

EWD question and answer

An Electronic Work Diary (EWD) is an electronic recording system approved by the NHVR to monitor and record the work and rest times of a driver. Development of the draft EWD Standards is well underway and they will be released for consultation before the end of the year. The NHVR expects to commence assessment and approvals of EWDs as a voluntary alternative to the written work diary in early 2018.

What's the timeframe for the project?

- Draft Policy Framework and EWD Standards released for public consultation Dec 2017 – Feb 2018
- NHVR Board approves EWD Policy Framework and EWD Standards – Feb/March 2018

What is the new EWD going to look like?

To provide flexibility and innovation, the NHVR will offer a tiered approval approach to EWDs. Transport operators will be allowed to:

- develop their own EWD system
- buy an off-the-shelf EWD system or
- buy a complete telematics system.

As long as an EWD system meets the performance requirements specified in the EWD Standards, it can be approved for operation along with the conditions of approval and use.

Are EWDs voluntary?

Yes, EWDs are a voluntary alternative to written work diaries.

Do EWD systems have to be approved by the NHVR?

Yes, under the Heavy Vehicle National Law, the NHVR is the only authority that can approve EWD systems and services.

Once the Standards are finalised and published, technology providers will need to submit candidate EWDs to the NHVR for assessment and approval.

EWD fast facts

- ✓ Only NHVR **can** approve **current systems** that meet or are upgraded to meet the EWD Standards.
- ✓ EWD information is collected by the technology provider you choose, and sent to your nominated record keeper.
- ✓ Authorised Officers will have the same access to EWD information as they have to written work diary entries, and there will be a standard enforcement view everyone can see.
- ✓ EWDs will be simpler to use, take less time, checked quicker and easier for record keeping.

Do I have to replace my current electronic recording system?

All EWD systems need to meet the EWD Standards AND be approved by the NHVR.

Transport operators – talk to your technology provider to find out if they intend to seek approval for their system.

I'm about to buy a new electronic device or system for my fleet to manage fatigue, what do I need to do?

There are currently no NHVR approved electronic recording systems. Talk to your technology provider to ensure they are aware of the EWD Standards. Once the Standards are finalised, technology providers will need to submit candidate EWDs to the NHVR for assessment and approval.

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