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Class C road classification – Information

A class of road called 'class C' took effect from 1 August 1989. A class C road is defined as a road which is a collector route which may be used by heavy motor vehicles only for the purpose of delivery or collection of goods and passengers at a destination located on the class C road.

Requirements for establishment of a class C road are defined in regulation 4 of the *Heavy motor vehicle regulations 1974*. This includes advertising the proposal, considering objections, approval by Land Transport New Zealand, publication of a notice in the *New Zealand Gazette* and erection of the appropriate signs.

A class C road may only be approved if it is established it would '*suffer excessive damage by heavy motor vehicle*' if it remained in class I.

Weight limits for heavy motor vehicles entitled to travel on a class C road are the same as for class I.

The purpose of class C roads is to enable short lengths of weak roads to be protected from unwarranted use by through heavy traffic where more appropriate reasonable alternative routes are available. Ideally, class C would be used only to protect weak roads which form a 'shortcut' to a recommended route.

'No exit' roads (being generally unavailable for through traffic) should not be class C unless they connect to another class C road.