

AFRDI* has a new Standard,

the **Rated Load Standard**

for height adjustable office chairs for heavy people. You'll see the new Standard on swing tags. What will these tags mean?

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RL stands for Rated Load, a concept developed by AFRDI to test and certify chairs for safe use outside the 'normal' loading of 110 kg

135 kg is one of two test points under the new standard, **AFRDI Standard 142**. The other test point is **160 kg**

single shift means the chair is rated for **single shift (SS)** duty 5 days a week, 8 hours a day. **Multi-shift (MS)** rating means it's suitable for use 24/7

These are special chairs for special purposes. The Rated Load concept is a response to the gradual increase in human sizing over the past three to four decades, and as a result of the obesity crisis. It also meets demands by consumers and clients for certified extreme duty chairs.

Chairs certified at this level are not required for people of 'normal' body mass i.e. up to 110 kg. Accordingly, AFRDI is continuing to test and certify chairs under its long-established Blue Tick product certification scheme.

**One standard, 4 rating points.
SS or MS. 135 or 160. You choose**