency, plus comments by Andrew Hilson via email 4/2/2011 (nzta.govt.nz) say a Telehandler is registered as:-

- a vehicle type 06
- Body type MM Mobile machine
- Vehicle usage 11 exempt class E (EB) only if meeting Farm Vehicle and Agriculture criteria as per Fact Sheet 27
- Vehicle usage 13 special purpose
- Requires a time licence (as from August 2012 no longer required)
- Inspections WOF classified as unclassified vehicles, COF exempt
- For Registration, Inspection, Safety Standards and RUC not a forklift

Question what license/endorsement do you need to operate a Telehandler

From an email received from Tony Marlow NZ Transport Agency 7.2.2011

There are four special-type vehicle endorsements:

- Tracks (T): required for driving special-type vehicles that run on self-laying tracks.
- Rollers (R): required for driving special-type vehicles that run on rollers.
- Wheels (W): required for driving special-type vehicles that run on wheels.
- Forklift (F): required for driving special-type vehicles that are forklifts.

FRTW endorsements are required when driving special-type vehicles. This is because these vehicles require the driver to have additional skills or knowledge to that needed to drive a 'normal' vehicle.

Clause 28 of the Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Rule 1999 requires a person driving a special-type vehicle on a road to hold the appropriate special-type endorsement

It appears that the driver of a Telehandler would require a W endorsement.

Please note: any requirement to hold a W endorsement is in addition to the need to hold the correct licence class for the weight of the vehicle.

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