

FAQs on Mobile Machines

What is a mobile machine? . The term ‘mobile machines’ is used by motor tax officials and generally refers to vehicles which are “***not considered to be a means of transport for either goods or passengers***”. Examples of mobile machines include mobile cranes, recovery vehicles, mobile workshops, road sweepers, well drillers and concrete pumps.

What is a conventional truck chassis? a chassis supplied by the vehicle manufacturer and a specialised body is fitted to the chassis before the vehicle is complete.

What is the difference between a ‘mobile machine’ and a ‘works vehicle’? There is no significant difference between a mobile machine and a works vehicle. Both terms are often used to describe the same type of vehicle. A works vehicle is described as a vehicle (other than a land tractor) which has a maximum design speed not exceeding 40km/h. and which is constructed primarily for any work other than the conveyance by road of goods or burden of any other description.

Do you have to register a mobile machine? If they are being used in a public place/road and for hire/reward (i.e. commercial) then they must be registered. However if they are being used only on private property or only for agricultural/forestry purposes then you do not need to register them. For further queries in relation to vehicle registration please contact your [local motor tax office](#).

Does a mobile machine have to be roadworthiness tested? If a vehicle is built on a dedicated chassis (i.e. not one which is a conventional goods vehicle chassis) then it is outside of the scope of Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness Test (CVRT). If a vehicle is built on a conventional goods chassis then it is subject to roadworthiness testing. Certain mobile machines fall under the scope of the CVR regulations (EU category N vehicles) and require a valid Certificate of Roadworthiness (CRW) in order to be taxed. For example; recovery vehicles and vans.

Is a mobile machine subject to type approval? If a vehicle is built on a dedicated chassis, i.e. not one which is a conventional goods vehicle chassis then it is outside of the scope of type approval. If a vehicle is built on a conventional goods chassis then it is subject to type approval. Where a mobile machine is presented on a conventional truck chassis it is subject to EU type approval and must hold a Certificate of Conformity (or national type approval certificate) for registration purposes.

Where can I get a certificate of Conformity for my mobile machine? Please contact the original manufacturer or the authorised distributor.

Can mobile machines be operated on agricultural (green) diesel? Green diesel is a matter for Revenue therefore you will need to contact them directly regarding your query. Please click [here](#) for local contact details.