

Driver Education

RACQ 5th Wheeler Towing Workshops

A growing number of Australians are now taking advantage of the alternative recreational experience, that is a 5th wheeler. The additional living space and amenities afforded by 5th wheelers is leading to more people hitching up these holiday homes in search of that long-awaited, hard earned break from the daily grind. For many drivers, this is a new experience that requires additional skills and knowledge. RACQ can deliver the relevant training and education necessary to competently and safely tow and manoeuvre your 5th wheeler combination.

Aim

The aim of our workshops is to help participants gain a better understanding of the relevant towing laws and regulations. They also provide practical experience in regard to pre-purchase, setting-up, safe towing and manoeuvring.

Content

The RACQ 5th Wheeler Towing Workshops devote an equal amount of time to theory and practice at a low client to coach ratio. We can also arrange one-on-one tuition.

Objectives

- acquire knowledge necessary to satisfy legal obligations of towing a 5th wheeler
- acquire knowledge necessary to safely tow a 5th wheeler on road
- confidently couple and uncouple a 5th wheeler and manoeuvre to site
- safely and legally load and stabilize a 5th wheeler
- perform basic safety checks
- manage fatigue safely and responsibly
- responsibly share the road with other road users

Topics Included

- towing weights - legality
- loading the 5th wheeler - central load distribution focus
- brake types and legal requirements
- connection types and accessories
- pin-weights - testing methods
- preparation - roadworthiness, registration, tyres, chains
- hitching and connection
- on-road skills
- reversing and manoeuvring to site
- fatigue management

Practical

- group workshops- manoeuvring to site using participants' own vehicles
- individual sessions designed to meet participant requirements and may include on-road towing, coupling, uncoupling and manoeuvring

Group workshops and individual sessions are held regularly.