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Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is looking to clarify the way Road User Charges (RUC) for mobile cranes are calculated and purchased.

“There have been some inconsistencies in compliance in the mobile crane industry,” says Paul Fantham, Waka Kotahi’s Senior Manager of Commercial Licensing and Revenue. “We want the system to be clear and fair, and for all mobile crane operators to be compliant from October 1.

“We need to educate mobile crane operators about their obligations concerning RUC. These charges in most cases are worked out differently for mobile cranes than for other types of heavy vehicles.”

Mr Fantham says the RUC for mobile cranes take into account the unusual axle spacings and tyre sizes and accurately reflect the damage being done to roads.

The mobile crane industry is complex. There are about 450 mobile cranes in operation in New Zealand. About 68 operators have one crane, and 48 have more than one. Some cranes are transported to and from sites, and others are driven.

“Waka Kotahi acknowledges there have been some discrepancies in mobile crane RUC charges in the past and our focus is on improving compliance obligations. We have been working alongside the industry to improve the system and we want all operators to be clear about their obligations.”

The detail of how RUC apply for mobile cranes, and how RUC are calculated, can appear rather complex, and will be outlined in a Waka Kotahi brochure, after feedback has been collected.

In the meantime, a NZTA Mobile Crane RUC adjustment FAQ sheet has been made available. To access this FAQ sheet, please visit the CANZ website > News.

Additionally, there is a NZTA Mobile Crane RUC adjustment online Q & A meeting, on Tuesday 11 August, at 1 pm. To register and attend this meeting, please email: [info@cranes.org.nz](mailto:info@cranes.org.nz). Minutes will be taken from this meeting, of which will be made available to members after the meeting.

NZTA welcomes your feedback on this matter, please email: [John.Freeman@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:John.Freeman@nzta.govt.nz). Feedback deadline: Tuesday 25 August 2020, 9 am.

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