

Pre-approvals and Gazettals – Information sheet

This document provides information to Road Managers on the policies relating to implementation and maintenance of pre-approval and gazettal requests.

What are Pre-approvals?

A pre-approval is an agreement in place between the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) and a Road Manager (RM) to issue permits without individual written consent for each application. The pre-approval must contain the following information:

- Description of the category of vehicle or combination to which the approval applies, including any applicable mass or dimension limits.
- The route/area in which the specified vehicle is approved to operate.
- Any applicable Road/Travel conditions that are to be applied.
- The length of time the pre-approval is to be in place and the maximum period for any permits issued under the consent

The roads/routes/areas in the permit application are referenced against the relevant preapprovals if they match then the NHVR will issue a permit including any conditions stated in the preapproval.

Note: the NHVR will continue to advise the RM of any permits that are issued, to allow for the RM to accurately assess the use of their road network.

What are Gazettals?

A heavy vehicle Gazetted notice (Notice) is an exemption, authority or declaration made under the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL), or previous State or Territory law, that either modifies the legislated requirements for heavy vehicle operation or grants them access under a specified network. A gazetted network does not require a permit to operate and can be a reference to a stated map or stated list.

RM can request amending networks specified in a gazettal.

The process for updating the maps or lists is entirely managed by the NHVR, once a valid RM request has been received. *This includes any additional RM consents for related roads that may be required prior to gazettal.*

Can I amend/revoke a pre-approval?

Yes. Pre-approvals can be amended at any time for any reason. If a pre-approval is removed, the NHVR will again send consent requests for new applications.

Can I amend/revoke a gazettal?

Yes. However, specific legislative requirements must be met for the reasoning for the removal/amendment before the request can be processed. Removals are subject to a 28 day consultation period from the date of publish in the Government Gazette.

Do I need to submit individual requests for each vehicle combination?

No. Both pre-approvals and gazettals apply to a vehicle combination with a comparable or lesser impact. You will only need to submit multiple forms if each combination is to have different access conditions applied.

What happens when my pre-approval expires?

For pre-approvals that are due to expire, the NHVR will notify the RM to renew the pre-approval. If the pre-approval is not renewed, the NHVR will again send consent requests to the RM for new applications.

Can I supply maps or GIS data as part of my request?

Yes, this is encouraged. The more information provided with a request, the easier and quicker the request may be implemented. The Route Planner can also be used, with the Route ID supplied in the form.
(<http://rp.nhvr.net/>).

What happens during the gazettal process?

As the update process can vary in processing times (particularly if other road manager consents are required), the NHVR will consider these requests as pre-approvals during the period of gazettal

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