

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The deterioration of roads caused by overloaded vehicles cost Fijian taxpayers around \$50 million last year alone. To keep Fiji's roads in good condition, the Fijian Government has announced a new initiative to subsidise the purchase of air-bag suspension systems for trucks.

Air-bag suspension systems — or air-bag trailers — are good for roads, good for drivers and good for trucks. They put less strain on roading infrastructure by preventing deterioration by evenly distributing the weight of truckloads. By reducing the vehicle vibration, the systems also grant better braking and axle loads, which help truck drivers stay safe. They also result in less wear and tear on truck components and tyres, and allow for steadier driving speeds which reduce overall travel time.

Potential purchasers can access a grant of up to \$20,000 towards the purchase of air suspension/air-bag trailers. A total budget of \$300,000 has been allocated for this initiative for the 2021-2022 financial year.

Application forms to apply for the assistance (hard copies) will be made available and can be submitted at any of the LTA office. All required documents stipulated in the application form and the guideline must be provided. The application form and detailed guideline will also be available online at:

1. www.fiji.gov.fj
2. www.economy.gov.fj
3. www.lta.com.fj

ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKLIST

The following documents MUST be submitted with a completed application form:

- Business Registration
- FNPF Compliance Certificate
- FRCS Compliance Certificate
- Bank Account Details
- Name of the Supplier for the Air-Bag Trailer



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PERSONAL DETAILS			
Full Name:		Personal Tax Identification Number	
Residential Address:		Mobile No.:	
Postal Address:		Telephone No.:	
DOB:		Photo ID:	
Fijian Citizen	Y / N	Email Address:	
BUSINESS DETAILS			
Individual/Business Name:		Individual/Business Address:	
Individual/Business TIN Number		Business Registration Number:	
TECHNICAL COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT			
a) Compliance to Regulation 37 of the land Transport (Vehicle Registration & Construction) Regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>		
b) Attach the Certification by relevant Statutory Authorities from the country of manufacture to attest to compliance with international or local safety and design standards	<input type="checkbox"/>		
c) Manufacturers Specification (including a general arrangement drawing) to be attached and provided to LTA stating the load rating of each air suspension unit in accordance with the trailer axle weight and gross vehicle weight	<input type="checkbox"/>		
d) Suspension system should support load sharing	<input type="checkbox"/>		
e) Height control system must be equipped and always functional	<input type="checkbox"/>		
f) Manufacturers Specification should demonstrate roll stability improving features	<input type="checkbox"/>		
g) Prior written approval to be obtained from the LTA before importation takes place	<input type="checkbox"/>		
h) Trailer tyres must be new and conform to the correct load and speed rating with correctly matched tread depth and pattern	<input type="checkbox"/>		
i) Trailer braking system must be fully functional at all times with no braking imbalance greater than five (5) percent	<input type="checkbox"/>		



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j) Are there any pending fines (excess loading) with LTA?	<input type="checkbox"/>
k) Are you a local dealer or self-importer?	<input type="checkbox"/>
REQUIREMENT FOR GOVERNMENT GRANT	
a) Is Air Suspension system complete? i.e. no hybrid system with a combination of air suspension and other types of suspensions.	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Is trailer length less than 10 metres long?	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Full and Complete Compliance in accordance with Regulation 37 and the provisions of paragraph 3.1 (a-k) above.	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Demonstrated weight reduction in comparison to having other types of suspension systems to allow for a higher payload within the legal GVM.	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Rear lighting units which need to be of all LED illumination including rear number plate illumination.	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Side (flank) rear and end outline marker lights must be fitted and of LED type.	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Any trailer over a length of 10 meters (trailer only) must have a reflective “Long Vehicle” marking fitted to the rear.	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Where the trailer has a floor or is an insulated/refrigerated body this must be constructed using lightweight composite materials and insulation for refrigerated bodies. If the trailer is fitted with a refrigeration unit this must incorporate a digital temperature tachograph.	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Where the trailer has a bulk liquid tanker mounted, the tanker must be constructed using lightweight composite materials (e.g. Aluminum alloys, fiber reinforced polymers, etc.) with certification to indicate compliance to local or international standards.	<input type="checkbox"/>
j) The trailer cross-members, floors, roof bows must be manufactured using lighter weight advanced high strength steels and composite materials. Where lighter weight materials are used in the construction of a trailer a certificate of use of lightweight components must be provided and authenticated by the trailer manufacturer in English (specifying the name of the components used in the trailer construction and the weight saving gained over a trailer constructed using traditional materials) failure to provide this authenticated certificate will render invalid any claim for the Government grant.	<input type="checkbox"/>



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DECLARATION	
<p>I hereby certify that the above information are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I give my authorisation to request any required information regarding my application with Land Transport Authority or Ministry of Economy.</p> <p>I understand that any false information provided may disqualify me from the grant assistance program.</p> <p>...../...../.....</p> <p style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;">Applicant SignatureDate</p>	
CHECKLIST	
<input type="checkbox"/> Business Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> FNPf Compliance Certificate
<input type="checkbox"/> FRCS Compliance Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/> Valid Identification Requirement <i>(Copy of Driver License or Passport)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Company TIN Letter	<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Account Details
<input type="checkbox"/> Name of the Supplier for the Air-Bag Trailer	<input type="checkbox"/> Any other supporting documents or information deemed important (quotations etc)
OFFICIAL USE ONLY	
Receiving Officer	
Name:	Designation:
Office:	Location:
Signature:	Date Received: / /
Verifying Officer	
Name:	Designation:
Comments:	
Signature:	Date: / /
DECISION	
Assessor	<p>Comments:</p> <p style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><input type="checkbox"/> Approve<input type="checkbox"/> DeclineAmount Approved: F\$</p>