

Permit Durations – Road Manager Guide

Introduction

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) coordinates a range of access applications from start to finish. This involves liaising directly with road managers, including local government state and territory road authorities and private land owners, to manage applications and issue permits.

This information sheet provides guidance and clarity on permit durations set out in the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL).

This information sheet is provided as guidance material only. Each road manager will determine the permit duration based on their own individual circumstances.

Background

Prior to the commencement of the HVNL, permit durations varied across each state or territory jurisdiction.

Under the HVNL, a customer may submit a heavy vehicle road access application requesting a maximum period of up to three years.

It is the road managers responsibility to provide consent with the appropriate permit duration.

One Month Single Trip Permit Duration

A road manager may identify that the requested heavy vehicle and/or journey may be a high risk to the infrastructure, public amenity and/or public safety.

A road manager may define a high risk movement by considering the possible risks involved with the requested:

- dimensions and/or mass
- route (e.g. rural vs city)
- load description (e.g. indivisible or divisible)

For example, a combination that exceeds one or more of the following dimensions or mass may be defined as a high risk movement:

Table 1: Example of a high risk movement due to the vehicle dimensions and mass

EXAMPLE: RMS High Risk Movement - Dimensions and Mass					
Length	Height	Width	Rear overhang	Forward overhang	Mass
40.0m	5.2m	6.0m	7.5m	5.5m	150.0t

The NHVR recommends that road managers provide consent for a one month single trip permit (if not already requested by the customer), if it has been identified that the movement may cause a high level of risk.

In some cases operators may encounter delays in organising or completing their journey. In these cases operators are required to renew or extend their permit to ensure that the whole journey is covered by a valid permit.

12 Month Period Permit Duration

A road manager may complete an assessment for a heavy vehicle road access application and identify that the requested route has not been previously assessed.

The NHVR recommends that road managers provide consent for a 12 month period permit in order to monitor the infrastructure and assets during the approved permit duration.

A road manager may also provide a 36 month period permit if little or no risks have been identified during the assessment.

36 Month Period Permit Duration

A road manager may complete an assessment for a heavy vehicle road access application and identify that the requested route has been previously assessed and approved.

The NHVR recommends that road managers provide consent for a 36 month period permit if no issues have arisen due to the previous heavy vehicle movements.

A road manager may also consider nominating the journey as a pre-approved route or updating the approved network to include the road/s.

For further information about pre-approving routes, please refer to the following NHVR website link:

<https://www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/local-government-road-managers/pre-approved-routes>

Amending, suspending or cancelling a permit

The road manager may continue to assess their infrastructure during the approved permit period.

A road manager may amend, suspend or cancel the issued permit. This can only be requested if the road manager has identified a valid risk to infrastructure, public safety or public amenity during the approved permit period.

The road manager amend, suspend or cancel forms and additional information is located at the following NHVR website link: <https://www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/local-government-road-managers/resources>

The NHVR will prioritise valid applications and will aim to action them within 24 hours.

For additional information

For additional information or any questions relating to the Permit Duration Guide information sheet, please contact the NHVR Freight and Supply Chain Productivity team on 1300 696 487.

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