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Message from the CEO

Welcome to this fortnight's edition of *On the Road*.

It's now nine weeks until changes to Chain of Responsibility laws begin.

For some businesses this will require only minor changes to their current practices, while for others, improvements to their safety practices will be required.

The CoR law changes were introduced to ensure they align more closely with workplace health and safety laws. The main change now is that everyone in the heavy vehicle transport supply chain has a duty to ensure the safety of their transport activities and can be held liable for this.

Later this week the NHVR will kick off our next round of 21 industry information sessions, starting in Townsville. These sessions will be held across the country during August and September.

The sessions last for about an hour and will include practical information and requirements under the changes and some of the tools available through the NHVR's Safety Management Systems.

If you would like more information on the changes to CoR laws or to book a spot at a session (it's free) visit www.nhvr.gov.au/cor

Regards,

Sal Petrocchio

CEO, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

Greater uptake in Portal customer users

The NHVR's Portal - Customer Module now has 12,000 registered users since it first launched in 2016.

NHVR's Access Manager, Roger Garcia says that with over 60,000 successful submissions received to date and over 98 per cent of all applications to the NHVR now lodged through the Portal, the site is continuing to make applying for a permit quicker, easier and more transparent.

"Drivers and operators are able to see the current status of each application and can review their route on a map in the permit library.

"It's also possible to copy a previous application rather than starting from scratch each time," he added.

Since the Portal began in 2016 as an online method for processing permit applications, there has been a steady uptake in Portal use.

"The industry has embraced the advantages of applying for a permit through the Portal.

"Our aim is to reduce red tape and make things as easy and quick as possible, and the feedback from the industry is that we're achieving this," added Roger.

Before applying for a permit through the NHVR Portal, please use the links below to check if a permit is required and whether you need to apply to the NHVR for that permit.

- [Agricultural vehicle](#)
- [B-double](#)
- [Class 3 \(Miscellaneous\)](#)
- [Controlled Access Bus 12.5m-14.5m](#)
- [Higher Mass Limits](#)
- [Oversize Overmass](#)
- [Performance-Based Standards](#)
- [Road train](#)
- [Special Purpose Vehicle](#)
- [Tow Truck](#)
- [Amend, cancel or replace permit application](#)
- [Renew permit application](#)



Last chance to give feedback on draft Master Code

The public consultation period on the draft Master Industry Code of Practice closes on Tuesday 31 July.

You have until then to view the draft and provide any feedback you consider appropriate.

NHVR's Regulatory Compliance Executive Director Tony Kursius said industry feedback was an important part of the assessment process.

"We welcome the heavy vehicle industry's efforts, led by the Australian Trucking Association and Australian Logistics Council, to develop a Master Code of Practice which covers general risks relevant to compliance with Australia's Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL)," Mr Kursius said.

"Once approved and registered, the master code will set industry standards to support supply chain parties in meeting their Chain of Responsibility obligations under the law.

"The master code will be freely available to all heavy vehicle operators and supply chain parties to assist them in improving their safety and compliance performance and can also be used in court to highlight known risks and control methods.



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"That means adopting the risk-based approach of a Registered Industry Code of Practice will improve your ability to comply with safety and legal requirements."

The draft master code addresses the management of speed, fatigue, mass, dimension and loading, and vehicle standards, particularly as it relates to the new Chain of Responsibility amendments to the HVNL commencing on October 1.

To view the draft code and obtain more information or to provide feedback [click here](#).

Have you registered for an upcoming CoR session yet?

The NHVR is holding Chain of Responsibility sessions around the country during August and September. Below are details of the first few forums. To register for a session, or to see the full calendar, [click here](#).

Date	State	Location	Time	Venue and address
2 Aug	QLD	Townsville	1.30-2.30pm	Mercure Townsville, Woolcock Street
14 Aug	VIC	Bendigo	1.30-2.30pm	All Seasons Hotel, Bendigo, 171-183 Mclvor Hwy
15 Aug	VIC	Warragul	1.30-2.30pm	Warragul Club Downtowner, 55-57 Victoria St
15 Aug	NT	Darwin	9.30-10.30am	Rydges 15 Maluka Drive, Darwin

Notices and Updates

Three Queensland Electricity Entity Fatigue Exemption Notices have been in place since 2015. These provide key exemptions for electricity entities that already operate under extensive fatigue management regimes. After three years of operation and a successful review, these exemptions have been renewed on the same terms and conditions for a further three years.

The new exemption Notices are:

National Heavy Vehicle Queensland Electricity Entity Fatigue Record Keeping Exemption Notice 2018 (No 1)
www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2018G00519

National Heavy Vehicle Queensland Electricity Entity Work and Rest Hours Exemption Notice 2018 (No.1)
www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2018G00520

National Heavy Vehicle Queensland Electricity Entity Work Diary Exemption Notice 2018 (No.1)
www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2018G00521

These instruments have been published on the NHVR and ComLaw websites, and are available for download. They came into force on 16 July 2018 to provide a seamless transition when the current notices expired on 15 July 2018.

Portal tip

Using the NHVR Portal - Customer module

Expedited Renewal

Did you know you can take advantage of NHVR's expedited renewals process if you plan ahead? Just submit your renewal application in plenty of time (you are able to apply up to six weeks before your permit expires) for the NHVR to get your application to the road managers. Once submitted, your application needs to be with the road managers for a minimum of 14 days, and if no response is received by NHVR the permit can be issued. If the application is submitted after the expiry date of the permit, the NHVR is unable to process your application as a Renewal and you will be required to submit a new application. Click here for route requirements and other frequently asked questions.

[Access permit applications route requirements](#)



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