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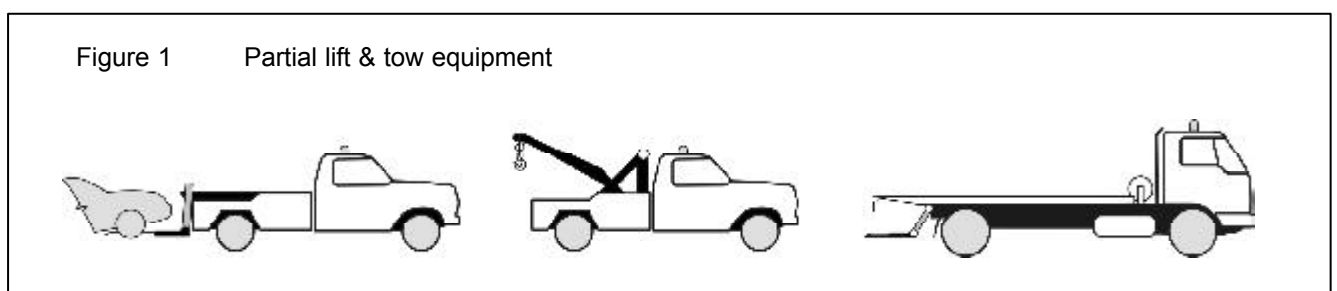
## Inspection of a vehicle intended to be operated as a (lift and tow) tow truck for establishing registration

### Background

Any vehicle that has been manufactured or modified to become a “lift and tow” type tow truck as shown in Figure 1 below, is required to have its Lift Capacity determined by the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA). For this reason the RTA must conduct the inspection of “lift and tow” type tow trucks for the purpose of establishing registration.

### Procedure

When a “lift and tow” type tow truck is presented to an AUVIS or a HVAIS for the purpose of establishing registration, the customer is to be advised to contact RTA Technical Enquiries on 1300 137 302, who will provide the customer with the appropriate inspection procedures.



Notes:

1. For the purpose of registration a tow truck is a vehicle used to tow vehicles, which has fitted to its rear an apparatus to lift a vehicle partially clear of the ground and maintain the vehicle in such a position whilst towing.
2. Tow trucks that are licensed by the Tow Truck Authority (TTA) are inspected by the RTA annually for renewal of their registration. Tow trucks that are licensed by the TTA will display number plates prefixed with “TT”.

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