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Message from the CEO

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

National Road Safety Week kicks off on May 6, so please keep an eye out for the wide range of activities and safety messages, delivered by transport agencies, police and road safety advocates from right across Australia.

Road safety is at the front of mind for many operators every week, however I believe this week is an important opportunity to reflect on how we can provide information and support beyond heavy vehicle drivers and operators.

It's a collective effort by everyone in our industry to keep reinforcing heavy vehicle safety to the wider driving public.

Last year the NHVR started using the *Tell a mate* slogan to highlight that heavy vehicle safety is everyone's business, whether you drive a truck, car or tow a caravan.

This National Road Safety Week, don't keep your safety tips to yourself. Talk to other drivers, talk to your mates who drive light vehicles or talk to everyone in your supply chain.



Sal Petrocitto
CEO, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

Class 1 Ag Notice starts

A new *National Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle and Combination Notice* is in place across large parts of regional Australia, removing the need to apply for permits to move many agricultural combinations on public roads.

NHVR Executive Director Freight and Supply Chain Productivity Peter Caprioli said almost two-thirds of local government areas had now agreed to the Notice, which simplified the movement of large agricultural equipment and provided clearer guidelines for primary producers.

"From today, farmers should check the *Operator's Guide* and online maps to see whether they still require a permit to move a vehicle, as the Notice has established a network of local, state and territory roads that can be used by heavy agricultural vehicles," Peter said.

"It will bring the number of designated agricultural zones down from 26 to just five, reduce the complexity for cross-border movements and generally improve the efficiency of agricultural operations.

"Some of the key provisions of the new Notice include increased mass and dimension limits,

standard operating conditions, and a consistent set of rules across state and territory borders."

The Notice will apply across designated roads in more than 270 local government areas that signed up during March and April.

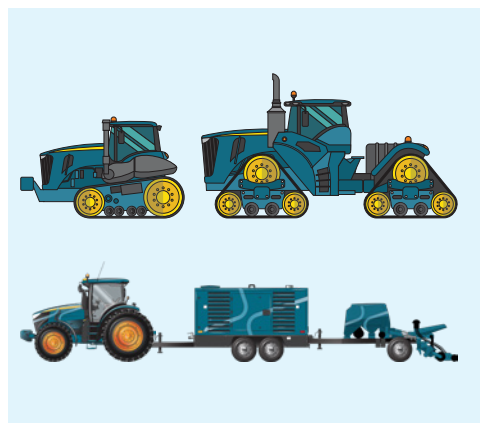


NHVR has also released an *Operator's Guide*, outlining the key information required before moving heavy agricultural equipment.

"If your local government area hasn't yet signed up to the Notice, you can continue under your current arrangements for up to 12 months, unless a Notice expires in the meantime," Peter said.

"If you need a permit, applications will now be processed through the NHVR Portal."

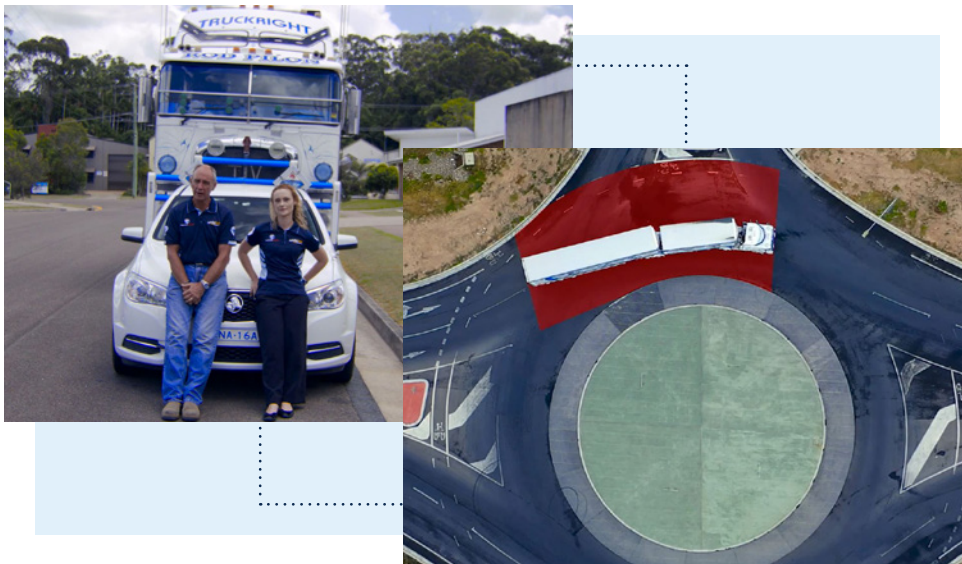
[Click here](#) to apply for a permit through the NHVR Portal.

