

National Class 2 Heavy Vehicle Controlled Access Bus Authorisation (Notice) 2014 (No.1) and National Class 3 Heavy Vehicle Controlled Access Bus Rear Overhang Dimension Exemption (Notice) 2014 (No.1)

History

This Notice was first published in the Commonwealth Gazette on 6 February 2014. It combines a Class 2 and a Class 3 Notice in the one document.

The Class 2 part of the Notice authorises controlled access buses (up to 14.5m in length) to use nominated routes in each of the jurisdictions. (A bus that is longer than 12.5m is a Class 2 vehicle, which means that it only has access to networks that have been authorised for use by such vehicles.)

The Class 3 part of the Notice provides a dimension exemption (in some jurisdictions) from the requirements about maximum rear overhang in Section 5(1), Schedule 6 of the *Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation*.

Original Notice

"National Class 2 Heavy Vehicle Controlled Access Bus Authorisation (Notice) 2014 (No.1)" is the title of the original notice. It may be found at the following link:

www.nhvr.gov.au/files/c2014g00240-national-class-2-class-3-controlled-access-bus.pdf

Amending Notice

The Amendment Notice published on 12 January 2017 makes some changes to the Class 3 part of the Notice:

- The Notice incorporates routes from an older notice published in the Australian Capital Territory
- Some links and references to maps and lists of routes have been updated
- In New South Wales, the reference to the "Route Assessment for 14.5 Metre Buses Manual" is removed. Controlled access buses are only permitted to travel on routes assessed and approved by road managers.

Period of Operation

The amendment in January 2017 does not affect the operational period of the Notice. The expiry date is 9 February 2019.

Class 2 Information – Authorised Routes

Australian Capital Territory

A map and list of approved routes can be found on the Transport Canberra and City Services website at the following link:

www.tccs.act.gov.au/roads-paths/restricted-access-vehicle-networks

New South Wales

RMS has published a list of approved routes, and a list of denied routes. Travel is only permitted on the approved routes. Both lists are available on the RMS website at the following link:

www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/heavy-vehicles/road-access/restricted-access-vehicles/buses.html

For travel on a route that is on neither list, an application would have to be made to the NHVR. NHVR would ask RMS or the road manager to assess the route before consent could be granted.

Queensland

Travel is permitted on all state controlled roads shown on TMR's map of the State Road Network of Queensland Map, except for routes listed in "Schedule B – State controlled roads not suitable for controlled access buses". The map is available at the following link:

www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Travel-and-transport/Maps-and-guides/Queensland-State-controlled-roads-and-region-maps

Schedule B is available at the following link: <http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/business-industry/Heavy-vehicles/Heavy-vehicle-guidelines-and-class-permits>

Travel is also permitted on local government routes shown in: "Schedule A, Part 1 - Local government routes other than Brisbane City Council" and "Schedule A, Part 2 - Brisbane City Council routes", also available at the above link.

For travel on a route not previously assessed, an application would have to be made to the NHVR. NHVR would ask TMR or the road manager to assess the route before consent could be granted.

South Australia

DPTI publishes a map of approved routes called “Controlled Access Bus up to 14.5m”. The map is displayed on the restricted access vehicle network, under the category OSM. See maps.sa.gov.au/ravnet/index.html

Condition: A bus longer than 13.7m must have a single steer axle and a tandem axle group.

Subject to conditions, controlled access buses may also travel on any route that the driver or operator has determined is safe and suitable for use by a 13.7m bus, as per the *Route Assessment Guidelines for 13.7m Long Buses (M1486)* published by DPTI.

Conditions: The bus must be no longer than 13.7m; and must conform to the dimensional requirements in Table 1.

Table 1

Bus Configuration			
Number of axles	2	3	3
Wheels on Front axle	2	2	2
Wheels on middle axle	-	4	4
Wheels on back axle	4	2	4
Maximum Forward Projection*	2.4m	2.4m	2.4m
Maximum Wheelbase Length*	8.3m	8.3m	8.3m
Maximum Rear Overhang*	3.7m	3.7m	3.7m
Measuring Point (for wheelbase and rear overhang)	The centre point of the rear axle.	The point half way between the middle and the rear axle.	The point rearward of the centre of the middle axle by one third of the distance between the centre of the middle axle and the centre of the rear axle.

-Forward projection is the distance between the centre of the front axle and the front of the vehicle.

-Wheelbase length is the distance from the centre of the front axle to the measuring point.

-Rear Overhang is the distance from the measuring point to the rear of the vehicle.

Tasmania

A controlled access bus may use any road in Tasmania.

Victoria

A controlled access bus may use any approved arterial road in Victoria shown (in green) on the “Controlled Access Buses” network displayed on the VicRoads website. Roads shown in red on that map are prohibited to controlled access buses.

See: vicroadsmaps.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=90d744481cd0404a864bc2bd55048997

For travel on roads other than arterial roads, an operator must apply to the NHVR for a permit. NHVR will ask road managers whether they consent to the controlled access bus travelling on the relevant roads before access can be granted.

Class 3 Information – Rear Overhang Exemption

Jurisdiction	Exemption	Conditions	Routes
ACT	NA		
NSW	Yes	Rear overhang must be no more than the lesser of 4.9m or 70% of the distance between the centre-line of the front axle and the rear overhang line.	As per Class 2 Notice
Qld	Yes	Rear overhang must be no more than the lesser of 4.7m or 70% of the distance between the centre-line of the front axle and the rear overhang line.	As per Class 2 Notice
SA	NA		
Tas	NA		
Vic	Yes	Rear overhang must be no more than the lesser of 4.3m or 60% of the distance between the centre-line of the front axle and the rear overhang line.	As per Class 2 Notice

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