

Load Restraint Guide 2025 FAQs



ABOUT THE LOAD RESTRAINT GUIDE

What is the role of the Load Restraint Guide?

The Load Restraint Guide provides industry with comprehensive information on load restraint principles and loading methods to help ensure loads are secured safely on heavy vehicles. The Load Restraint Guide is widely recognised as the authoritative source of information for best practice in restraining loads during transport.

The Load Restraint Guide is an information guide only. It reflects best practice load restraint systems to meet loading requirements and loading performance standards. It is not a legal document.

Where can I find more information related to load restraint?

You can find more information on load restraint on the [Loading](#) page of the NHVR website. This page includes loading guides, printable posters, case studies and links to the Load Restraint Guide to help industry better understand the principles of good load restraint.



UPDATE AND REBRANDING (STAGE 1)

Why is the NHVR rebranding the Load Restraint Guide?

The Load Restraint Guide was transferred from the National Transport Commission (NTC) to the NHVR in 2021. The guide is being rebranded to reflect NHVR ownership and to ensure it is clearly recognised as an NHVR publication.

Why is the Load Restraint Guide being updated?

The guide is being updated to:

- Ensure it remains current, valid and continues to reflect load restraint best practice.
- Include refreshed and updated images.
- Reflect changes to equipment, advances with technology and load restraint equipment design.
- Update recommended restraint methods to reflect current best practice.
- Correct known inconsistencies.
- Update information on withdrawn Australian Standards.
- Reflect legal changes introduced by the 2018 Chain of Responsibility (CoR) amendments.
- Improve the user experience.

Do I need to purchase the new Load Restraint Guide, or can I use the old 2018 version?

The 2018 version of the guide remains current and valid for use. The 2025 version introduces updated images, minor grammatical adjustments, format changes to improve its usability, the correction of known inconsistencies and notes on withdrawn Australian standards. These changes are primarily cosmetic, intended to enhance user experience, rather than altering the technical content.

Has the law changed with the updated guide?

No. The updates to the guide do not change the law. The Load Restraint Guide provides information to help industry comply with the Performance Standards, which remain the same. The updates are intended to improve clarity, reflect changes in technology and correct known inconsistencies, not to alter existing legal obligations.

Page 9 of the guide has been updated to reflect the 2018 Chain of Responsibility (CoR) amendments, ensuring the content remains accurate and aligned with current legal requirements.

CONSULTATION AND REVIEW PROCESS (STAGE 2)

When will consultation with industry begin for Stage 2?

Industry consultation for Stage 2 is expected to begin in the second half of 2025. Consultation will be an important part of the review process and will continue throughout the development of the updated guide.

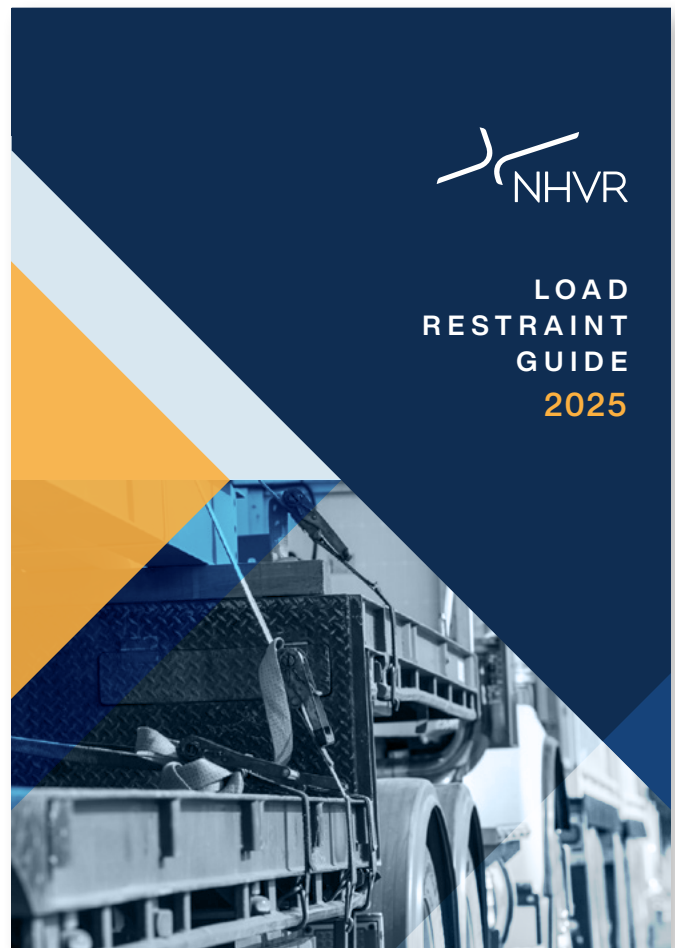
How long will it take to update and review the Load Restraint Guide?

The first step is to engage with industry and key stakeholders to identify current needs and new and emerging load restraint technologies. This feedback will help shape the scope and estimated timeframe for the review.

The Load Restraint Guide is a significant document that has applications reaching every corner of the transport industry, as such the review will be a significant task involving wide consultation. We anticipate the process will take a minimum of 12 months, although exact timings will largely depend on the agreed scope.

How can I contribute to the Load Restraint Guide update?

Stakeholder consultation will provide opportunities for industry feedback and input. Information on how to participate will be published in due course.



ACCESSING THE GUIDE

Where can I download the re-branded Load Restraint Guide?

The rebranded version of the Load Restraint Guide is available for download from the [NHVR website](https://www.nhvr.gov.au) and can be purchased in either A4 or a convenient glovebox A5 size.

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