

## Multi-State Class 1 Oversize Vehicle Notice – Information sheet

This document provides information on oversize class 1 load-carrying vehicles that are eligible to operate under the Multi-State Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicles Dimension Exemption Notice (the Notice). This Notice is published in conjunction with the Multi-State Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicles Mass Exemption Notice (please see separate information sheet).

### Purpose of the Oversize Notice

The Notice consolidates approximately 40 existing permit-based schemes in New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory.

This Notice reduces red tape (permit reduction), provides increased transparency, and provides certainty of access through a gazetted network.

There have been a number of steps towards harmonisation:

- additional vehicle types in South Australia
- maximum rear overhang increased to 7.6m at 29m long in South Australia (previously 5.5)
- addition of Australian Capital Territory Schedule
- vehicles in Victoria loaded higher than 4.6m must carry its load on a vehicle or trailer with a deck height less than 1.0m above the ground
- Relaxation to day travel restriction hours in Victoria

Permits will still be required to access roads which are not part of the approved networks and also for oversize vehicles that are not covered by this notice.

### What vehicles are covered?

This notice applies to a load carrying vehicle that is comprised of;

- (a) A truck; or
- (b) A truck and heavy trailer combination (truck and trailer combination in Victoria); or
- (c) A prime mover towing –
  - (i) A low loader; or
  - (ii) A low loader dolly and a low loader; or
  - (iii) A semitrailer; or
  - (iv) A jinker trailer.

Page 2 is a summary of the dimensions included for each participating jurisdiction.

### Existing class 1 vehicle notices

A number of class 1 oversize (and overmass) vehicle notices are currently in effect. These have mostly been transitioned from prior to the commencement of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL), and will remain in effect without change.

Those notices usually cover vehicles up to 3.5m wide, 4.6m high and 25m long, whereas this notice expands the allowable dimensions (see next page for details).

### Oversize vehicles in Queensland

Oversize vehicles in Queensland have been covered by the Guideline for Excess Dimension (Form 4) for many years. That notice will remain unchanged, except that Letters of No Objection (LONOs) will no longer be required. This change will be effected through publication of a separate notice that will remove section 9.2 of Form 4.

A permit issued by the NHVR is still required to access critical roads.

### Oversize vehicles in the ACT

The ACT has increased allowances for oversize vehicles on specified roads in order to better align with other states under this Notice. This notice allows travel up to 5.0m wide, 5.0m high and 30m long in the ACT without the need for permits on the approved network.

The Road Transport (Mass, Dimensions and Loading) Class 1 Oversize Vehicles Exemption Notice 2010 (No 1) will remain in effect for 3.5m wide, 4.3m high and 25m long vehicles to access a broader network.

### Oversize vehicles in Tasmania

Permit-free operation of oversize vehicles in Tasmania for vehicles up to 5.5m wide, 5.0m high and 30 m long occurs under the Tasmania class 1 load carrying vehicles mass and dimension exemption Notice (published 18 November 2015).

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## Summary of allowances

Item	 NSW	 QLD	 SA	 VIC	 ACT
<b>Permit schemes being replaced</b>	RMS Class 1 OSOM Load Carrying Vehicles Annual Permit Scheme	None <sup>1</sup>	35 SA low-loader schemes (SALLs)	OSOM Annual Permit Scheme	None
<b>Vehicles covered</b>	- Rigid truck - Truck and trailers - Prime mover towing low loaders (including dollies), semitrailers, or jinkers	- Rigid truck - Truck and trailers - Prime mover towing low loaders (including dollies), semitrailers, jinkers, or load platforms	- Rigid truck - Truck and trailers - Prime mover towing low loaders (including dollies), semitrailers, or jinkers	- Rigid truck - Truck and trailers - Prime mover towing low loaders (including dollies), semitrailers, or jinkers	- Rigid truck - Truck and trailers - Prime mover towing low loaders (including dollies), semitrailers, or jinkers
<b>Maximum width (m)</b>	4.6	5.5	4.5	5.0	5.0
<b>Maximum height (m)</b>	5.0	5.0	4.9	5.0	5.0
<b>Maximum length (m)</b>	30	35	30	30	30
<b>Max rear overhang<sup>2</sup> (m)</b>	5.5 (@ 25m long) to 7.5 (@ >29m long)	5.5 (@ 25m long) to 7.6 (@ 28m long)	5.5 (@ 25m long) to 7.6 (@ >29m long)	5.5 (@ 25m long) to 7.6 (@ >29m long)	5.5 (@ 25m long) to 7.6 (@ >29m long)
<b>Maximum length/width before pilot vehicle required (daytime, non-metro areas)</b>	26m/3.5m	25m/3.5m	24m/4m 25m/3.5m 26m/3m	26m/3.5m	25m/3.5m
<b>Initial networks<sup>3</sup></b>	NSW Oversize Overmass Load Carrying Vehicles Network (initially state roads only)	All roads except those listed in the Conditions database	Same as existing, consolidated into two networks: - up to 4.0m wide - up to 4.5m wide	Same as OSOM Annual Permit Scheme network	ACT Oversize Overmass Approved Routes List

<sup>1</sup> The Queensland Guidelines for Excess Dimensions (Form 4) is a notice that is still in effect, however Letters of No Objection (LONOs) are no longer required.

