

## Information Sheet

### Performance Based Standards (PBS) Permit Applications – Tier 3

#### Purpose

The purpose of this information sheet is to outline the requirements for PBS permit applications specifically explaining Tier 3 combinations stated on the PBS Vehicle Approval (VA).

#### Bridge access

The effects caused by a vehicle in the PBS scheme on any bridge on the route/network requested shall be limited by either of the following methods or ‘tiers’ (note that each successive tier may allow greater gross mass and may reduce the extent of network access):

##### Tier 1 - General access or restricted access

Must meet the bridge formulae listed in Section A4.5 of the PBS Scheme Standards and Vehicle Assessment Rules

##### Tier 2 - Special access

Must not cause greater effects than those caused by existing commercial vehicles acceptable to the bridge owner.

##### Tier 3 - Specific link access

Approval by the infrastructure owner to use all of the structures in a specific link based on detailed individual bridge assessment.

**Please note:** PBS quad axle group mass limit (QML) may be up to 27t on the quad axle group. These combinations will require a Tier 3 bridge assessment at masses above 21t on the quad axle group. Some road managers may require Tier 3 bridge assessment at GML masses.

#### Access to the PBS Network

PBS vehicles that have a Tier 3 bridge assessment are not eligible to apply for the PBS Network.

As previously stated, operating at Tier 3 mass are subject to detailed individual bridge assessment.

**Please note:** PBS approved short combinations (prime mover and quad axle semi-trailer) may be considered for PBS network access at Tier 3 masses in NSW.

#### How do I know if my vehicle needs a Tier 3 assessment?

PBS vehicles that require a Tier 3 (route specific) bridge assessment will be issued with a PBS Vehicle Approval (VA) stating the bridge assessment level.

See Figure 1 Bridge assessment tier (as per PBS VA).

Mass Limits	Level 2
GML (t)	79.5
CML (t)	81.5
HML (t)	85.0
Bridge Assessment	Tier 3

Figure 1 Bridge assessment tier (as per PBS VA)

#### Applying for a route specific permit

When applying for a permit, the route must meet the following:

1. Include the start and finish address of your requested journey (including the street number or company name).
2. One specific mass per application.

**Please note:** If the heaviest mass is applied for and is refused, the entire application is refused. A new application will be required if a lower mass is to be considered. The NHVR is unable to amend mass once the Road Manager has begun assessment.

3. The route must be point to point. For example, direct travel from one business address to another. See **Figure 2 Suitable route**.

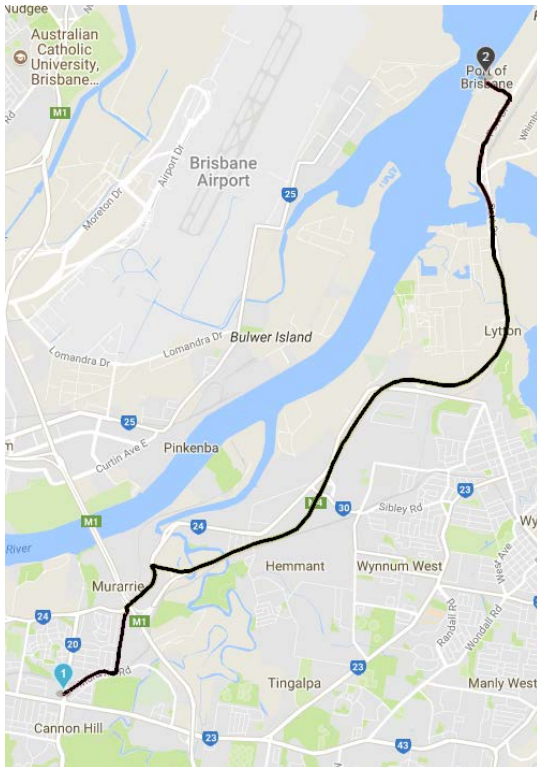


Figure 2 Suitable route

4. Routes with more than one destination are not permitted.

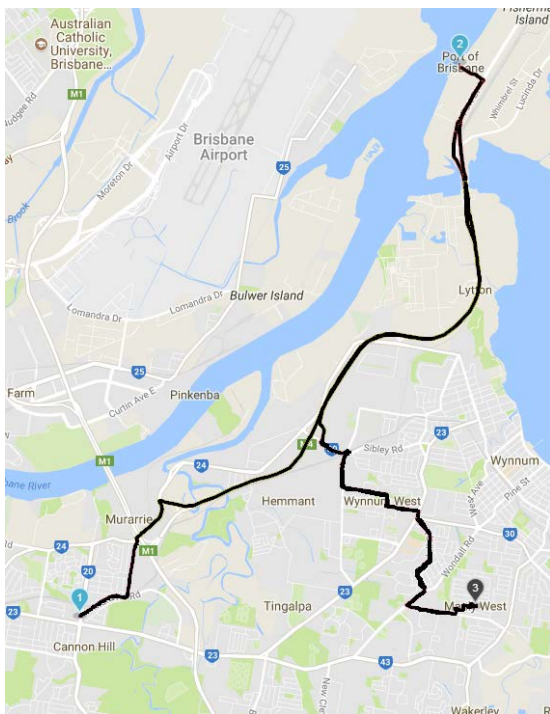


Figure 3 Non-suitable route

**Please note:** if you wish to apply for a route with more than one destination, you will be required to submit a separate application starting at the original destination travelling to the second address required.

### Vehicle Approvals (VAs)

In some cases, PBS VAs are updated to add additional vehicles (e.g. prime movers or trailers) or have a transfer of ownership. In such cases, a new PBS VA is issued with a new VA reference number

The operator must get their permit updated to reflect the new VA reference number.

Operators can lodge this application through the NHVR Customer Portal at no charge.

**Please note:**

- If the VA has been updated with the same dimensions, i.e. adding more prime movers or trailers and there is **no dimension or mass change**. The VA will be updated as soon as possible.
- If the newly added vehicles have generated any change to the VA such as mass or dimension, a new permit will be required and the NHVR must re-seek road manager consent for all routes on the permit. The operator will be subject to one paid application per route.

**For example:** the VA is updated to add a new prime mover that is longer, the overall length increases which can affect bridge assessment (the same for a decrease in overall length). This is the same for increased mass.

**The NHVR recommends:**

To avoid lengthy delays in processing permit applications, the operators should purchase new vehicles with the exact same dimensions as vehicles already listed on their PBS VA. A change in dimension and/or mass could cause significant delays as the NHVR must re-seek road manager consent for all routes on the permit.

## How to apply for a permit

To apply for a new 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 'Permit Applications' 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. Follow the prompts to confirm your contact details and complete application payment.

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