



HVNL changes to recording information in the Written Work Diary

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Purpose

This information sheet explains the changes to the Written Work Diary (WWD) following the 2025 amendments to the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL). It outlines what the updates to the WWD mean for drivers, operators, employers, schedulers, record keepers and other relevant parties. These updates come into effect from 1 August 2026.

Who are the changes relevant to?

- Drivers of fatigue-regulated heavy vehicles who are required to complete a WWD.
- Operators, employers, schedulers, record keepers and other relevant parties.

Why is the WWD changing?

From 1 August 2026, the updated WWD (v1.4) will reflect changes to the HVNL. Further information about changes to the HVNL can be found on the [NHVR website](#).

Drivers must continue completing their WWD as they currently do, until the HVNL amendments commence. From 1 August 2026, drivers are required to complete the WWD in accordance with instructions outlined in the sections below.

What will remain the same?

Drivers **must** still:

- carry and record information in a **work diary** where required
- comply with [work and rest requirements](#)
- carry their Accreditation Certificate and supporting documents where required
- notify the NHVR if their WWD is [lost, stolen, or destroyed, found or returned](#).
- present their WWD to an authorised officer, if requested
- not drive while impaired by fatigue.

Record keepers **must** still:

- comply with all [record-keeping requirements](#) for drivers of fatigue-regulated heavy vehicles.

What is changing in the WWD?

The amended HVNL introduces several changes to how drivers record information on the daily sheet. This aims to reduce administrative burden by removing some mandatory entries that are no longer essential for demonstrating compliance on the daily sheet. Changes include:

- The updated WWD provides an option for drivers to record their work and rest hours under the new Alternative Compliance Hours (ACH). A new ACH checkbox has been added to the Driver Hours Options section.
- Drivers operating under ACH must record their accreditation number in the 'Accreditation Number' table on page 29 of the WWD (where BFM or AFM accreditation details are normally recorded).
- Marking the day of the week section will be optional.
- Recording the work and rest hour totals section will be optional.
- For drivers operating on Standard hours, marking the 'Standard' (solo or two-up) or 'Standard Bus' hours check box on the daily sheet will be optional.
- The updated WWD incorporates other HVNL amendments that do not necessarily change how drivers fill in the daily sheet but have been included to accurately reflect the HVNL updates and support drivers in understanding their obligations.

BFM and AFM accreditation holders

If you are operating under BFM or AFM hours on or after 1 August 2026, you can continue to operate under your current accreditation until it expires. Existing work and rest hour arrangements will remain unchanged, and drivers must continue to comply with the BFM or AFM rules set out in their accreditation.

Once an operator's BFM or AFM accreditation expires, drivers will be required to operate under Standard hours unless the operator has applied for and received approval under the new Heavy Vehicle Accreditation (HVA) scheme. A new HVA application must be submitted to the NHVR and approved before drivers can operate under ACH. For more information, see [NHVAS transition to HVA scheme](#).

What will the updated WWD daily sheet look like?

The updated WWD will introduce changes to the internal triplicate daily sheets where drivers record their work and rest information. The overall appearance, size and structure of the WWD will remain the same.

The updated WWD will be available for drivers to purchase from 1 August 2026, at multiple locations across Australia.

The pre-1 August 2026 WWD version

ORIGINAL (to remain in the book) **NATIONAL DRIVER WORK DIARY DAILY SHEET** WORK DIARY NO. _____

DRIVER IDENTIFICATION

Driver's Name: _____ Date: _____ Day of the Week: **S** **M** **T** **W** **T** **F** **S** Driver: Standard Standard Bus Time of daily check (if required): _____

Licence No: _____ Number Plate: _____ Time Zone: State/Territory (Driver Base) BFM AFM _____

ACT NSW NT QLD SA TAS VIC WA Exemption hours (for this 24 hr period only)

