

C: OPERATIONS STANDARDS

C3. VEHICLES AND DRIVING

1.0 Scope

- 1.1 This standard applies to all vehicles, including mobile mining equipment, owned and operated by Rio Tinto or its contractors, which are used on Rio Tinto sites or off-site for Rio Tinto business purposes.

2.0 Vehicles

- 2.1 All vehicles used for work purposes must be subject to a risk assessment. The assessment must:
- (a) Involve operators and maintainers who will use the equipment; and,
 - (b) Address all aspects of safe operation including handling, driver vision, brake failure, tyre blow out and access/egress for operators and maintainers.
- 2.2 All vehicles driven for work purposes must be subject to an appropriate pre-operation safety check based on a risk assessment.
- 2.3 All vehicles used for work purposes must be fitted with fixed seats and safety belts for driver and all passengers unless the risk assessment specifies otherwise.
- 2.4 All vehicles used for work purposes that are capable of exceeding the lowest applicable speed limit must be fitted with a speedometer.

3.0 Training and Licensing

- 3.1 No person may drive a vehicle unless they are trained, competent, tested and licensed to operate that vehicle. The training must address hazards assessed for (a) that vehicle and (b) the tasks for which it is to be used.
- 3.2 All persons required to drive/operate vehicles on site must have a site license. A state or civil driving license is an approved alternative except where there is a need for a specific set of Company rules/procedures for example, in a pit area where a pit license or permit is required.

Renewal of licenses will be based on an assessment of competency to drive and or operate the equipment. The frequency of assessment will be either annual, or derived from a risk assessment for each vehicle type.

- 3.3 The Manager shall have a system in place to annually reinforce safe driving/operating techniques for all subordinates required to drive and or operate vehicles for work purposes.
- 3.4 A system shall be in place that limits the number of people that drive in an open pit. In addition, because of the constant change in conditions, no person shall be licensed to drive in an open pit unless they are required to do so more than once in a two week period.

4.0 Traffic Rules

- 4.1 The driver and all passengers must wear their seat belts, where fitted, at all times.
- 4.2 Speed limits and traffic rules must be reviewed regularly and rigorously enforced.
- 4.3 There must be rules to ensure that:
- (a) No vehicle approaches within 50 metres of a shovel, dozer or drag line without first making positive contact with the operator of that equipment.
 - (b) If site rules permit overtaking in the pit area, then no vehicle will overtake a haul truck or water truck before making positive contact with the driver.
 - (c) No vehicle tows equipment unless it is engineered to do so.