<sup>2</sup> Lesser of this number or 25% of overall length

<sup>3</sup> Unless otherwise signposted or restricted.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1) *Do I need to carry this Notice?*

No. It is not a legal requirement to carry this Notice.

However, the driver of Oversize vehicle must carry the VicRoads bulletin 'Height under Structures for Permit Vehicles – June 2007 and Height Clearance on Roads (when in excess of 4.3m)' in Victoria.

In South Australia, a pilot vehicle driver must carry the booklet titled 'Escorting Guidelines for Oversize and Overmass Vehicles and Loads', published by DPTI.

### 2) *I have a current permit for an oversize vehicle now covered by this Notice. Can I still use it?*

Yes, whilst the permit is still current and valid, you may still operate under it. You may also run under the notice when travelling on the gazetted networks.

However, at any point in time, you must only be operating under one or the other (and comply with the relevant conditions).

### 3) *My permit covers additional routes and networks to those covered in the Notice. What should I do?*

You may still run under your permit whilst it is current and valid to retain the access to the additional routes.

We are constantly working with road managers to ensure the best network coverage, and encourage you to also contact relevant road managers to discuss the specific access you need for your vehicle(s).

### 4) *What happens when my permit expires?*

You may request a renewal of your permit by submitting an application to the state road authority or the NHVR (<https://www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/access-management/applications-and-forms/renew-permit>).

You should only need to do this if you have routes on your permit that are not on the gazetted networks.

Alternatively, if all of your desired routes are gazetted, you may choose to operate under the Notice on the approved networks.

### 5) *I would like to operate on routes not included in networks under this Notice. What do I need to do?*

You will need to submit a class 1 permit application to the state road authority or the NHVR (<https://www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/access-management/applications-and-forms/oversize-overmass-permit>).

### 6) *Why are there still differences across states?*

Harmonisation is still the ultimate goal of the NHVR. During the planning stages of this notice, it was quickly identified that true harmonisation would be very complex to achieve and a staged approach was required.

This notice is the first stage towards harmonisation, and a logical stepping stone that provides immediate benefits whilst ongoing work is undertaken to land on a consistent operating environment.

### 7) *Where do I find contact details for organisations mentioned in the Notice?*

The NHVR has created a single source of contact information for access-related organisations. This can be found at <https://www.nhvr.gov.au/access-contacts>.

### 8) *How do I travel unladen after a job?*

Unladen travel is unchanged. These requirements are already covered under the existing notices in each state and were deliberately not replicated here to reduce confusion and duplication.

### 9) *I have an overmass vehicle, do I still need a permit?*

The NHVR has also published an Overmass vehicle notice to allow permit-free operation of class 1 load-carrying vehicles up to approximately 100t (depending on state). Please see the separate notice and information sheet that can be found at <https://www.nhvr.gov.au/law-policies/notices-and-permit-based-schemes/state-hvnl-notices>.

### 10) *I have an oversize and overmass vehicle, can I operate under this Notice?*

The NHVR has also published an Oversize vehicle notice to allow permit-free operation of class 1 load-carrying vehicles up to approximately 100t (depending on state).

Operation of oversize and overmass vehicles can occur under both this notice and the Multi-State Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicles Dimension Exemption Notice (or another applicable class 1 mass exemption notice) without the need for a permit (on the gazetted networks). Conditions will apply from both notices as is relevant to the actual dimensions and mass of the load.

Please see the separate notice and information sheet that can be found at <https://www.nhvr.gov.au/law-policies/notices-and-permit-based-schemes/state-hvnl-notices>.

### 11) *Do I still need police consent for Queensland travel?*

Yes, the requirements and processes for police consent in Queensland for loads over 4.5m wide (or 35m long) on critical roads are unchanged.

### 12) *Can I carry more than one large indivisible item?*

Yes, however the vehicle together with its load must comply with general mass limits. The vehicle together with its load must not exceed a prescribed dimension requirement that would not be exceeded if the vehicle carried only 1 of the large indivisible items.

For example, if a vehicle was to carry a large indivisible item that was 4.0m wide and 5.0m high and 5.0m long, it would be possible to carry multiple as long as the vehicle with the load does not exceed 19.0m.

More information can be found in Schedule 8 of the Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulations.