

National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme

Compliance and Enforcement bulletin 6

This bulletin provides practical advice to help heavy vehicle drivers and operators comply with the requirements of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL), as they relate to the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme (NHVAS).

About the NHVAS

The NHVAS allows heavy vehicle operators to demonstrate, through their management systems, that their vehicles and drivers comply with the HVNL, the NHVAS Business Rules and relevant standards.

Heavy vehicle operators can apply for accreditation under the following NHVAS modules:

- Mass Management
- Maintenance Management
- Basic Fatigue Management (BFM)
- Advanced Fatigue Management (AFM)

What documents need to be carried while operating under BFM and AFM?

Drivers operating under BFM or AFM must carry:

- and complete their National Driver Work Diary
- a copy of the operator's accreditation certificate for the accreditation
- a document (induction letter), signed by the operator who holds the accreditation, stating that the driver:
 - is operating under the operator's accreditation;
 - has been inducted into the operator's relevant management system; and
 - meets the requirements relating to drivers operating under the operator's accreditation (if any).

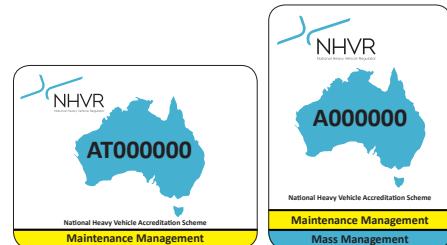
A template for an induction approval letter can be downloaded from the NHVR website at www.nhvr.gov.au/nhvas-forms

Can these documents be in electronic form?

Yes, with the exception of the written work diary which must be a hard copy, these documents may be presented to an Authorised Officer in electronic form, but the Authorised Officer must be able to read and understand all elements of the document(s) without having to enter the vehicle.

What documents need to be carried while operating under the mass or maintenance modules?

Drivers of heavy vehicles operating under the mass or maintenance modules do not have to carry the operator's accreditation certificate or induction letter. Each nominated



vehicle, however, must carry a hard copy of the NHVAS Interception Report Book.

When does the driver have to produce an NHVAS Interception Report Book?

If the vehicle is operating under the mass or maintenance module, the driver must present the NHVAS Interception Report Book upon request from an Authorised Officer.

Interception Report Books are not required for the BFM or AFM modules.

When is an interception report filled out?

Where a breach is identified, the Authorised Officer will complete an interception report.

Where no breach is identified, the Authorised Officer may still complete an interception report at their discretion.

What are the requirements for displaying NHVAS labels?

It is a requirement of the HVNL and the NHVAS Business Rules and Standards that all vehicles operating under maintenance and mass management modules must attach and display an accreditation label. Penalties apply to both the operator and driver if these requirements are not met.

The NHVAS label includes a unique identification number and coloured strips that identify the module – yellow strip for maintenance management and a blue strip for mass management.

Note: NHVAS labels are not issued as part of the fatigue management modules (BFM and AFM).

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