

APPENDIX A. LEVELS OF DRIVING PERMITS FOR STUDENT DRIVERS ON WACOA AND FARM BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL SITES

A.1. PROBATIONARY PERMIT

All students, who are at minimum in Year 10 and 15 years of age, with written parental consent to participate and having had any impairment related to a medical or physical condition assessed as not influencing their driving capability are eligible to be assessed for a Probationary Permit. The Probationary Permit has two steps, step 1 is a written assessment, step 2 is a practical assessment. Step 1 must be successfully achieved before progressing to step 2. This permit enables students to drive under the direct instruction of a staff member with the staff member in the front passenger seat of the light commercial vehicle or in close proximity when driving a light tractor, under 4 500 kg GVM. A trainer should only be on a light tractor when using a trainer seat. No student passengers are to be on a light tractor with a student driver.

The Probationary Permit allows the student to drive a light commercial vehicle with other students as passengers, only when a staff member is in the front passenger seat. A staff member applies their knowledge of student capabilities and the environmental conditions to make a professional judgement in assessing and minimising the potential risks of having a student driver with student passengers.

A.2. STAGE I PERMIT

Students who hold a Probationary Permit can be tested for a Stage I Permit on turning 16 years of age and when they are confident to do so, subject to an authorised staff member determining that they have had the necessary training and experience.

The Stage I Permit allows students to drive and operate light commercial vehicles (up to a weight of 4 500kg GVM) to undertake an approved task under supervision. This permit enables the student to drive with other students as passengers, only when the staff member is in the vehicle or the vehicle is within line of sight of the supervising staff member or, if line of sight is obstructed, actively supervised by a staff member at all times.

Achieving the Stage I Permit has two steps, step 1 is a written assessment, step 2 is a practical assessment. Step 1 must be successfully achieved before progressing to step 2.

This permit also allows students to be trained to operate a motorbike up to 250 cc to undertake an approved task on a site, as relevant to the agricultural education program and to achieve a specified Unit of Competency from a National Training Package. Students must have a supervising staff member in close proximity whilst undergoing training. On completion of the Unit of Competency the supervising staff member must have the motorbike within line of sight or, if line of sight is obstructed, actively supervised by a staff member at all times.

Students must be at least 16 years of age to be assessed as competent in the specified Unit of Competency from a National Training Package:

- AHCMOM201 - Operate two wheel motorbikes (or equivalent successor).

This permit also allows students to be trained to operate a range of farm vehicles/machinery (in excess of 4 500kg GVM) relevant to the agricultural education program and in preparation for a Stage II Permit. Students must have a supervising staff member present in the vehicle/machinery or in close proximity whilst undergoing training.

A.3. STAGE II PERMIT

Students who hold a Stage I Permit can be tested and endorsed for a Stage II Permit when they are confident to do so, subject to an authorised staff member determining that they have had the necessary training and experience and can meet any additional legislative and/or other requirements for operating particular machinery.

Achieving the Stage II Permit has two steps, step 1 is a written assessment, step 2 is a practical assessment. Step 1 must be successfully achieved before progressing to step 2.

The Stage II Permit allows students to drive a range of farm machinery (over a weight of 4 500kg GVM) relevant to the agricultural educational program. These may include rigid trucks, medium and large tractors (fixed and articulated), combine harvesters, loaders (fixed and articulated) and skid-steer loaders. Students are not permitted to drive industrial lift trucks (forklifts) or any class of bus. Loaders (fixed and articulated) with the bucket removed and forks fitted are not classified as "industrial lift trucks".

This permit also allows students to be trained to operate skid steer loaders as relevant to the agricultural education program and to achieve a specified Unit of Competency from a National Training Package. Students must have a supervising staff member present in the vehicle/machinery or in close proximity whilst undergoing training.

Students must be at least 16 years of age to be assessed as competent in the specified Unit of Competency from a National Training Package:

Skid Steer Loaders RIIMPO318 F Conduct civil construction skid steer loader operations (or equivalent successor).