

Revocation of Auckland based NZTA D-endorsement course provider

You may have seen this [press release](#) late last week regarding the revocation of an Auckland based NZTA course provider of D endorsements. As a consequence, affected drivers will have three months to re-sit their dangerous good training course with another approved provider.

Here is a summary of the information I received from NZTA.

- NZTA are taking regulatory action affecting 523 drivers holding dangerous goods (D) endorsements who may have attended training courses that were carried out incorrectly.
- The drivers all attended dangerous goods courses delivered by Drive Smart Ltd in Auckland in the last 18 months. Drive Smart Ltd was approved to carry out dangerous goods and forklift driver education in February 2022. Approval was suspended in January 2024 and revoked on 19 June following a careful and meticulous audit which raised concerns over the quality of driver training courses, which could present a risk to public safety.
- Affected drivers will have three months to re-sit their dangerous good training course with another approved provider, at their cost, to demonstrate they have the knowledge required by law. They then need to email their course completion certificate to NZTA for their licence details to be updated. If they're unable to meet this timeframe for any reason, drivers should contact NZTA immediately to discuss their individual circumstances and find a solution. Those that don't re-sit the course and email the completion certificate, and who haven't made contact, will have their D endorsement revoked.
- NZTA plan to organise a few group meetings with driver training course providers within the next few weeks, to let them know about this investigation and refresh their understanding of their responsibilities as approved course providers. They will make contact as soon as these dates and times are confirmed.

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