

CHANGES TO THE TRAFFIC ACT – RIDING ON THE BACK OF UTES

On 20 March 2021 legislative changes came into effect which impact the ability of drivers to carry passengers on the back of a ute.

Changes include:

- Drivers must have a full licence to carry passengers on a ute tray
- Drivers must pass a short written test, indicating that they understand the rules that apply to transporting passengers on the back of a ute
- Drivers must have zero blood alcohol when transporting passengers on a ute tray
- Transport in a ute tray is limited to the hours of 6 am to 8 pm
- Passengers must be at least 8 years of age to travel in a ute tray

The short written test is available for completion at the Registry Office and is free of charge. On successful completion, the Registrar will provide an endorsement on your driver's licence.

If you have any queries about the changes to the legislation, please contact the Registry Office on 23691 or, Customer Care on free call 0100. To submit an email enquiry please email customercare@nirc.gov.nf

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communication (DITRDC) have released a fact sheet about the changes to the Traffic Act; this and more information can be viewed on Council's website homepage.

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