



**GRADUATED  
VEHICLE  
ENDORSEMENT  
PROGRAM**

**\* GVE \***

**Policy Document**



**Graduated  
Vehicle  
Endorsement  
Program - GVE**

Valid for all Drive-Star  
Divisions

**Purpose:**

This document sets out the background and recommendations for the implementation of an internal Graduated Vehicle Endorsement Program.

**Objectives:**

1. Drivers and contractors should only operate vehicle groups for which they have been duly qualified by Drive Star either based on previous experience or through additional training.
2. Dispatch must assign drivers only to vehicle-groups included in the appropriate DS-GVE Levels. No driver shall be permitted to operate a vehicle that is not included in his/her respective DS-GVE-Level.

***SAFETY FIRST!***

***“There is no Job so important and no Service so urgent, that  
YOU can not take the time to perform your Job safely!*”**



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**From a safety and operational standpoint do these scenarios make sense?**

Fig. 1



⇐ **DZ License**

*Should a driver having acquired all his experience doing daily City P & D in a vehicle like this Freightliner Cargo, 35,000 lbs gross weight.....(Group 9)*

*.....be allowed to drive a Mobile Crane, scaling-in at about 130,000 lbs???*

**DZ License ⇐**  
(Group 13)



Fig. 2

**Or, alternatively.....**

Fig. 3



⇐ **AZ License**

*...should a novice tractor/trailer driver, who passed his ministry exam with this group of combination....(Group 16)*

*...be permitted to drive an oversized mobile crane with boom-dolly and a gross combination weight of about 130,000 lbs?*

**AZ License ⇐**  
(Group 18)



Fig. 4