



## Message from the CEO

Welcome to this fortnight's issue of *On the Road*.

I'm pleased to announce that the *National Heavy Vehicle Inspection Manual* has been updated with the changes to come into effect from 1 July.

The Manual has become the standard for heavy vehicle inspections carried out in all jurisdictions except Western Australia.

It provides inspectors and operators with access to the same standards and criteria for which vehicles will be inspected nationally.

Key changes from 1 July will include an alignment of the performance measures used when conducting machine-based brake testing, primarily roller brake testing, clearer requirements for lights and reflectors and updates to requirements for vehicle dimensions.

These latest amendments are part of our commitment to continuous improvement of the manual and we welcome your contributions and feedback.

You can [complete the form](#) and we'll incorporate your feedback into future reviews.

Regards

Sal Petrocchio

CEO, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

# New features for NHVR Portal – Customer Module

Changes to the NHVR Portal - Customer module will make it easier for access customers to plan and build their routes as part of the permit process.

AccessCONNECT Director David Carlisle said that these improvements are the result of feedback from customers and demonstrates the NHVR's commitment to ongoing improvement.

"The time savings extend beyond just the Portal. There are more pre-approved routes and councils have better systems through our close liaison with local government associations and groups, and our direct engagement with mayors and council staff."

David also said the Portal, which was launched in August last year, has processed almost 20,000 permit applications from 7000 registered customers.

### The new features being released include:

- Integration of drag and drop, draw tools

and Google Street View, making it easier to plan and map your route

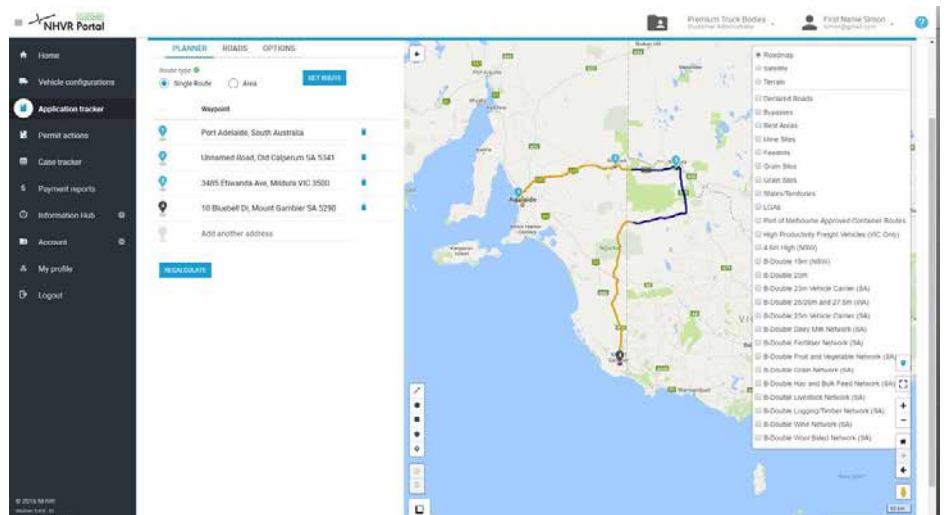
- Improvements in how to apply for Permit Schemes
- Routing improvements, allowing you to avoid tolls, unpaved roads and factor in turn restrictions
- Removing the need for Journey Planner (JP) IDs in the application
- Providing you with the ability to move to a full screen map in route planner.

### So what does that mean for NHVR customers applying for a permit?

"Keep applying for your permits the same way you are doing now," said David.

"By now you should have received an email from us that contains some more information.

Customers can access the NHVR Portal at [service.nhvr.gov.au](http://service.nhvr.gov.au) or call 1300 MYNHVR (1300 696 487) for telephone support.



## Changes to fees and laws from 1 July

There will be some changes to heavy vehicle laws coming from 1 July 2017.

The changes are aimed at improving roadside compliance activities and reducing the compliance burden for industry.

Key changes include introducing self-clearing defect notices as an additional type of defect notice for defective vehicles that do not pose a safety risk or if the vehicle's number plate is obscured.

Self-clearing defects do not require an inspection of the vehicle by an approved person for the purpose of having the self-clearing defect notice cleared.

An offence has also been created for failing to display and maintain National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme labels on heavy vehicles under the Maintenance Management Accreditation scheme and the Mass Management Accreditation scheme.

[Click here](#) for more information on the NHVAS schemes.

### NHVR Fees and Charges

The cost of an Access permit will increase from \$70 to \$72. All other NHVR fees and charges will remain the same. Penalties will increase in line with CPI increases.

For more information visit [nhvr.gov.au/law-policies/fee-schedule](http://nhvr.gov.au/law-policies/fee-schedule)

## Updates

The National Transport Commission (NTC) has released a draft version of the Load Restraint Guide and is inviting feedback to help improve the new edition.

Find out more [here](#).

# Live streaming session to answer your CoR questions

The NHVR will hold a live Chain of Responsibility webcast, streaming from 10.00am on Wednesday 21 June.

The webcast is another opportunity to learn more about the new laws to take effect in mid 2018.

The new laws recognise that everyone in the supply chain has a role to play in delivering heavy vehicle safety.

It covers the responsibility of duty holders to understand and assess their risks, and ensure they are compliant.

This webinar is part of NHVR's push to support your business with the information and resources you need to ensure you're prepared for the changes.

Whether you are a driver, or part of the supply chain, heavy vehicle safety is your business.

This session will be streamed from NHVR headquarters at Newstead, and is available to anyone with up-to-date internet access.

[Click here](#) to join the live stream or for more information visit [nhvr.gov.au/cor](http://nhvr.gov.au/cor)



## Notices

The following notices have been extended for the next five years from July 1.

[Queensland Class 3 Heavy Vehicle \(Port of Brisbane Mass Management Scheme\) Mass Exemption Notice 2016](#)

[Queensland Class 3 Heavy Vehicle \(Brisbane City Council CCTV\) Dimension Exemption Notice 2016](#)

[Queensland Class 3 Tandem Drive Axle \(Cane Haulout Truck\) Flotation Tyres Mass Exemption Notice 2016](#)

[Queensland Class 1 Comb Trailer Dimension Exemption Notice 2016](#)

[Queensland Class 1 Heavy Vehicles \(Cotton Harvester\) Mass and Dimension Exemption Notice 2016](#)

[Queensland Class 1 & Class 3 Agricultural Machines and Cane Bins Flotation Tyres Mass Exemption Notice 2016](#)

[Queensland Class 3 Heavy Vehicle \(Road Train Cotton Transportation\) Dimension Exemption Notice 2016](#)

[Queensland Class 1 Heavy Vehicle \(Load Carrying\) Mass and Dimension Exemption Notice 2016](#)

## NHVR 2017 Meetings and Events Calendar

DATE	EVENT TITLE	LOCATION
21 June	NHVR Chain of Responsibility webinar	Brisbane, QLD
26 June	NHVR Chain of Responsibility Forum	Port Lincoln, SA
26 June	NHVR Chain of Responsibility Forum	Port Augusta, SA
27 June	NHVR Chain of Responsibility Forum	Wingfield, SA
28 June	NHVR Chain of Responsibility Forum	Renmark, SA
29 June	NHVR Chain of Responsibility Forum	Mt Gambier, SA

\* For more information on up-coming Chain of Responsibility forums [click here](#)

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