DETAILS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THIS DAY

DETAILS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THIS DAY	Number Plate Change and Comments (optional) (e.g. delays, authorised officer notes)																									Space for you to calculate your work and rest hours (optional)
	Odometer Reading																									
	Name of Place at Work and Rest Change (e.g. rest area, truck stop, suburb or town)																									
	Two-up																									
	midnight	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	noon	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	midnight	All drivers: calculate totals
My Work	[Work bars]																								Total Work:	
My Rest	[Rest bars]																								Total Rest:	
	midnight	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	midnight													

Driver Signature: _____
To the best of my knowledge and belief the information I have recorded on this daily sheet is true and correct

TWO-UP DRIVER IDENTIFICATION

Two-up Driver's Name: _____ Two-up Driver's Licence No: _____ Two-up Driver: Standard BFM AFM Exemption hours

Two-up Driver's Work Diary & Page No: _____ Two-up Driver's Licence Issued: _____ Two-up Driver's Signature: _____

ACT NSW NT QLD SA TAS VIC WA

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The updated WWD version

ORIGINAL (to remain in the book) **NATIONAL DRIVER WORK DIARY DAILY SHEET** WORK DIARY NO. _____

DRIVER IDENTIFICATION

Driver's Name: _____ Date: _____ Day (optional): **S** **M** **T** **W** **T** **F** **S** Driver Hours Option: Standard Standard Bus Time of daily check (if required): _____

Licence No: _____ Number Plate: _____ Time Zone: State/Territory (driver base) BFM AFM _____

ACT NSW NT QLD SA TAS VIC WA ACH Exemption hours (for this 24hr period only)

DETAILS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THIS DAY

DETAILS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THIS DAY	Number Plate Change and Comments (optional) (e.g. delays, authorised officer notes)																									Space for you to calculate work and rest hours (optional)	
	ODOMETER READING																										
	NAME OF PLACE AT WORK AND REST CHANGE (e.g. rest area, truck stop, suburb or town)																										
	TWO-UP																										
	midnight	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	midday	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	midnight	Calculate totals (optional)	
MY WORK	[Work bars]																								Total Work:		
MY REST	[Rest bars]																								Total Rest:		
	midnight	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	midday	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	midnight		

Driver's Signature: _____
To the best of my knowledge and belief the information I have recorded on this daily sheet is true and correct

TWO-UP DRIVER IDENTIFICATION

Two-up Driver's Name: _____ Two-up Driver's Licence No: _____ Two-up Driver Hours Option: Standard BFM AFM ACH Exemption hours

Two-up Driver's Work Diary & Page No: _____ Two-up Driver's Licence Issued: _____ Two-up Driver's Signature: _____

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Changes to the WWD daily sheet

Recording Alternative Compliance Hours (ACH)

A new ACH check box has been added to the 'Driver Hours Options (for solo and two-up)' section of the daily sheet in the updated WWD.

If you are operating under ACH and using the updated WWD, drivers must mark the ACH 'Driver Hours Option' box.

Driver Hours Option		Time of daily check (if required):
<input type="checkbox"/> Standard	<input type="checkbox"/> Standard Bus	
<input type="checkbox"/> BFM	<input type="checkbox"/> AFM	
<input type="checkbox"/> ACH	<input type="checkbox"/> Exemption hours (for this 24hr period only)	

If you are operating on ACH and still using the pre-1 August 2026 WWD, drivers must:

- mark the 'AFM' box, and
- strike out the letters AFM, and next to it write 'ACH'.

Driver		Time of daily check (if required):
<input type="checkbox"/> Standard	<input type="checkbox"/> Standard Bus	
<input type="checkbox"/> BFM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AFM ACH	
<input type="checkbox"/> Exemption hours (for this 24 hr period only)		

Recording your new ACH accreditation number

Drivers operating under ACH must record their accreditation number in the table on page 29 of the WWD, where BFM or AFM accreditation details are currently recorded. The table format and the information required to be recorded remains unchanged, in both the pre-1 August 2026 and updated versions of the WWD.

