

Photo courtesy of Muscat Trailers

Step-by-step guide to PBS for road managers

The NHVR has recently released the latest version of *Performance Based Standards – An Introduction for Road Managers*.

NHVR Chief Engineer Les Bruzsa said the guide aimed to provide road managers with a greater understanding of the PBS scheme.

“We want to make it as easy as possible for local government road managers to assess, and grant network access to PBS vehicles,” Les said.

“Australia’s heavy vehicle industry is embracing new technology and designs, with the use of safer and more innovative PBS vehicles on the rise.

“Road managers and operators will find this booklet a valuable resource in building their understanding of PBS vehicles and how they can contribute to local economies.”

[Click here to download the PBS guide.](#)



PBS fleet hits 20% of new vehicles

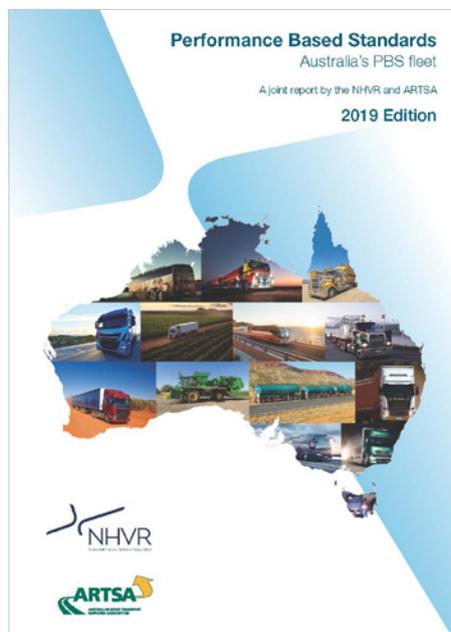
The NHVR recently partnered with the Australian Road Transport Suppliers Association (ARTSA) to release the second annual report into Australia’s PBS scheme.

NHVR CEO Sal Petrocchio said the report demonstrated the success of Australia’s world-leading PBS scheme.

“In 2017, 17 per cent of relevant new heavy vehicles were PBS approved. In 2018 we saw that increase to 20 per cent of relevant new heavy vehicles,” Mr Petrocchio said.

“PBS vehicles deliver significant benefits to productivity and have been shown to be involved in 46 per cent fewer crashes than conventional vehicles.”

[Click here to read the full report.](#)



NHVR Portal update

There are ongoing improvements to the NHVR Portal, and our monthly software updates continue to deliver new features for industry.

Last week’s release included some key functionality that will provide significant time savings for all Portal users.

After a vehicle inspection, state and territory jurisdictions can add vehicle information against a registration record, for example:

- axle group
- axle details
- mass and dimension.

This will ‘lock’ the vehicle component and reduce the need for road managers to further validate the vehicle configuration.

In next month’s release, registration records will be linked to access permit applications for our customers. This will pre-populate vehicle details, saving time when applying for a permit.

For more information about the NHVR Portal, please email digital@nhvr.gov.au.

55K+
applications

Successful submissions received to date through the NHVR Portal, FY/YTD

99%
portal lodgement

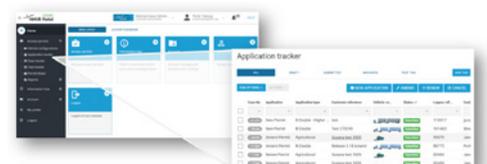
Almost all applications to the NHVR are through the NHVR Portal

750+
daily active users

Each day, industry is interacting and transacting online using the NHVR Portal

19,000+
registered users

Individual users who have access to the NHVR Portal for lodgement and tracking





Don't miss – crane access webinar for NSW road managers – 27 May

NSW road managers are invited to learn about upcoming changes to road access for cranes at a webinar on 27 May.

NHVR Program Director Annette Finch said the webinar would cover the return of permit processing for Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicles (SPV) to the NHVR, information on development of new notices, and advice on professional development and support.

"We're conducting this webinar to help NSW road managers understand how the upcoming changes may impact them and how we can help them," Annette said.

"Returning SPV processing to the NHVR is the third step in the journey towards a single permit process in NSW. This will enhance the work already undertaken to transition Class 3 in October 2018 and Class 1 agricultural vehicles in April 2019.

"Road managers will also hear about

upcoming professional opportunities, including a crane demonstration day that is being delivered by the Crane Industry Council of Australia (CICA) with assistance from the NHVR and RMS.

"The demonstration day, to be held on 19 June, will give road managers the opportunity to see first hand how a crane performs on the network, learn about crane operations and understand how to best manage road access needs to support local communities.

"I encourage all NSW road managers to register to attend both the webinar and the demonstration day."

Registration for the webinar: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/nsw-online-road-manager-update-27-may-2019-1000am-to-1130am-aest-tickets-61909772797

Registration for the demonstration day: www.cica.com.au.



Heavy Vehicle Freight Access Strategy Webinar for local government road managers

The NHVR is currently developing a national Heavy Vehicle Freight Access Strategy (HVFAS). The HVFAS will propose a five year action plan of non-infrastructure solutions, to be delivered by the NHVR, that will facilitate safe, efficient, sustainable and productive heavy vehicle access.

Local government plays an important role in the road freight task. The NHVR encourages all local government road managers to participate in a webinar to be held in June 2019, where more details about the HVFAS and the consultation process will be released.

Date and registration details for the webinar will be confirmed soon.



More pre-approved maps to fast track route planning

Heavy vehicle operators will have access to 1,500 additional routes when planning a journey, with extra functionality added to the mapping system on the NHVR Portal. NHVR Access Manager Roger Garcia said growing the number of National Notices and access to pre-approved routes would make things simpler for road managers.

"Pre-approvals eliminate the need for individual road manager consents for agreed routes, allowing councils to get low-risk applications on their way, so they can focus resources on more complex applications," Roger said.



Successful PBS Day in Temora

Well over 100 people, including representatives from 20 NSW councils, attended the biggest-ever NHVR Demo Day

in Temora, with attendees coming from as far away as Wentworth and Queanbeyan.

Thanks to the Temora Shire Council and Graincorp for putting this day together to support road managers, industry and primary producers.