









VEHICLE CATEGORY CHART





PASSENGER VEHICLES

Description		Category of vehicle
	Vehicles designed and constructed for the carriage of passengers and comprising of no more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat	M1
	Vehicles designed and constructed for the carriage of passengers, comprising of more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat and having a maximum mass not exceeding 5 tonnes	M2
	Vehicles designed and constructed for the carriage of passengers, comprising of more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat and having a maximum mass exceeding 5 tonnes	M3
	Motor caravans, ambulances, hearses, armoured cars, wheelchair-accessible vehicles (WAVs)	M1 (Special Purpose Vehicles)

GOODS VEHICLES

Description		Category of vehicle
	Vehicles designed and constructed for the carriage of goods and having a maximum mass not exceeding 3.5 tonnes	N1
	Vehicles designed and constructed for the carriage of goods and having a maximum mass exceeding 3.5 tonnes but not exceeding 12 tonnes	N2
	Vehicles designed and constructed for the carriage of goods and having a maximum mass exceeding 12 tonnes. In the case of a towing vehicle designed to be coupled to a semi-trailer or centre-axle trailer, the mass to be considered for classifying the vehicle is the mass of the tractor vehicle in running order, increased by the mass corresponding to the maximum static vertical load transferred to the tractor vehicle by the semi-trailer or centre-axle trailer and, where applicable, by the maximum mass of the tractor vehicles own load.	N3
	Armoured Goods vehicles	N1 (Special Purpose Vehicles)

TRAILERS

Description		Category of vehicle
	Trailers with a maximum mass not exceeding 0.75 tonnes	O1
	Trailers with a maximum mass exceeding 0.75 tonnes but not exceeding 3.5 tonnes	O2
	Trailers with a maximum mass exceeding 3.5 tonnes but not exceeding 10 tonnes	O3
	Trailers with a maximum mass exceeding 10 tonnes. In the case of a semi-trailer or centre-axle trailer, the maximum mass to be considered for classifying the trailer corresponds to the static vertical load transmitted to the ground by the axle or axles of the semi-trailer or centre axle trailer when couple to the towing vehicle and carrying its maximum load.	O4

The vehicles shown as '**Special Purpose**' vehicles are given certain dispensations where it can be demonstrated to the Inspecting Authority that due to its design, it cannot comply with the technical requirements.