



Testing automated vehicles in Finland

Testing of automated vehicles (SAE levels 0–5) is possible in road traffic in Finland using a test plate certificate.

In testing automated vehicles, the vehicle must have driver either inside or outside the vehicle.

In liability issues, the driver is the person who makes decisions on the movement of the vehicle.

Acquiring a test plate certificate

An enterprise, agency or other organisation engaged in research and development of automated vehicles may apply to Trafi for a test plate certificate. The certificate entitles the bearer to drive test vehicles, to a limited extent and on a temporary basis, both in road traffic and off-road.

For testing in road traffic, Trafi will issue test plates.

Temporary use exempt from taxes

The holder of a test plate certificate for automated vehicle trials may operate a vehicle with test plates in road traffic on a temporary basis without being liable for car and vehicle tax on that vehicle.

Certificate is valid for one year

The test plate certificate is valid for one year from the date of issue, and it is automatically renewed annually.



Applying to Trafi for a test plate certificate

Applications for a test plate certificate should be submitted on the form found on the Trafi website at http://www.trafi.fi/en/road/automated_vehicles_trials

Appendices to the application

A Trade Register extract from the company's country of incorporation not more than three months old must be appended to the application.

The applicant must also enclose a trial plan that includes:

- a general description of the trials
- technical specifications of the test vehicles
- information on the road area where the trials are intended to be conducted
- proof of insurance cover for third party liability
- description of how road safety will be ensured

Read more: www.trafi.fi/en/road/automated_vehicles_trials

Future information: automatedvehicles@trafi.fi

The test plate certificate costs EUR 300, and the associated test plates cost EUR 9 each.

Submitting the application

Submit the application with appendices to:

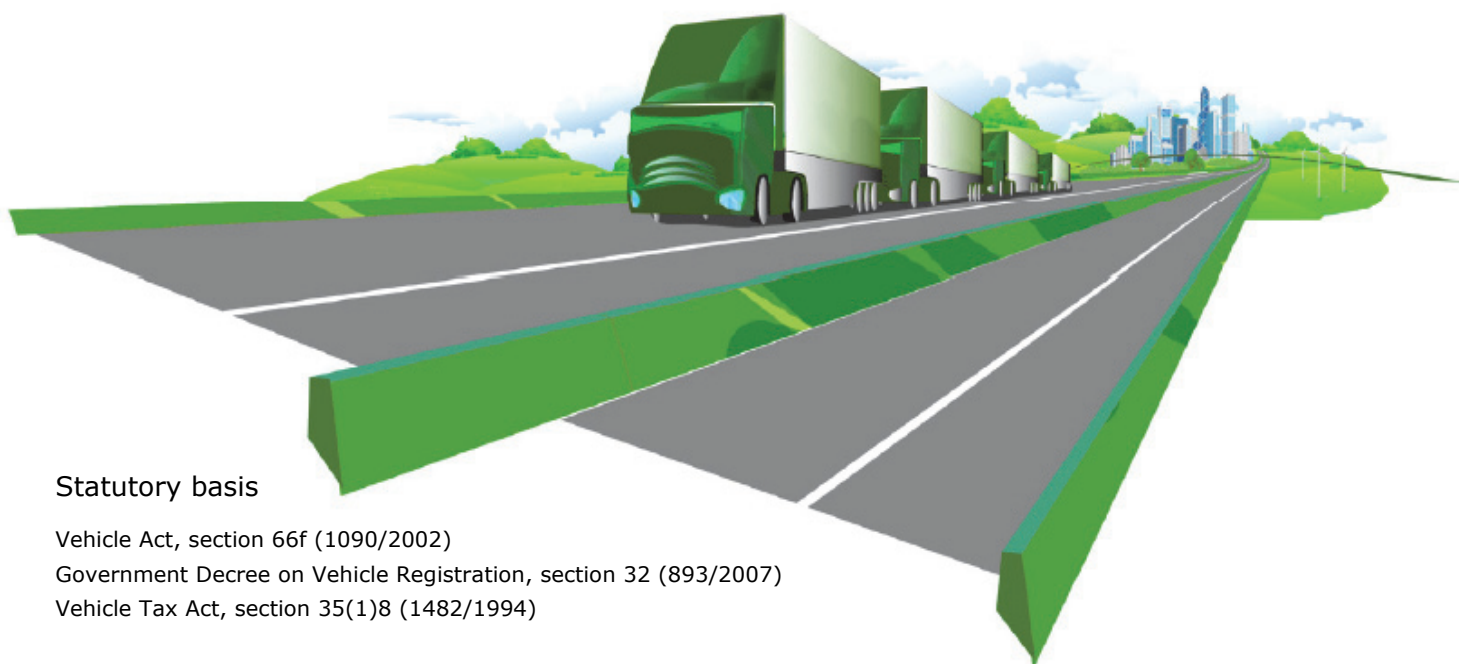
automatedvehicles@trafi.fi

or

Finnish Transport Safety Agency (Trafi)
Registration decisions
PO Box 320
FI-00101 HELSINKI

Reporting

The test plate certificate holder must submit a report to Trafi on the trial results. The report should describe e.g. how the trial plan was implemented and what kind of deviations from the plan were encountered.



Statutory basis

Vehicle Act, section 66f (1090/2002)

Government Decree on Vehicle Registration, section 32 (893/2007)

Vehicle Tax Act, section 35(1)8 (1482/1994)



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