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How to change your freight task from general freight to local supermarket delivery

General freight (linehaul) to local delivery (supermarket)

Training:

Drivers may need specific training to update their skills and minimise risks, including:

- Freight task and site-specific training requirements
- OH&S requirements for specific freight tasks
- Site-specific requirements
- Load restraint training
- Drivers will also need training or updates on any site-specific rules



Checklist:

- **1. Ask** the driver if this is the freight task and hours they wish to work
- **2. Check** the driver has the right Driver License Class endorsed on their license
- **3. Check** the driver has the appropriate DG or Forklift license if required
- Check the driver's literacy and numeracy skills are adequate for task documentation
- 5. Confirm the driver is physically fit to do the task (climbing, bending, wheel changing)
- **6. Perform** a dry run of the task to assess what training the driver needs
- **7. Train** the driver to the required standard if the dry run highlights skill shortages
- 8. Reassess driver skills after a pre-determined time e.g. three weeks

Freight task changes in practice: example

Consider the example of a driver changing from **line haul to supermarket delivery**:

- A. Changes to prime mover operations and procedures:
 - Cabin controls: location and operation
 - Gearbox and retarder: application and operation
 - Turning circle and trailer swept path: if changing from long wheelbase to short

B. Trailer type:

- Refrigerated: temperature observation
- Tailgate loaders:
 - Training for safe operation
 - Training for safe operation of pallet jacks

C. Route planning:

- Traffic management plan: for road access and site access to supermarket:
 - Travel time restrictions on certain roads
 - One-way streets
 - Time restrictions for unloading
 - Public safety requirements
 - Do you need a spotter when reversing?

