

What is exempt from road haulage operator licensing?

You do not need an operator's licence to carry the following within Ireland:

1. cattle, sheep, pigs, livestock or turf;
2. milk or milk containers to or from a creamery or cream separating station;
3. newly harvested wheat, oats and barley from 1 August to 30 November each year from a farm to a place of storage, assembly or processing.
4. You do not need an operator's licence either if your vehicle (or combination of the vehicles to be used) has a maximum authorised weight of less than 3.5 metric tonnes. The maximum authorised weight includes the weight of the vehicle, fully laden, and any trailer or semi-trailer.



Note: This leaflet is intended as a general guide and is not an interpretation of the law.

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HAULAGE OPERATOR LICENSING

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Hauling goods for reward

Do not risk a court appearance or a fine for carrying out haulage for reward without an operator's licence.

You need a road haulage operator's licence to carry goods for reward for any trade or business in a vehicle on a public road.

An operator's licence is not needed if what you are carrying is exempt by law (see over the page)



The blue licence covers international and national carriage.
The yellow covers national carriage only.

If you decide to carry goods for reward on a public road without an operator's licence, you are breaking the law. You may be prosecuted and fined under the Road Transport Acts.

The maximum fine is €1,904 for each offence.

Any trader or business owner hiring an unlicensed haulier is also at risk of a fine.

The Road Safety Authority and An Garda Síochána enforce the licensing provisions of the Road Transport Acts.

As well as a fine, if you are an unlicensed haulier you can expect the Road Safety Authority to look closely at your compliance with other laws, such as those covering:

- driver's hours rules,
- road traffic requirements, and
- the roadworthiness of your vehicles and trailers.



RSA risk register

The Road Safety Authority is setting up a risk register of operators. This register will be used to target enforcement and inspection activities at truck owners and unlicensed hauliers who break the law.

The RSA will target their enforcement and inspection activities at unlicensed hauliers and the business owners who hire them.

You can get a road haulage operator's licence from:

Road Transport Operator Licensing Unit
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