

National Class 2 PBS Level 1 & 2A Truck and Dog Trailer Authorisation Notice – Information sheet

This information sheet provides information about Performance Based Standards (PBS) vehicles authorised to operate under the [National Class 2 PBS Level 1 & 2A Truck and Dog Trailer Authorisation Notice 2026 \(No.1\)](#).

In particular, this information sheet clarifies that rigid trucks fitted with tri-axle drive are not covered by this Notice.

Purpose of the Notice

The Notice establishes a consistent framework for PBS truck and dog operations by providing access to appropriate networks under a gazette notice.

This replaces the need for permits for vehicles covered by the Notice.

Permits are still required to access roads that are not part of the road-manager-approved PBS networks.

What PBS vehicles are covered?

This Notice only covers PBS truck and dog trailer combinations comprising a 3- or 4-axle truck towing a 3-, 4- or 5-axle dog trailer. See page 3 for examples of PBS truck and dog combinations that can operate under the Notice.

A PBS Vehicle Approval (VA) is still required to operate under this Notice.

Eligible vehicles must also pass the PBS bridge loading standard as Tier 1 and meet the following requirements:

PBS Level 1	PBS Level 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> maximum overall length up to 20m maximum height up to 4.3m maximum GCM up to 50.5t 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> maximum overall length up to 26m

Drive axle configurations

This Notice does not provide access to rigid trucks fitted with tri-axle drives.

Conditions of operation

All PBS truck and dog combinations operating under this Notice must carry and comply with the mass and dimension limits, and other conditions set out in the PBS VA.

The Heavy Vehicle National Law ([s.25A](#)) requires drivers to have a copy of the PBS VA in their possession when operating under the Notice.

New South Wales and Queensland conditions

PBS truck and dog combinations operating in the below categories:

New South Wales		
Operating category	Condition	Applicable date
General Mass Limits (GML) and Concessional Mass Limits (CML):	Must be enrolled in (as a minimum*) Road Infrastructure Management (RIM).	By 1 May 2024
High Mass Limits (HML)	Must be enrolled in Intelligent Access Program (IAP) or Telematics Monitoring Application (TMA)	current
Queensland		
Operating Category	Condition	Applicable date
High Mass Limits (HML)	Must be enrolled in Telematics Monitoring Application (TMA)	From 1 December 2022
	Must be enrolled in TMA or IAP for vehicles enrolled	Before 1 December 2022

- *Enrolment in higher assurance applications, such as TMA or IAP is also acceptable.

Note: The option to comply using IAP was removed from 1 June 2024. TMA is the only option in Queensland from that date.

Find out further information on [IAP](#) or [TMA](#).

For jurisdictional enrolment information, please visit:

- [New South Wales](#)
- [Queensland](#).

Operating at HML

In Victoria and South Australia, operators may operate at HML on any road in the gazetted PBS networks.

Other jurisdictions limit HML access for PBS vehicles on a subset of the PBS networks.

To be eligible to operate the PBS vehicle under the Notice at HML masses (when the HML exceeds CML for the combination), the route must be included in both the relevant PBS network and the HML network.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I still need a PBS VA to run under the PBS Level 1 & 2A Truck and Dog Trailer Authorisation Notice?

Yes, you do. Please visit <https://www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/performance-based-standards> or contact the NHVR for more information on how to obtain this.

Can I use my existing truck and dog under this Notice?

Your truck and dog can use this Notice if it has been approved under the PBS Scheme and has a current PBS VA.

I have a current permit for a PBS truck and dog. Can I still use it?

Yes, while the permit is still current and valid, you can still operate under it. You can also run under the Notice when travelling on the gazetted networks. However, at any point in time, you must only be running under one or the other (and comply with the relevant conditions).

My permit covers additional routes and networks to those covered in the Notice. What should I do?

You may still run under your permit whilst it is current and valid to retain access to the additional routes.

We are constantly working with road managers to ensure the best network coverage. We also encourage you to contact relevant road managers to discuss the specific access you need for your PBS vehicle(s).

What happens when my permit expires?

You can [request a renewal](#) of your permit by applying to the NHVR.

You should only need to do this if you have routes on your permit that are not on the gazetted networks.

Alternatively, if your desired routes are gazetted, you may choose to operate under the Notice on the approved networks.

I would like to operate on routes not covered on the PBS networks. What do I need to do?

You will need to submit a [PBS permit application](#) to the NHVR.

How do I request additional routes to be added to the network?

You can apply for a permit for those routes. When seeking approval, the NHVR also asks for approval for gazetting

the route. Alternatively, you are encouraged to speak directly to road managers to discuss the reasons. Road managers may directly request network updates through the NHVR.

I have a PBS Level 1 or 2 vehicle that is not a truck and dog combination. Can I use this Notice?

No, you will need to operate under a permit. This Notice only covers Level 1 and Level 2 truck and dog combinations (to a maximum length of 20m for Level 1 and 26m for Level 2A networks).

Alternatively, you can operate under the *National Class 2 Performance Based Standards (Tier 1) Authorisation Notice 2022 (No. 1)*, provided a VA with a Tier 1 Bridge assessment is held.

I have a PBS Level 3 or 4 vehicle. Can I use this Notice?

No, you will need to operate under a permit. This Notice only covers Level 1 and Level 2 truck and dog combinations.

I have a Level 1 PBS VA for a truck and dog over 50.5t. Can I operate under this Notice?

Yes, you can operate on gazetted routes under this Notice, but only up to a maximum of 50.5t GCM, in line with the conditions in the PBS VA. This may include a condition that the extra 0.5t is only available only the steer axle.

I have a Level 2 PBS VA for a truck and quad dog to operate at CML or HML over 55.5t GCM. Which scheme do I use?

You have the option of using either scheme. If you choose to operate under CML, you will need to be accredited in the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme (NHVAS) Mass Management module, and you will be able to access all gazetted roads in the PBS Level 2 networks.

If you choose to operate under the HML scheme, you will need to have Road Friendly Suspension (RFS) and IAP (in Queensland and New South Wales). You'll only have access to the HML sub-sections of the PBS networks.

Note that in Victoria and South Australia, HML access is available on the entire PBS network – that is, there are no restrictions.

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