

NSW – Urban Access Concession (UAC)

This document provides information on the operation of mobile crane operators who are eligible to operate under Urban Access concession permit scheme (UAC).

What is the UAC?

The UAC allows eligible mobile cranes to travel within the NSW Urban Zone during peak hour travel, on any classified State road, Monday to Friday between 7:00am and 9:00am and between 4:00pm and 6:00pm.

The UAC also allows eligible high risk mobile cranes to travel in clearway and transit lanes within the NSW Urban Zone between 6:00am and 10:00am and between 3:00pm and 7:00pm when clearway or transit lane restrictions apply.

What cranes are eligible for the UAC?

Dimension	Option 1	Option 2
Width	Not exceeding 2.9m	Not exceeding 2.9m
Forward projection	Not exceeding 3.5m	Not exceeding 5.5m
Length	Not exceeding 15.5m (includes the forward projection and rear overhang)	Not exceeding 10.8m (includes the forward projection and rear overhang)
Height	Not exceeding the maximum height dimension limits for mobile cranes listed in the current NSW Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicles Notice or National Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicle Notice.	Not exceeding the maximum height dimension limits for mobile cranes listed in the current NSW Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicles Notice or National Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicle Notice.
Rear Overhang	Not exceeding the maximum rear overhang dimension limits for mobile cranes listed in the current NSW Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicles Notice or National Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicle Notice.	Not exceeding the maximum rear overhang dimension limits for mobile cranes listed in the current NSW Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicles Notice or National Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicle Notice.

Other conditions

- Mobile cranes with a forward projection exceeding 3.5 metres when travelling in selected tunnels must have a yellow and red tether fitted that is manufactured to a standard outlined in AS 4497-1997 and is fitted from either of the travelling lugs of the boom to a lug at the front of the crane which must also not obscure the visibility of the number plate.
- Mobile cranes operating under the UAC must comply
 with all route restrictions contained in the National
 Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicle Notice or the NSW
 Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicles Notice and, if
 operating under an access permit, any related access
 permit conditions relevant to the crane.
 These notices can be found on the NHVR's website.

Supporting documents required when applying for the UAC

For cranes registered in NSW, below documents are required:

- A NSW SPV Exemption/Approval dated from 1 March 2011 to 9 February 2014; or
- A NSW SPV Exemption/Approval dated before 1 March 2011 and a Roads and Maritime Vehicle Dimension Certificate (VDC)*; or
- An NHVR Vehicle Standards Exemption (Permit) from 10 February 2014 stating approved dimensions and mass of the crane.

For cranes registered interstate, below documents are required:

- Approval document from your registering authority dated before 10 February 2014 stating the width, length and forward projection of the crane; or
- An NHVR Vehicle Standards Exemption (Permit) from 10 February 2014 stating the approved dimensions and mass of the crane.

*Please contact Roads and Maritime Technical Enquiries on 1300 137 302 to arrange measurement for a VDC.

Areas of operation

New South Wales

In NSW access is provided by certificate issued by the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS).

Other states and Territories

This scheme does not apply.

Frequently Asked Questions

Does the UAC travel concession apply on the public holidays?

No. The UAC travel concession does not apply on statewide public holidays or during public holiday periods.

Can mobile cranes operating under UAC Scheme access tunnels?

Yes. Provided they comply with tunnel height restrictions and all other conditions listed in the National Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicle Notice and the NSW Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicles Notice.

NSW - Urban Access Concession (UAC)

How do I apply for a permit?

- Go to www.service.nhvr.gov.au and if not already registered, follow the prompts to set up an account.
- Once registered, from the home screen, click on the 'Application tracker' tile in the centre of the top row or on the Menu bar.
- 3. Click on the 'New Application' button (on the right).
- 4. A window will pop up, please enter your reference (this should be a reference relevant to you).
- 5. Click on the green 'Select Configuration' button and then click on the heading 'Permit Schemes'.
- Select the 'NSW Urban Access Concession (UAC)' as applicable by clicking on the image or scheme title.
 - All terrain cranes permit scheme
 - Pick and carry crane permit scheme
 - Truck mounted cranes permit scheme
- 7. Complete all the fields in the 'Vehicle' step of the permit application and then select the 'Next' button located at the bottom of the page to move onto the Route step of the permit application.

Note - Ensure you select the crane that you are using by navigating through the components list located on the component sub tab.

- Navigate through the rest of the permit application completing all mandatory information and attaching any supporting documentation.
- Follow the prompts to confirm your contact details and complete payment for your application.

For more information:

Subscribe: www.nhvr.gov.au/subscribe

Visit: www.nhvr.gov.au

Phone: 1300 MYNHVR* (1300 696 487)

Email: info@nhvr.gov.au

© Copyright National Heavy Vehicle Regulator 2017, creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/3.0/au Disclaimer: This fact sheet is only a guide and should not be relied upon as legal advice. *Standard 1300 call charges apply. Please check with your phone provider.