

Heavy vehicle registration changes

A consistent, aligned and more efficient approach for industry

Changes to heavy vehicle registration are being 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, (being progressively rolled out since 1 July 2018), include the following initiatives:

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

In addition, operators now 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

National heavy vehicle plates will be issued in the ACT, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and, on a voluntary basis, in the Northern Territory whenever:

- a new heavy vehicle is registered
- an unregistered heavy vehicle is re-registered
- a state or territory registration is transferred to a jurisdiction other than WA
- a lost, damaged, destroyed or stolen number plate is replaced.

A nationally consistent plate fee of \$25.45 per set of plates as at 2019 applies in these circumstances. The fee will be reviewed by the jurisdictions each year and may be increased in line with inflation.

In the Northern Territory, you can opt to be issued with a national heavy vehicle plate in conjunction with any transaction. National heavy vehicle plates will not be issued for vehicles registered in Western Australia and the plate fee for that jurisdiction will continue to apply.

Below is an example of the new national plate—with black lettering on a white background and a blue 'national heavy vehicle' sash across the bottom.



Removal of registration labels

Registration labels for heavy vehicles are no longer required in any state or territory. 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.

Common registration expiry dates

Since 1 July 2018, all jurisdictions have provided increased flexibility for operators wishing to use common expiry dates for fleet vehicles.

Common expiry dates can be able to be applied for two or more heavy vehicle registrations in all jurisdictions.

Registration details accessible on NHVR Portal

Heavy vehicle operators can now access details of their registered assets for free on the NHVR Portal. Northern Territory vehicle details for vehicles registered without a national heavy vehicle plate are not available through the Portal. This read-only information includes the status, expiry date and jurisdiction of each registration.

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.

Contact details for state/territory transport authorities and FIRS

ACT	13 22 81
QLD	13 23 80
NSW	13 22 13
NT	1300 654 628
SA	13 10 84
TAS	1300 135 513
VIC	13 11 71
WA	13 11 56
FIRS	1800 026 170

For more details visit
www.nhvr.gov.au/registration