



MEMO

DATE: 30th June 2011
TO: ALL CANNON DRIVERS
SUBJECT: DRIVER TRAINING ON CORRECTIONS TO WORK DIARIES LAW

CORRECTION IN WORK DIARY – DO YOUR DRIVERS UNDERSTAND THE LAW??

QTA (Queensland Trucking Association) Ltd has recently engaged the Department of Transport and Main Roads on the issue of a driver making corrections of genuine errors in a work diary. As a consequence of those discussions we produced below a number of points which we trust will clarify any confusion which might exist.

1. There exists no legislative or regulatory provision explicitly referring to a methodology for a driver to use in correcting a genuine mistake in a work diary;
2. It is understood by Industry and the Department of Transport & Main Roads that if a genuine mistake is made a page may be cancelled, marked accordingly, signed by the driver and a new page commenced;
3. It is an acceptable practice where a minor error is made e.g. spelling, then the error may be “crossed”, signed by the driver and the page continued to be used.
4. None of the above advice should be seen as an opportunity for a driver to be “creative” to mask fraudulent entries designed to breach fatigue/driving hours regulations.
5. QTA Ltd is prepared to act on behalf of any member whose driver is subjected to a PIN in relation to corrections in a work diary where it is demonstrably evident that the original entry was a simple mistake.

The QTA will continue to engage in discussion with the Department seeking an explicit directive so that drivers and Enforcement Officers understand the position. Commonsense dictates that an instruction might be included in the Work Diary.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zac Popov", is written over a horizontal line.

Zac Popov