This document provides information on overmass class 1 load-carrying vehicles that are eligible to operate under the Multi-State Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicles Mass Exemption (the Notice). This Notice has been published in conjunction with the Multi-State Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicles Dimension Exemption Notice (please see separate information sheet).

Purpose of the Overmass Notice

The Notice consolidates approximately 40 existing permit-based schemes in New South Wales, South Australia and Victoria and removes the need for approximately 25,000 permits.1

This Notice reduces red tape (permit reduction), provides increased transparency, and provides certainty of access through a gazetted network.

There have been a number of steps towards harmonisation:

- maximum mass of vehicles with 8-tyred axle groups increased to 100t in New South Wales (previously 75t)
- additional 0.5t steer axle mass allowed for complying steer axle vehicles
- maximum mass of 18.5t on tandem drive axle group
- minimum mass of 14t on tandem drive axle group
- common language to define axle group types
- common usage of the standard conditions in the Heavy Vehicle (Mass Dimension and Loading) National Regulation

Permits will still be required for access to roads which are not part of the approved networks and for vehicles that are not covered by this notice.

What vehicles are covered?

This notice covers prime movers towing low loaders of between 2 and 5 axles, including low-loader dollies.

Page 2 is a summary of what exactly is included for each participating jurisdiction.

Existing class I vehicle notices

A number of class 1 overmass (and oversize) vehicle notices are currently in effect. These have mostly been transitioned from prior to the commencement of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL), and will remain in effect without change.

Those notices usually cover vehicles with masses up to 49.5t or 59.5t, whereas this notice expands the allowable masses to approximately 100t (see next page for details).

Overmass vehicles in Queensland

The NHVR is continuing discussions with the Queensland Government on the inclusion of period permits into the notice. In the meantime, current processes and requirements for overmass vehicles remain unchanged.

Overmass vehicles in the ACT

The ACT does not have any permit-based schemes in place, and therefore is not a part of this Notice. All overmass operation in the ACT requires a permit.

Overmass vehicles in Tasmania

Permit-free operation of overmass (and oversize) vehicles in Tasmania for vehicles up to 103t (and up to 5.5m wide, 5.0m high and 30 m long) occurs under the Tasmania Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicles Mass and Dimension Exemption Notice (published 18 November 2015).

About the NHVR

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) is Australia’s dedicated independent regulator for heavy vehicles over 4.5 tonnes gross vehicle mass.

For more information

If you have any question about the Overmass (or Oversize) notice, please contact the NHVR on 1300 MYNHVR (1300 696 487) or at info@nhvr.gov.au.
### Summary of allowances

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<td>Permit schemes being replaced</td>
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<td>35 SA low-loader schemes (SALLs)</td>
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<td>Maximum mass(^2) (t)</td>
<td>77.5 (rows of 4)</td>
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<td>100 (rows of 8)</td>
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<td>99.5 (with dolly)</td>
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\(^2\) Does not include additional 0.5t steer axle mass allowed for complying steer axle vehicles
Frequently Asked Questions

1) **Do I need to carry this Notice?**
   No. It is not a legal requirement to carry this Notice.

2) **I have a current permit for an oversize vehicle now covered by this Notice. Can I still use it?**
   Yes, whilst the permit is still current and valid, you may still operate under it. You may also operate under the notice when travelling on the gazetted networks.

   However, at any point in time, you must only be operating under one or the other (and comply with the relevant conditions).

3) **My permit covers additional routes and networks to those covered in the Notice. What should I do?**
   You may still operate under your permit whilst it is current and valid to retain the access to the additional routes.

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

4) **What happens when my permit expires?**
   You may request a renewal of your permit by submitting an application to the state road authority or the NHVR ([https://www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/access-management/applications-and-forms/renew-permit](https://www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/access-management/applications-and-forms/renew-permit)).

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

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

5) **I would like to operate on routes not included in networks under this Notice. What do I need to do?**
   You will need to submit a class 1 permit application to the state road authority or the NHVR ([https://www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/access-management/applications-and-forms/oversize-overmass-permit](https://www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/access-management/applications-and-forms/oversize-overmass-permit)).

6) **Why are there still differences across states?**
   Harmonisation is still the ultimate goal of the NHVR. During the planning stages of this notice, it was quickly identified that true harmonisation would be very complex to achieve and a staged approach was required.

   These notices are the first stage towards harmonisation, and a logical stepping stone that provides immediate benefits whilst ongoing work is undertaken to land on a consistent operating environment.

7) **Where do I find contact details for organisations mentioned in the Notice?**
   The NHVR has created a single source of contact information for access-related organisations. This can be found at [https://www.nhvr.gov.au/access-contacts](https://www.nhvr.gov.au/access-contacts).

8) **How do I travel unladen after a job?**
   Unladen travel is unchanged. These requirements are already covered under the existing notices in each state and were deliberately not replicated here to reduce confusion and duplication.

9) **I have an oversize vehicle, do I still need a permit?**
   The NHVR has also published an Oversize vehicle notice to allow permit-free operation of class 1 load-carrying vehicles up to approximately 5m wide, 5m high and 30m long (depending on state). Please see the separate notice and information sheet that can be found at [https://www.nhvr.gov.au/law-policies/notices-and-permit-based-schemes/state-hvnl-notices](https://www.nhvr.gov.au/law-policies/notices-and-permit-based-schemes/state-hvnl-notices).

10) **I have an oversize and overmass vehicle, can I operate under this Notice?**
   Operation of oversize and overmass vehicles occurs under both this notice and the Multi-State Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicles Dimension Exemption Notice (or another application class 1 dimension exemption notice) without the need for a permit. Conditions will apply from both notices as is relevant to the actual dimensions and mass of the load.