[Click here for more information on the Notice, the Operator's Guide or network maps.](#)

National Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle and Combination Mass and Dimension Exemption Notice Operator's Guide

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Light vehicles targeted by top 10 truckie safety tips

Overtaking, road positioning and stopping distances are some of the key issues addressed in a new series of videos educating light vehicle drivers how to behave around trucks.

NHVR Corporate Affairs Executive Director Joe Fitzgerald said the series by Whiteline Television consisted of 10 separate video tips, each based on key themes highlighted by truck drivers who identified the most common on-road safety issues.

“When a light vehicle driver makes a mistake around a heavy vehicle, the consequences can be extremely serious, even fatal,” Joe said.

“This series of short videos will be a great quick and easy-to-use way to remind drivers how to share the road safely.”

The videos were produced by Whiteline Television and funded by the NHVR’s Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative, supported by the Commonwealth Government.

Whiteline Television’s Executive Producer Stephen McCarthy said the videos were co-hosted by heavy vehicle safety advocate Rod Hannifey and radio presenter Nicole Rutledge.

“The videos use a combination of on-road scenarios, graphics and animations to explain each tip in a straightforward and down-to-earth way,” Stephen said.

“They were Rod’s brainchild, leading to the driver survey and Truckie’s Top 10 Tips.”

For more information visit www.sharetheroad.net.au

Visit us at the Brisbane Truck Show

The NHVR will be at the Brisbane Truck Show again this year to answer all your heavy vehicle safety and productivity questions.

Visit us at Stall 99 in the Great Hall to chat about Chain of Responsibility, safety duties, access permits, fatigue, accreditation, Performance Based Standards and more.

Showgoers can also join one of our seminar sessions to discuss or learn more about the future of the NHVR Portal, how Performance Based Standards can improve safety and productivity, and what’s involved in the NHVR Fatigue Monitoring Trial.

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Call for operators using fatigue monitoring technology

The NHVR will meet heavy vehicle operators as part of a ground-breaking study into fatigue monitoring technology.

NHVR Fatigue Specialist Andreas Blahous said a research team was seeking expressions of interest from transport companies and manufacturers to take part in the independently-run safety project.

“We’ve asked independent research specialists to look at ways the NHVR can encourage the broader use of the different fatigue and distraction detection technology operators are already using,” Andreas said.

“Operators told us at a Fatigue Safety Forum last October, that this technology has the ability to identify fatigue incidents before they occur.

“We’ll be looking to learn from existing projects such as the Queensland Trucking Association’s *Heavy Vehicle Safety Around Ports* program and the *Smart Truck* program but we see a unique opportunity for operators to contribute their experiences and make a

real and positive difference to safety on our roads.”

The NHVR recently appointed a team from CQ University and HGH Consultants to work with companies currently using, or having previously used, detection technology and devices in their business.

All data will be treated confidentially and not be identifiable in analysis as belonging to the company.

“This is an opportunity for companies to be part of a broader industry pilot as the next stage of the project,” Andreas said.

“The research team will ask operators to provide access to data and have discussions with staff and drivers using the technology.”

Expressions of interest are due by May 21.
[Click here for more information.](#)

The NHVR will also be hosting two seminars at the Brisbane Truck Show on Thursday May 16 (from 3.40 pm) and Saturday May 19 (from 11.40 am).

[Click here for more information on the Show.](#)

Portal Tip

Scope the route

Before you apply for an access permit, scope your route.

Use tools, including ‘street view’ in Route Planner to check bridges and infrastructure along your proposed route and consider alternate routes if required.

You can check out the NHVR Portal at www.service.nhvr.gov.au



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