

Hazard Alert

No: 1609/002
Date: September 2016

Driver Exceeded Maximum Work Time

Incident:

A recent roadside inspection by a CVIU Officer on a Fulton Hogan employee and vehicle identified a historical day where the employee had exceeded the maximum number of Work Time hours in a 24 hour period, as recorded in the employee's logbook. The roadside inspection was approximately 8 calendar days after the day in which the employee exceeded their maximum daily Work Time hours.

The inspector identified the breach and has issued Fulton Hogan a formal warning (K802) for "**caused or required a driver to exceed maximum work time**".

Factors:

Employee came on duty at 4.00am. His task for the day was to collect his truck from West Arm power station for a return trip to Invercargill.

The employee went in a Ute to Manapouri with another operator. He caught the 6.45am ferry boat to West Arm arriving at 7.30am. Around midday he drove his truck onto the Barge for the 1.00pm sailing to Manapouri.

The barge sailing is for a duration of 4.5 hours during which time the employee slept in his truck unit.

The barge arrived at Manapouri and the employee disembarked and left for Invercargill at 5.30pm. He went off duty in Invercargill at 8.00pm

The employee was unsure of his hours so he called the office in Invercargill on his arrival at Manapouri expressing that he may be outside his working day hours.

His day was considered and he was given permission to continue given he had just had a continuous break lasting 4.5 hours, that he had not driven his vehicle except on loading the barge and that he had taken a 12 hour break prior to commencing work and would have a 10 hour plus break until his next shift following clocking out.

Recommendations:

A required action, as requested by the CVIU Officer was for this breach and a reminder of what defines "Work Time" to be highlighted to all employees nationally. As such, please use the presentation in the link below at your next prestart/tailgate in order to complete this action.

Work Time rules apply if you drive or operate a vehicle that requires a Class 2, 3, 4 or 5 drivers licence amongst other criteria; however this essentially encompasses how Work Time relates to Fulton Hogan employees. Work Time can include a number of activities, but specifically includes any paid employment, with the maximum work time being 13 hours.

For a full explanation of what defines "Work Time" please click on this link to view the [NZTA refresher presentation](#).



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What could go wrong?

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