

## Heavy vehicle registration changes

### A consistent, aligned and more efficient approach for industry

Changes to heavy vehicle registration are being progressively implemented to benefit industry by introducing common practices, processes and fees, with the aim of making it easier and cheaper to operate by reducing cross-border red tape and fleet-management administrative costs.

The first of these changes will be rolled out from 1 July 2018 and will include the following initiatives:

- a new national heavy vehicle plate and a nationally consistent plate fee in participating states and territories (jurisdictions)
- more jurisdictions removing heavy vehicle registration labels
- the option for fleet operators across **all** jurisdictions to set common registration expiry dates.

In addition, from 1 October 2018, operators will have free read-only access to fleet registration details on the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) digital platform—the NHVR Portal.

**State and territory transport authorities (contact details overleaf) will continue to manage and administer vehicle registration services, such as new registrations, renewals and changes to registration details.**

### National heavy vehicle plates and nationally consistent plate fee

**From 1 July 2018**, a national heavy vehicle plate will be issued in New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania and the ACT—and Victoria from 1 October 2018—whenever:

- a new heavy vehicle is registered
- an unregistered heavy vehicle is re-registered
- a state or territory registration is transferred to a participating jurisdiction
- a lost, damaged, destroyed or stolen number plate is replaced
- a vehicle is transitioned from the Federal Interstate Registration Scheme.

A nationally consistent plate fee of \$25 per set of plates will apply in these circumstances.

National heavy vehicle plates will not be issued for vehicles registered in Western Australia or the Northern Territory and the plate fees for those jurisdictions will continue to apply.

The new national plate will look like the example below—with black lettering on a white background and a blue ‘national heavy vehicle’ sash across the bottom.



The table overleaf provides a summary of which jurisdictions will be introducing the national heavy vehicle plate and when.



Jurisdiction	National heavy vehicle plate introduction date	Registration label removal date
ACT	1 July 2018	1 July 2018
New South Wales	1 July 2018	1 July 2018
Northern Territory	No national plate	Label still required. Must be displayed on the vehicle regardless of which jurisdiction it is in.
Queensland	1 July 2018	1 July 2018
South Australia	1 July 2018	Completed 1 November 2017
Tasmania	1 July 2018	Completed 1 September 2017
Victoria	1 October 2018	1 October 2018
Western Australia	No national plate	Completed 1 July 2016

## Removal of registration labels

From 1 July 2018, registration labels for heavy vehicles will no longer be required in most states and territories. South Australia, Tasmania and Western Australia already no longer issue labels. Although Victoria will not physically be removing labels until 1 October 2018, it is seeking to amend its regulations to not require their display from 1 July 2018.

This change is expected to bring benefits to industry through costs and productivity savings, in particular for larger fleet operators who currently have to manage logistical issues associated with regularly replacing registration labels.

The table above shows the status of label removal in each jurisdiction.

## Common registration expiry dates

From 1 July 2018, all jurisdictions will provide increased flexibility for operators wishing to use common expiry dates for fleet vehicles.

While this is already an option in most jurisdictions, the minimum requirement has varied. From 1 July, common expiry dates will be able to be applied for two or more heavy vehicle registrations in all jurisdictions.

## Registration details accessible on NHVR Portal

From 1 October 2018, heavy vehicle operators will be able to access details of their registered assets for free on the NHVR Portal. Participating jurisdictions will provide this read-only information—including the status, expiry date and jurisdiction of each registration—to the NHVR.

Northern Territory vehicle details will not be available through the Portal for the time being.

Operators will be able to:

- confirm that details recorded by jurisdictions align with their own records
- check registration changes and transfers have been processed correctly
- forecast registration renewals and costs
- download or print vehicle records to provide to other parties in the supply chain.

Operators will not be able to make changes to registration information through the Portal and should continue to direct any queries about or corrections to registration information to their state or territory transport authority.

## State and territory transport authority contact details

NSW	13 22 13
VIC	13 11 71
QLD	13 23 80
WA	13 11 56
SA	13 10 84
TAS	1300 135 513
NT	1300 654 628
ACT	13 22 81

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