

**The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) has zero tolerance for overheight trucks attempting to pass under bridges in Queensland, with non-compliant vehicles posing a serious risk to the safety of other road users and train passengers, and threatening to cause significant traffic delays, impact rail services, and damage to infrastructure.**

**Last year, bridge strikes in Queensland were the cause of around 200 hours of delays for road users. Even striking the protection beam can cause significant traffic disruptions.**

## CHECK YOUR LOAD TO PROTECT OUR ROADS

Before departure, check and make sure:

- Your vehicle has the capacity to accommodate the load type and size.
- The load is secured so it is unlikely to fall or be dislodged during your journey.
- The load is restrained using an appropriate restraint method. Loose or incorrectly restrained loads can be life-threatening to others, damage property or cause hazards.
- Determine the position of the load on the vehicle to maintain adequate stability, steering and braking.
- The load restraint equipment is in serviceable condition and appropriately rated for the task.

### BRIDGE HEIGHTS IN BRISBANE:

Do not attempt to drive under these Brisbane rail bridges if you exceed the height limits:

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| Ascot              | Ascot Subway                                       | 4.4m |
| Ascot              | Racecourse Road                                    | 3.5m |
| Auchenflower       | Cue Street   | 3.5m |
| Auchenflower       | Dixon Street                                       | 3.9m |
| Brisbane City      | Countess Street                                    | 4.4m |
| Brisbane City      | Roma Street Subway Platform 3/4                    | 3.5m |
| Brisbane City      | To Platform 10 from Roma Street under Mains Tunnel | 4.5m |
| Buranda            | Logan Road   | 3.6m |
| Chelmer            | Chelmer Street                                     | 3.3m |
| Chelmer            | Bridge Street                                      | 2.9m |
| Corinda            | Dunlop Terrace                                     | 2.9m |
| Corindaw           | Oxley Road   | 3.6m |
| Corinda            | Keble Street / Allan Terrace                       | 3.8m |
| Darra              | Shamrock Road                                      | 3.8m |
| Dutton Park        | Annerley Road                                      | 3.7m |
| Exhibition Grounds | Exhibition Bridge                                  | 3.4m |
| Gaythorne          | Pickering Street                                   | 3.7m |
| Graceville         | Long Street  | 2.9m |
| Indooroopilly      | Allwood Street                                     | 2.8m |
| Indooroopilly      | Keating Street                                     | 4.3m |
| Milton             | Park Road  | 3.3m |

All low clearance bridges across South East Queensland can be found at: [www.queenslandrail.com.au/forcustomers/safetysecurity/railbridges](http://www.queenslandrail.com.au/forcustomers/safetysecurity/railbridges)

### Contact us

For further information about the NHVR's activities, functions and services, visit [www.nhvr.gov.au](http://www.nhvr.gov.au) or contact us via:

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## Our stance on overheight trucks striking bridges



## Measuring your load



Measuring your load is imperative and should be in accordance with the legal limits for the route you intend to travel.

If you are transporting machinery on a float, it is critical you accurately measure to the top of the machine or equipment. A common piece of machinery on a float that strikes bridges is an excavator - a miscalculation of where the bucket or the boom is positioned can be the difference to clearing a bridge on the way to a job to striking it on the way home.

- Check the height of your load using a height stick, measuring tape, laser technology or an electronic measuring device.
- If your vehicle is above 4.3metres, make sure you comply with the required National or State notice or access permit from the NHVR.
- The prescribed dimension requirements for heavy vehicles are set out under the Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation.
- The height limit for heavy vehicles is 4.3metres unless it is a:
  - vehicle built to carry cattle, horses, pigs, or sheep - 4.6metres
  - vehicle built with at least 2 decks for carrying vehicles - 4.6metres
  - double-decker bus - 4.4metres

To see other prescribed dimensions, visit [www.nhvr.gov.au/common-freight](http://www.nhvr.gov.au/common-freight)

## PLANNING YOUR JOURNEY:

- The NHVR National Network Map is the single and authoritative location for the heavy vehicle industry to map journeys across state and territory borders for their entire fleet.
- The Map will show you what roads you are allowed to be driving on. It allows operators to view where they can access, and where they need to seek access approval, on a national level.
- You can also use the NHVR's Route Planner, which maps out approved routes for use by heavy vehicles.
- The Route Planner can also be used to help you identify where an access permit application may need to be made.
- If you are operating under the 4.6metre high vehicle notice, use the roads approved for vehicles up to 4.6metres in height.

### Before you set off on your journey:

- Ensure you know the height of your vehicle and load.
- Be aware of any critical locations before starting your journey.
- Ensure you are aware of bridge or tunnel height clearances.
- Schedule stops to inspect your vehicle and load.
- Plan for any route changes.

### In transit:

- Check your load for movement at regular intervals throughout the journey, as it can shift.
- Pull into rest areas when needed.
- Chat to NHVR Safety and Compliance Officers, who are located at sites across Queensland, if you require support.
- Obey the road signs and signals. Every low clearance bridge in Queensland is fitted with signage, with many featuring additional preventative measures ranging from protection beams to height chimes.

## THE PENALTIES

Aside from causing serious risk to other motorists, and delaying passenger trains, drivers who damage rail infrastructure in Queensland can be fined up to:

- \$1,238 and four demerit points and, if the matter goes to court, the maximum penalty for causing damage to rail infrastructure is 80 penalty units (approximately \$12,384).

Any drivers who are involved in, or witness a bridge strike, should immediately report it to Queensland Rail. You can do so by using the contact number on the identification plate fixed to the bridge, or by calling Emergency Network Control on 1800 079 303.



## ABOUT US

The NHVR was established in 2013 to be the single, national regulator of heavy vehicles in Australia, and to administer and enforce one set of laws, known as the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL). All states and territories, excluding the Northern Territory and Western Australia, have adopted the HVNL as the single rule book for heavy vehicles. This has enabled a more streamlined approach to service delivery, compliance and enforcement, and a great degree of consistency in how heavy vehicles are regulated. The NHVR places a strong focus on heavy vehicle safety education, for both drivers and motorists.