

Victorian PBS 'In-Principle' Approval – Information sheet

This document provides information on the Victorian In-Principle consent policy.

When a transport operator has already received Performance Based Standards (PBS) In-principle approval from VicRoads, it is deemed as consent for subsequent permit applications.

PBS in-principle support letter

For approved PBS in-principle applications, VicRoads will issue an 'In-principle' letter of approval outlining the following:

- RM Consent Request & Case numbers
- Vehicle details – including mass, dimension & length
- Approved route
- Any applicable conditions of access – including CityLink

The 'In-principle' letter of approval issued by VicRoads can be used as road manager consent under Division 2 of the National Heavy Vehicle Law. This consent approval is only valid for a period of **12 months** from the date of the letter.

Therefore, when applying for a permit the applicant may provide this 'In Principle Approval' as evidence of road manager consent, provided the combination has been issued with a PBS Vehicle Approval by the Performance Based Standards Review Panel (PRP) and there have been **no changes** to the dimensions and mass of the combination or the route requested by the applicant/operator.

What if my vehicle's mass or dimensions have changed?

In the event that through the PBS Vehicle Approval process, the vehicle's mass and/or dimensions are altered, the 'In-principle' letter of approval is no longer valid.

In these circumstances, the NHVR will be required to request consent from VicRoads again.

Further information

For further information and to view the PBS network maps, please refer to the VicRoads website:

<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/business-and-industry/heavy-vehicle-industry/heavy-vehicle-map-networks-in-victoria>

Or for more information on PBS refer to the NHVR website:

<https://www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/performance-based-standards>

How do I apply?

To apply for a PBS permit:

1. Go to <https://www.service.nhvr.gov.au> and if not already registered, follow the prompts to set up an account.
2. Once registered, from the home screen, click on the 'Application Tracker' tile in the centre of the top row.
3. Click on the 'New Application' button (on the right) and enter a permit name or reference for your application.
4. Click on the green 'Select Configuration' button and then click on the heading 'Performance Based Standards (PBS)'.
5. Select the generic PBS image (PBS Vehicle).
6. Enter the 'PBS details' information.
7. On the 'PBS Route details' page, click the applicable bridge assessment tier (your PBS Approval document will specify this) and the 'PBS Network' radio button.
8. Under the 'PBS Mass Access Level' section select the required masses under the applicable access level.
9. Under the 'Route / area details' section select the applicable state ("VIC").
10. On the 'Period' page, you will be prompted to enter the required permit period.
11. Under the 'Attachments' page, include the PBS Vehicle Approval and 'In-principle' letter by clicking on the 'Add File' button (on the right) or by dragging the file into the applicable section.
12. Follow the prompts to confirm your contact details and complete application payment.

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