Base, record location and accreditation number

All drivers must complete this sheet

Date	Address of base	Date	Address where records are kept	Date	Accreditation number: (if applicable)

Optional recording of 'Day'

Drivers are no longer required to mark the 'Day' of the week on their daily sheet in both the pre-1 August 2026 and updated versions of the WWD. However, drivers may choose to continue to do so for their own record-keeping.

Day (optional):

S | M | T | W | T | F | S

Optional recording of work and rest hour totals

Drivers are no longer required to record their work and rest totals on the daily sheet in both the pre-1 August 2026 and updated versions of the WWD. However, drivers may choose to continue to do so for their own administrative or operational needs.

11	midnight	Calculate totals (optional)
		Total Work:
		Total Rest:
11	midnight	



Optional recording of Standard driver hours

For drivers operating on Standard hours (solo or two-up) or Standard Bus hours, marking the 'Standard' or 'Standard Bus' checkbox on the daily sheet is now optional in both the pre-1 August 2026 and updated versions of the WWD.

For drivers operating on BFM, AFM, ACH or exemption hours, you must still mark the relevant 'Driver Hours Option' you are operating under in both versions of the WWD.

Driver Hours Option		Time of daily check (if required):
<input type="checkbox"/> Standard	<input type="checkbox"/> Standard Bus	
<input type="checkbox"/> BFM	<input type="checkbox"/> AFM	
<input type="checkbox"/> ACH	<input type="checkbox"/> Exemption hours (for this 24hr period only)	

Changes to lost or stolen WWDs

The amended HVNL introduces changes to what a driver must do if a lost or stolen WWD is later found or returned. Where a replacement WWD has been issued, and the original WWD (the 'old WWD') is subsequently found or returned, the driver must:

- Immediately cancel any unused daily sheets in the old WWD.
- Notify the NHVR, using the approved form, if the old WWD is found or returned within 28 days of being lost or stolen.

Drivers no longer need to return the old WWD to the NHVR, regardless of whether the WWD is found or returned within or after the 28-day period.

Drivers must still notify the NHVR if their WWD has been filled up, destroyed, lost or stolen within two business days. Further information can be found [on the NHVR website](#).

Cancelling unused daily sheets

Drivers must cross out and cancel any unused daily sheets that are not required in both the pre-1 August 2026 and updated versions of the WWD. If an 'old WWD' is lost or stolen, and a new WWD is started, any unused pages in the 'old WWD' must be 'cancelled' if it is later found or returned. To cancel a daily sheet correctly, draw two parallel lines across the middle of the page and write 'CANCELLED' in large letters.

ORIGINAL (to remain in book) **NATIONAL DRIVER WORK DIARY DAILY SHEET** WORK DIARY NO. _____

DRIVER IDENTIFICATION

Driver's Name: _____ Date: _____ Day (optional): S | M | T | W | T | F | S
 Licence No: _____ Number Plate: _____ Time Zone: State/Territory (driver base): ACT NSW NT QLD SA TAS VIC WA
 Driver Hours Option: Standard Standard Bus BFM AFM ACH Exemption hours (for this 24hr period only)
 Time of daily check (if required): _____

DETAILS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THIS DAY

Number Plate Change and Comments (optional) (e.g. delays, authorised officer notes): _____

ODOMETER READING: _____

NAME OF PLACE AT WORK AND REST CHANGE (e.g. rest area, truck stop, suburb or town): _____

TWO-UP

midnight 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 midday 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 midnight

MY WORK

MY REST

Calculate totals (optional): Total Work: _____ Total Rest: _____

TWO-UP DRIVER IDENTIFICATION

Two-up Driver's Name: _____ Two-up Driver's Licence No: _____ Two-up Driver Hours Option: Standard BFM AFM ACH Exemption hours
 Two-up Driver's Work Diary & Page No: _____ Two-up Driver's Licence Issued: _____ Two-up Driver's Signature: _____

