



Message from the CEO

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

It concerns me when I hear stories about operators or supply chain businesses that aren't aware of changes to Chain of Responsibility laws.

There has been extensive information about these changes, which started on October 1, over the past two years.

If you aren't aware of the changes or need more information, take the time to go online, download one of the many publications or information sheets.

I would also urge operators to take the time to read the Industry (Master) Code of Practice, developed by the Australian Logistics Council and Australian Trucking Association, based on guidelines released by the NHVR.

The Master Code outlines guidance, procedures and best practice principles to assist adopters to meet their obligations under the HVNL.

So whether you prefer to utilise a Safety Management System, the Master Code or another risk management framework, I urge you to reflect on your operation and ask what you can do to improve heavy vehicle safety.

Sal Petrocchio
CEO, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

Focus on Fatigue safety ahead of Easter run

The NHVR has today released its *Focus on Fatigue* campaign in the lead up to this year's busy Easter period.

NHVR Fatigue Specialist Andreas Blahous said the campaign carried messages from real drivers passing on information and solutions to avoid the risks of driving fatigued.

"Fatigue will be a major focus for heavy vehicle operators, particularly in the lead up to major holiday periods, such as Easter," Andreas said.

"The NHVR will use messages and videos of drivers such as Bruce Dodds and Rod Hannifey giving their personal experiences and solutions to help other drivers avoid the risks of driving fatigue.

"It's important that all heavy vehicle drivers are able to recognise the signs of fatigue

particularly with the risk of heavier traffic and freight movements over the coming month.

"Drivers may be impaired by fatigue even when complying with work and rest limits. It is important to spot the signs of fatigue and take a break.

"Do not drive a fatigue-regulated heavy vehicle on a road while impaired by fatigue."

There were 175 fatalities involving heavy vehicles and buses on Australian roads in 2018, and while that number is reducing it is still too high.

"The Easter fatigue campaign will also include a range of compliance activities and information on future fatigue requirements over the coming month."

For more information on heavy vehicle fatigue visit www.nhvr.gov.au/fatigue

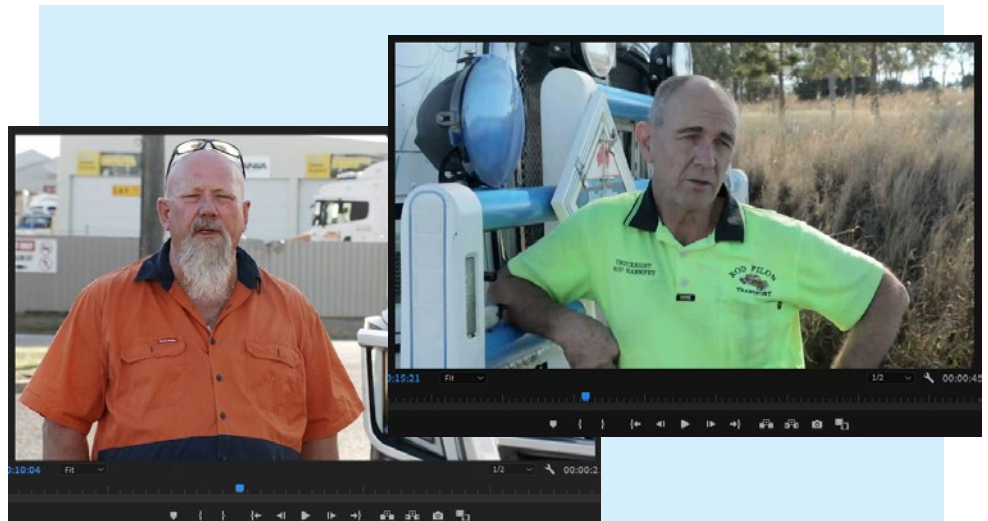




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Time saving for new rego portal access

Operators can save up to 15 minutes per vehicle with access to real time registration information through the *NHVR Portal – Registration Module*.

The change will also better meet industry requests for additional Chain of Responsibility support.

NHVR Program Relations Manager Tammy Wigg said the new functions would allow businesses across the supply chain access to real time fleet information, including a vehicle’s current registration status and configuration.

“Operators can avoid sharing registration information with contractors through email, which is cumbersome and adds an administrative load on both parties,” Tammy said

“You can now share a direct link to a vehicle’s registration details with contractors, eliminating the back and forth of emails and reducing their exposure to risk.

“The NHVR Registration service through the *NHVR Portal – Registration Module* has been

popular since it was launched in October last year.

“There have also been 32,000 searches using the NHVR Registration Checker app, which is available on Google Play or Apple Store.”

The *NHVR Portal – Registration Module* brings together registration for 905,000 heavy vehicle units registered by state and territory governments* into a single database.

Boral’s National Heavy Vehicle Compliance Manager Craig Guthrie said the new functionality would allow subcontractors to provide up-to-date information on their vehicles.

“Currently subcontractors can print out or email details of their fleet, but having real time access to fleet information allows us to put additional safety systems in place,” he said.

“Having all the information in one place saves time and means operators can give us the assurance that their vehicles are registered.”

For more information on the sharing function in the NHVR Portal [check out our fact sheet here](#).

* Excludes Northern Territory registration data

PBS Vehicle Approvals streamlined

Adding new Performance Based Standards (PBS) vehicles to an existing Vehicle Approval (VA) will be improved from 1 April to make the access permitting process simpler.

NHVR Chief Engineer Les Bruzsa said the new procedure means the VA number will not change when adding or removing identical vehicle units.

“This means that existing access permits no longer require updating as the VA number will remain the same,” Les said.

“The NHVR will continue to use the same VA number for minor and administrative changes,

such as corrections and tyre option updates.”

To be considered as an identical vehicle, the following must be satisfied:

- Axle spacings must be identical to the existing vehicles (Note: there is no tolerance for axle spacing variation).
- The vehicle must be approved at the same level of PBS compliance and at masses no greater than those already approved; and
- The overall length of the combination must be within the same access class as previously approved.

For more information visit www.nhvr.gov.au/pbs

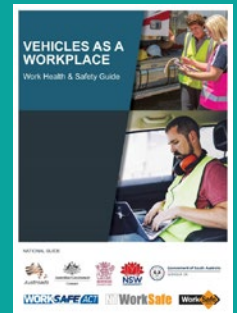
Vehicle as a Workplace

Check out *Vehicles as a Workplace – WHS National Guide* which outlines the process for dealing with road traffic hazards in line with WHS legislation and road traffic safety principles.

The guide has been produced in collaboration with Australian state and territory WHS and road safety authorities, the NHVR and other key stakeholders.

It aims to target road fatalities among Australian workers and can be used by organisations and individuals from any industry who use any sort of vehicle for work purposes on the road network in Australia or New Zealand.

For more information or to check out the Guide [visit this link](#).



What we can learn from 10 years of fatalities data – FREE webinar

The Toll Group has examined every on-road and driver fatality at its global operations over a 10 year period.

Join the National Road Safety Partnership Program and Toll for a free webinar on 21 March, 1pm (AEDT) to hear the interesting findings.

[Click here to register](#). It’s free.

CoR and Safety Management Systems Information Sessions

The NHVR is continuing to hold industry information sessions across the country to explain the changes to CoR, the impact on your business and how a Safety Management System can help you effectively manage your operation’s safety risks.

Book a spot at one of the final info sessions [here](#).

Date	State	Location	Time
20 Mar	Vic	Portland	12–1pm
27 Mar	NSW	Sydney	2–3pm
27 Mar	SA	Pt Augusta	10–11am
28 Mar	NSW	Tamworth	12–1pm

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