Single Route and Area – Information Sheet

Background

The NHVR coordinates a range of access applications from start to finish. This involves liaising directly with Road Managers, both state and territory road authorities and local governments, to manage applications and issue permits. As part of this process, applicants make a decision to apply for a single route or an area.

Limiting applications to a single route or ‘area of operation’ will allow the NHVR to align permits to the operational requirements of operators, giving the best chance of a timely and favourable response from relevant Road Managers.

Definitions

What is a single route?
A single route is defined as:

- A single course between two points; and
- The course may or may not include several drop off/way points.
- These way points must not deviate from the original freight task.

Note: Original freight task is commonly defined as travel between the start and the end address.

What is an area?

An area is defined as:

- A system of roads incorporated within one Road Manager boundary; or
- A number of roads (continuous or off an approved network) within a single Road Manager boundary but may end in another Road Manager boundary; or
- A number of roads off an approved permit, but continuous within a single Road Manager boundary.

Applicable fees

All applications must be accompanied by the correct fee (which is outlined in the NHVR Fee Schedule) prior to an application being assessed. For a single route application, only one fee will be applicable. For area applications, a fee per Road Manager boundary will be applicable.

Need help?

Detailed instructions on how to apply for single route and area permits can be found on the NHVR Portal Help Centre site located at https://help.nhvr.gov.au/support
Frequently Asked Questions

Do these changes affect me?
If you are applying for the following, you will not be affected by the changes:

- A single route application.
- A renewal of any existing NHVR permit.
- A single route amendment.
- Minor permit amendment (see Amendment Information Sheet).

Why do I have to submit multiple applications for multiple routes or areas?
By submitting one application per route or area it reduces the risk of a large application being refused by a Road Manager for a small portion of the route requested. It also facilitates better turnaround times by reducing the complexity of applications for assessment.

The NHVR will continue to improve the tools and processes that operators can use to apply for heavy vehicle road access.

How do I know what Routes or Areas belong to a local Road Manager?
Roads on a route may belong to one or more Road Managers. Map Layers within the NHVR Portal are displayed to show Road Manager Boundaries (local and state government areas) when an ‘area’ is selected.

If I travel through multiple Road Manager boundaries for a single route, how much will this cost?
The cost of a single route application is $73.

If I travel through multiple Road Manager boundaries for an area application, how much will this cost?
The cost of an area application is $73 per Road Manager. For instance, ‘Example 3’ would cost $146.

Will my renewal cost more?
Renewal applications incur a fee of $73. Where a renewal application contains multiple single routes or areas it will incur a $73 fee.

How much will it cost me to get approval from a state road authority and one Road Manager for an area?
The cost is $73.

Does this affect other Road Manager charges?
No, fees charged directly by a Road Manager for route and bridge assessments are not determined by the NHVR rather the Road Manager.

I find the NHVR Portal difficult to use, can I get help to submit my applications?
Yes, the NHVR offers a tailored service for those who need help or support using the NHVR Portal. We can assist you in setting up your account as well as step-by-step support for submitting applications.

Applicants can call 1300 MYNHVR (1300 696 487) during business hours for this service.
Examples of Single Route and Area

Single Route Example 1 – Point to point route. A single route is one application with one fee, even if the route is across multiple road managers’ boundaries.

Note - If you are travelling to or from a network associated with a Notice you will need to apply for a system of roads for each road manager. See ‘What is an area?’ for more information.

Area Example 2 – A number of roads off an approved network and within a single Road Manager boundary.

Area Example 3 – A number of roads off an approved network and not within a single Road Manager boundary. The additional set of roads in this permit application will result in two permit applications being created (5a and 5b), with fees applying for each.

Note: the system will limit the number of road segments per set to 200. The overall limit is 800 road segments.

Further Instructions
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