ACT NSW NT QLD SA TAS VIC WA

Driver's Signature: _____
 To the best of my knowledge and belief the information I have recorded on this daily sheet is true and correct

YOU MUST SIGN THIS SHEET BEFORE STARTING A NEW DAILY SHEET



Quick reference table

Table 1. Quick reference for the changes to the updated WWD

From 1 August 2026	Standard or Standard Bus Hours	BFM Hours	AFM Hours	ACH
Recording your 'Driver Hours Option'	Optional	Continue to mark the BFM check box.	Continue to mark the AFM check box.	<p>If you are using the pre-1 August 2026 WWD you must mark the AFM check box, then strike out the letters AFM, and next to it, write ACH.</p> <p>If you are using the updated WWD, you must mark the ACH check box.</p>
Recording your accreditation number	N/A	Record your BFM accreditation number on page 29 of the WWD (drivers base page).	Record your AFM accreditation number on page 29 of the WWD (drivers base page).	Record your ACH accreditation number on page 29 of the WWD (drivers base page).
Marking the day of the week	Optional			
Totalling your work and rest hours	Optional			
Returning a found ('old') WWD to NHVR	No longer required			

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to purchase an updated WWD on 1 August 2026?

No, drivers can continue using their pre-1 August 2026 WWDs until they are completed. The HVNL changes to filling in a daily sheet will still apply even if a driver is using a pre-1 August 2026 WWD. For example, after 1 August 2026, drivers will no longer need to record the day of the week in pre-1 August 2026 WWDs.

When will the updated WWDs be available?

The updated WWDs will begin to become available for purchase from 1 August 2026, depending on the jurisdiction and location where you are purchasing from. You may still be sold a pre-1 August 2026 WWD as stock is used up.

Where do I purchase an updated WWD?

[Locations to purchase a WWD](#) throughout Australia remain the same.

What is ACA - Fatigue and ACH?

Alternative Compliance Accreditation – Fatigue (ACA – Fatigue) is issued to an operator, allowing them to deviate from Standard work and rest hours.

Alternative Compliance Hours (ACH) are the specific maximum work and minimum rest hours that apply to drivers operating under ACA – Fatigue. This will replace BFM and AFM under the new ACA framework.

If an operator holds valid BFM or AFM accreditation with an expiry date after 1 August 2026, an eligible driver can continue working under this accreditation until the expiry date.



Do I still need to carry my BFM, AFM or ACH paperwork?

Yes, it is a requirement under the HVNL that drivers must carry their current operator's Accreditation Certificate and supporting documents (such as a letter confirming you have been inducted into the operator's Fatigue Management System and are operating on the accreditation).

What happens to my BFM or AFM accreditation post 1 August 2026?

Existing BFM or AFM accreditation can continue to be used until they expire or are cancelled by the NHVR. Once expired, operators can apply for the new ACA – Fatigue from the NHVR.

Some of the current HVNL requirements will continue to apply to drivers on existing BFM and AFM accreditations after 1 August 2026. These include:

- changing between work and rest options
- counting time
- indicating/marketing BFM or AFM hours in the WWD.

Does the new 'unfit to drive' duty impact how I fill in my WWD?

No. The new 'unfit to drive' driver duty does not introduce any new WWD recording requirements. There is a reminder watermarked on the daily sheet, and a definition for drivers on the Glossary page 5.

For more information, visit [Unfit to drive](#).

How do I fill out a WWD?

Instructions on how to complete a WWD can be found under Part 1 in the front section of the [National Driver Work Diary](#).

Other fatigue resources

You can find additional resources and information on the [NHVR website for Fatigue management](#).

Contact the NHVR

If drivers or operators have any further queries regarding the content of this document, the NHVR can be contacted using the details below.

For more information:

Visit: www.nhvr.gov.au
 Subscribe: www.nhvr.gov.au/subscribe
 Email: info@nhvr.gov.au
 Phone: 13 NHVR (13 64 87)*

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