The NHVR has updated more than 80 national and multi-state transitional access notices which are due to expire on 9 February 2019.

NHVR Freight and Supply Chain Productivity Executive Director Peter Caprioli said all expiring transitional notices have been reviewed and updated, however operators should be aware that the notice under which they are operating may be renamed or amended.

“We’ve conducted an extensive review of more than 80 notices in consultation with the states and territories which has allowed us to consolidate many into national or multi-state notices or incorporated into State HVNL notices,” Mr Caprioli said.

“I would encourage all operators to continue to ensure they are familiar with the content of their notice or notices and comply with the conditions when operating under that notice.”

A transitional notice is a gazetted notice with guidelines, exemptions and other legal instruments that were made under state and territory legislation prior to the start of the Heavy Vehicle National Law in 2014.

The new notices will take effect from 10 February.

A list of the expiring notices and their replacement is available on the NHVR website at www.nhvr.gov.au/notices
New VSB6 updates deliver benefits for operators

Two updates for the Vehicle Standards Bulletin 6 (VSB6), effective 1 February, will mean significant benefits for drivers and operators. NHVR Manager Vehicle Safety and Performance Peter Austin said Version 3.1 introduces a new modification code for the fitting of non-standard rear wheels and a simplified in-service emission testing procedure for using portable emission-measuring systems (PEMS).

“The Modification Code D3 - Fitting of non-standard rear wheel components simplifies the certification process and allows Approved Vehicle Examiners to certify the modification without the need to apply to the NHVR like they did before.

“We developed it to meet the significant increase in the number of modification applications for the fitting of non-standard rear wheels to heavy vehicles.

“It covers the fitting of non-standard tyres and rims to heavy motor vehicle rear axles, heavy trailer rear axles and rear steerable axles,” he added.

The Simplified Emissions Test Procedure - Portable Emissions Measurement System offers an alternative, realistic approach to emissions testing which significantly reduces the time and cost associated with this type of testing.

More information about these testing requirements is available in Vehicle Standards Guide 28 (VSG28).

VSB6 is the national standard for the most common modifications made to heavy vehicles.

For information on becoming accredited to certify modifications to the new D3 modification code please contact your state or territory transport authority.

Green reflectors provide safety benefits

The 3-2-1 green reflector project is providing tangible safety benefits by giving truckies somewhere safe to stop and rest while on the road.

Funded by the NHVR’s Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiatives program, this practical project was the idea of heavy vehicle safety advocate Rod Hannifey to provide green reflector markings as an alert on the run into informal truck bays along the Newell Highway and in parts of regional Queensland and Victoria, providing truckies with a safe place to stop and rest.

Watch the video to find out more here.

NHVR funded projects like these are making a difference to the industry creating safety improvements.

To date, the program has invested nearly $12 million in 32 projects in three rounds of funding.

Applications for round four funding opened in November last year and will close on 22 February 2019.

Visit www.nhvr.gov.au/hvsi to download the guidelines and submission forms.

Through the program the NHVR is working together with other safety-focused groups toward a common goal of providing meaningful, practical projects to influence the way people view safety and behave on our roads.