

PUBLIC NOTICE

Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM)

The Land Transport Authority (LTA) would like to advise owners/operators of Mobile Cranes that the prescribed Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) or Gross Combination Mass is mandated as per the Land Transport (Vehicle Registration & Construction) Regulation 80. Therefore, if any individual or organisation has in operation a crane with a GVM of more than the prescribed legal limit the vehicle is non-complaint.

However, due to the specialized nature of such vehicles the LTA will be processing exemptions for Mobile Cranes if the total GVM is more than the prescribed legal limits once it is assessed and approved by the Fiji Roads Authority (FRA).

LTA is fully committed to ensuring the protection of Fiji's Roads and Bridges together with vehicle safety as per the LTA Act and Regulations and will be prosecuting any individual or organisation who fails to comply with these weight limits.

This to ensure protection of our Road Infrastructure including Bridges & Jetties for the best interest of the public.

LTA advises vehicle owners/operators to adhere to the regulations and refrain from committing an offence.

Members of the public can apply for exemptions to operate mobile cranes which have GVM exceeding the prescribed limit which will be assessed subject to the following conditions;

- a) Exemption permits that are issued will be valid for 3 months.
- b) All counterweights and heavy accessories must be transported in a separate support vehicle (that itself meets NZTA regulations). This is required to ensure the damage to the infrastructure is a limited as possible.
- c) Mobile cranes may be required to have escort vehicle(s) to warn other drivers.
- d) Prior to all vehicle movements the operator must send an advice to FRA/LTA detailing the time of movement and a provide a map showing the route which details all bridges that will be crossed. FRA/LTA will provide an email approval of each vehicle movement.
- e) The mobile crane operator will be liable for the cost of any damage caused to infrastructure assets during the vehicle movement.
- f) Some routes of operation may not be possible due to special restrictions on bridges.

The exemption application needs to be assessed and approved by the Fiji Roads Authority (FRA) prior to being submitted to LTA for processing. Therefore, members of the public wishing to apply for exemptions can liaise with the FRA Head of Governance, Dr. Charles Ward via email Charles.Ward@fijiroads.org.

For further information please contact the LTA Manager Standards & Engineering on Mob: 9905260 or Email on Standards@lta.com.fj or follow the link <https://www.lta.com.fj/weight-limits>.



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