

Checks to be carried out before Towing a Trailer Policy

Drivers must not tow a trailer over 750kg capacity, without E entitlement on their licence
That the vehicle being used is appropriate for this use (seek advice through Duncan's
Manager if in any doubt)

That the gross weight of the vehicle is within the vehicle gross weight limit

That the kerbside weight of the towing vehicle is clearly marked on the front nearside of the
vehicle

That the downward force from the loaded trailer on the towing ball is within the limits
imposed by the towing vehicle manufacturer

That the axle loads of the towing vehicle are not exceeded

Ensure that a breakaway chain is in use, which will activate the handbrake should the
coupling break. Advice on this matter should be sought from the trailer manufacturer or
approved dealer

That the unladen weight of the trailer and trailer tyre pressures are clearly marked on the
trailer

That the total gross weight (trailer weight plus maximum load to be carried) is clearly marked
on the front of the trailer

That the trailer handbrake/overrun brake functions properly

That the trailer lights and indicators work

That the load is securely lashed to the trailer body or frame

That the load is evenly distributed and is mainly over the axle(s)

That there is suitable marking of any rear overhang greater than one metre by using high
visibility signage or other approved method (e.g. warning tape) or an approved light in hours
of darkness or bad weather

That the trailer is not wider than the towing vehicle

That the trailer does not prevent the rear doors of the bus from opening