

LVV Certification of vehicles with additional seating positions

There is some misunderstanding of the need for LVV Certification where vehicles have additional seating positions installed, whether or not those seats have seat belts provided.

This has resulted in some light buses of 'Table A' class MD1 and MD2, that have been converted from class NA vans by the addition of seats, not receiving LVV Certification.

LTNZ have confirmed to LVVTA and TSD Agents that the addition of seats to a light vehicle is a modification affecting a legal safety requirement. This requirement has in fact been in place since the introduction of the *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 1998*, which came into effect on 1 March 1999.

Therefore, since this date, **all light vehicles that have additional occupant seating positions added after manufacture require LVV Certification prior to the issue of a WoF or CoF**. This is also a requirement where a vehicle retains the same number of seating positions provided by the vehicle manufacturer, however the seat positions and mountings are changed within the vehicle to comply with the *Passenger Service Vehicle Rule 1999* or for other reasons such as the addition of a wheelchair station.

LVV Certifiers are requested to advise clients and industry contacts of this requirement where appropriate.