

Assessment Panel for the registration of Industry Codes of Practice

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What is a Registered Industry Code of Practice?

A Registered Industry Code of Practice (RICP) is one that has been developed in accordance with the *NHVR Guidelines for Preparing and Registering Industry Codes of Practice*.

It is assessed as qualifying for registration by the NHVR pursuant to Sections 705 and 706 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL). The Guidelines are intended to assist any persons, organisations, or other entities that wish to develop a RICP.

What is the objective of the Assessment Panel?

The Assessment Panel forms a key role in assisting industry to ensure consistent, effective and efficient heavy vehicle regulatory compliance and best practice. It will also provide a national perspective and benchmark for safe practices, consistent with the intent and objectives of the HVNL.

The Panel is established to assess an Industry Code of Practice and determine its suitability for registration. The Panel will rely on the skill and experience of qualified and experienced people to assess a submitted Industry Code of Practice against the Guidelines and the requirements of the HVNL while promoting best practice.

Who will make up the Panel?

Members of the Panel will comprise NHVR employees, and may include independent consultants or experts from a relevant field. The Panel will be chaired by an Executive from the NHVR Executive Leadership Team.

Members of the Panel will have appropriate levels of experience and authority in compliance and enforcement strategies, legal interpretation, subject matter expertise and heavy vehicle best practice. Specific or general subject matter experts from within the NHVR, or externally, may be invited to assess an Industry Code of Practice, as required.

What is the role of the Panel?

The Assessment Panel will:

- Review and assess a draft Industry Code of Practice based upon the NHVR Guidelines
- Take into account any relevant communication including public feedback provided during the 28 day publication of the draft Industry Code of Practice
- Communicate any necessary amendments to the draft Industry Code of Practice
- Accurately document all recommendations and decisions of assessments and reviews.

The Panel Chair will:

- Ensure that the Panel's functions are effective in meeting the requirements set out in the Terms of Reference
- Ensure that Panel members have appropriate levels of experience
- Ensure Panel members record and report accurate time spent on the assessment of an Industry Code of Practice
- Ensure accurate costings for an assessment are provided
- Ensure Panel members meet agreed timeframes
- Facilitate and coordinate the program of Panel decisions, and
- Report on the activities and progress of the Panel to the NHVR CEO, and other relevant parties.

How often will the Panel meet?

The Panel will meet to assess Industry Codes of Practice on a needs basis as determined by the Panel Chair.

How will the Panel make recommendations and decision?

The Panel will have responsibility for making recommendations in respect to the submitted Industry Code of Practice to the NHVR CEO for approval.

How will disputes be resolved?

Generally, decisions and recommendations will be made on a consensus basis, however issues that cannot be agreed within the Panel, or are otherwise contentious, will be referred to the NHVR CEO.

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