

1 Investigate your options

- Consult with a [PBS Assessor](#) about your vehicle concept.
- Investigate road networks the vehicle will be able to access.
- Use the [NHVR Journey Planner](#) to view existing PBS networks. Note that local council roads may not have been assessed for PBS vehicles.
- Consider if the vehicle could be operated under an existing [notice](#).
- Note that vehicles requiring an individual bridge (Tier 3) or route assessment may attract significant charges and may take an extended period of time to be completed.

2 Vehicle assessment

- Engage a [PBS Assessor](#) to analyse the vehicle design to the PBS standards. Fees will apply.
- Assessor will submit an application to the Regulator for a Design Approval.

3 Design Approval

- The Regulator processes the Design Approval application and sends the application to the [PBS Review Panel \(PRP\)](#) for advice.
- The PRP consists of representatives from each jurisdiction.
- The PRP reviews the application and provides advice back to the Regulator.
- If approved, the Regulator issues a Design Approval.

4 Source the combination and certify

- Build/buy the vehicle combination in accordance with the Design Approval specification.
- Engage a [PBS Certifier](#) to inspect the vehicle. Fees will apply.
- The Certifier will forward the inspection report to the Regulator if the vehicle meets the Design Approval specification.

5 Vehicle Approval

- The Regulator reviews the inspection report and, provided the vehicle complies with the Design Approval, issues a Vehicle Approval.
- The Vehicle Approval will show the VINs of the vehicles approved and operating conditions.

6 Apply for Access permit

- Note that road managers may restrict axle masses and/or stipulate additional operating conditions to suit particular roads or bridges.
- Unless the PBS vehicle can operate under an existing [notice](#), it will require an access permit for the operation on the road.
- Apply for a [Performance-Based Standards vehicle access permit](#).