

EXTRACT FROM

QUEENSLAND DEPARTMENT OF MAIN ROADS CODE OF PRACTICE – VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS VERSION 4.2, FEBRUARY 2020

4.2 Rear mounted wheelchair/mobility scooter carrier

The installation of a rear mounted wheelchair/mobility scooter carrier to a vehicle is considered to be a modification that **does not require certification**, provided the following requirements are met:

- Use of the wheelchair/mobility scooter carrier is restricted to the carriage of a wheelchair/mobility scooter (only) for a person with a disability.

- The weight of the loaded wheelchair/mobility scooter carrier must not exceed 200kg, or the manufacturers' rear axle mass limit or the towbar's ball weight, whichever is the lesser.

Please note: While the mass of the loaded wheelchair/mobility carrier may be within the above limits, additional consideration must be given to the higher loads imposed due to the overhanging mass of the carrier.

- Any wheelchair/mobility scooter carried on the scooter carrier must be adequately restrained and meet requirements of the "Load Restraint Guide".

- The wheelchair/mobility scooter carrier and associated towbar components must be removed from the vehicle when not in use. Alternatively, if the wheelchair/mobility scooter carrier is transported in a folded position it may remain attached to the vehicle provided no dangerous projections exist and rear overhang requirements are complied with.

- The vehicle's rear overhang with the wheelchair/mobility scooter attached must not exceed 80% of the wheel base or 3.70m, whichever is the lesser.

- The wheelchair/mobility scooter carrier must not be more than 2.5m wide or the maximum width of the vehicle to which it is attached, excluding side rear view mirrors.

- An adequately rated safety chain between the wheelchair/mobility scooter carrier and the vehicle must be attached.

- Reflectors must be fitted to each corner of the wheelchair/mobility scooter with yellow reflectors visible to the sides and red reflectors visible to the rear

- If the wheelchair/mobility scooter carrier obscures the vehicle's number plate or any compulsory lighting, additional lamps complying with the regulation, and an accessories number plate must be attached.