



Message from the CEO

Welcome to this edition of *On the Road*.

I'm pleased to say that our NHVR Portal is now at an advanced level of functionality, with operators, road managers and NHVR staff all able to interact on the same platform for the first time. The old email-based system of access applications has been replaced with a new digital interface that makes applying for access applications much more streamlined.

Since the NHVR Portal was launched in August 2016 more than 30,000 permit applications have been lodged, with 99 per cent of all new applications now submitted through the portal.

This is one of the highlights in the [Q1 Quarterly Snapshot](#), released today.

Other highlights during the quarter include strong support for the Performance Based Standards scheme with 396 PBS combinations approved, 6726 heavy vehicle operators accredited in 10,563 modules under the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme and the return of Class 1 heavy vehicle permit applications from the Australian Capital Territory.

I would like to thank all road managers and operators for your continued support of the NHVR.

Regards, Sal Petrocchio
CEO, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

Funding boost for heavy vehicle safety projects

The NHVR is calling for submissions for the next round of funding to support industry-led safety projects.

The first two rounds of the program have seen \$7.72 million invested in 17 projects to improve safety for heavy vehicle drivers, operators and general road users.

NHVR's Executive Director Strategy & Stakeholder Relations Tanya McDonald said the program will continue to support safety initiatives that benefit the heavy vehicle industry and the community.

"The NHVR is keen to continue to engage with the heavy vehicle industry to deliver future improvements to safety.

"We want to hear from anyone who has a program, education, information materials or an idea to trial that can provide a tangible safety benefit," she added.

The Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative is entering its third funding round with \$3.89 million to support a wide range of projects. Round 3

funding will apply to projects commencing in 2018-19.

Tanya said that due to the overwhelming response by industry in the past, the NHVR has decided to open applications earlier this round.

"We expect to again receive high quality proposals for both grass-roots and higher level safety projects.

"We are looking for submissions that detail implementable, value-for-money projects that will deliver significant heavy vehicle safety benefits.

"There were 212 fatalities involving heavy vehicles across Australia in 2016-17 and we are continuing to work hard to ensure that number continues to decline," added Tanya.

Applications will be open until 23 February 2018 with projects presented to the Transport and Infrastructure Council for consideration in May 2018. For more information visit www.nhvr.gov.au/hvsi




**Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative 2018-19:
Round 3**

Seeking proposals for initiatives that will deliver tangible improvements in heavy vehicle safety

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Positive feedback from fatigue consultation

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the recent proposal to allow up to one continuous hour of personal activity at the end of the day or on a day off.

Personal activities include picking up groceries, having a meal, driving to suitable sleeping accommodation and cleaning and refuelling the vehicle.

NHVR's Executive Director Productivity and Safety Geoff Casey said 60 responses were received in total with the majority overwhelmingly positive and highlighted a genuine need for more flexible arrangements around personal use.

"For instance one driver reported spending 122 of the last 138 nights sleeping in his vehicle, and others mentioned periods away from home of four to six weeks.

"In these circumstances, the definition of personal use didn't allow essential activities such as getting medication from the chemist, going to the doctor or visiting the post office

"We are looking to address that in the final Notice," he added.

The NHVR is now drafting the final Notice for commencement before the end of the year.



NHVR to process all heavy vehicle access permits in South Australia from 4 December

The NHVR and the South Australian Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) have been working collaboratively for the return of heavy vehicle access permit processing to the NHVR.

DPTI currently process intrastate Class 1 heavy vehicle access permit applications and will transition this function to the NHVR on 4 December.

The NHVR will then process all heavy vehicle access permit applications (oversize/overmass, agricultural vehicles and special purpose vehicles) that were previously processed by DPTI for travel within South Australia.

To apply for an access permit on or after 4 December, operators need to lodge applications with the NHVR using the NHVR Portal. To access the NHVR Portal, log on to www.service.nhvr.gov.au

The NHVR will be assisting operators during the transition by providing training and information sessions on how to apply for a permit with the NHVR.

To book an information session or training session in South Australia, visit www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/access-management/delegations-project

Transporting loads safely

Complying with mass and loading requirements, including the restraint and placement of any load on a heavy vehicle is essential to the safe and efficient movement of freight across the road network. Everyone in the supply chain should ensure:

- that vehicles comply with mass requirements applicable to the vehicle under the Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation 2013 or mass and route requirements contained in exemptions notices, permits or PBS vehicle approvals.
- an appropriate vehicle is used to transport the load and the load is positioned on the vehicle in a way to maintain stability.
- load restraint systems used to restrain loads on heavy vehicles must meet the performance standards contained in the NTC Load Restraint Guide.

- load restraint equipment used to restrain any load is appropriate, fit for purpose and in good condition.
- load checks are carried out periodically throughout the journey to ensure the load has not shifted and the load is secure.

Oversize hay baler combination

The NHVR has developed, in conjunction with Roads and Maritime Services, a new Permit-based Scheme for the operation of oversize hay baler combinations at night. This scheme will allow oversize hay baler combinations to operate up to 3.1m wide and/or 22m long during night hours (sunset to sunrise). For more information please read the information sheet titled Night Travel for Oversize Hay Baler Combinations at www.nhvr.gov.au/law-policies/notices-and-permit-based-schemes/permit-based-schemes



More truckie toolboxes at Goondiwindi and Port Augusta

NHVR is hosting two more truckie info days in partnership with BP at key regional locations.

The first is at Goondiwindi on 16 November at the BP Bridge Garage Truckshop from 3pm till late.

The second event is planned for 22 November at the BP on Augusta Highway at Port Augusta.

NHVR Stakeholder Specialist Simone Reinertsen will be attending the Port Augusta event.

"SAPol will also be available at the Port Augusta BP from 12pm to 8pm.

"The day is all about giving people information they need and having the opportunity to talk face to face.



NHVR's Callum Fraser addresses driver concerns at the Gattin truckie toolbox earlier this year.

"We're looking forward to meeting you and having the chance to chat and help with any issues you may have," Simone said.

CoR spots still available

Places are still available for the Chain of Responsibility info sessions in Tasmania and Emerald. Don't miss your chance to attend as these sessions are finishing soon. The tools and publications presented at the sessions such as the GAP assessment tool, Introduction to Risk Management and Safety Management Systems can all be downloaded from the NHVR website.

[Click here to book for the Tasmanian and Emerald sessions](#)

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