

Information Sheet

Multi-State Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicle Dimension Exemption Notice 2020

Background

Eligible Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicles (LCVs) may operate under the Multi-State Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicle Notices. There are two Notices—one for mass and one for dimension:

- *Multi-State Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicle Mass Exemption Notice 2020*
- *Multi-State Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicle Dimension Exemption Notice 2020.*

Purpose

This information sheet outlines the requirements to operate under the **Dimension** Notice.

Note: A summary of key changes can be found in the **Amendment Summary** on the NHVR website. It is suggested that operators become familiar with this document, as it outlines Notice changes from the 2016 to the 2020 version.

This Notice is only for the following participating jurisdictions: the Australian Capital Territory (ACT), New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Victoria. See NHVR website for other jurisdictions.

Eligible vehicles

This Notice applies to an LCV that comprises:

- (a) A truck; or
- (b) A truck and trailer combination; or
- (c) A prime mover towing –
 - (i) A low loader; or
 - (ii) A low loader dolly and a low loader; or
 - (iii) A semitrailer; or
 - (iv) A jinker trailer.

In Queensland, additional eligible vehicles are:

- (a) A prime mover towing –
 - (i) a house removal trailer; or
 - (ii) a load platform; or
 - (iii) a low loader dolly and a platform; or
 - (iv) an extendable trailer; or
 - (v) a low loader dolly and a jinker trailer.

Note: Extendable trailers are covered by the semitrailer definition in other participating states and territories under the Notices.

Application and operating conditions

Each participating jurisdiction has differing application and operating conditions. These include, but are not limited to:

- vehicle characteristics
- areas or routes
- pilot and escort requirements
- travel restrictions on networks.

It is highly recommended that operators familiarise themselves with the Notice, schedule of operation and any additional documents required (e.g. Operator's Guides, access conditions guides).

Network access

In compliance with the Dimension Notice, each participating jurisdiction has nominated permitted routes and areas. Travel conditions and restrictions may apply.

ACT

- ACT Load Carrying Vehicles Stated Routes and Areas document

New South Wales

- NSW Oversize Overmass Load Carrying Vehicles Network (includes 4.6m High Vehicles Network)

Note: NHVR NSW Operator's Guide available.

Queensland

- All roads except those listed in the *Conditions database*.

South Australia

- 23m 42.5t low loader 24 hr
- 23m 42.5t low loader day only
- 25m 59.5t low loader
- 4.0m Wide Load Carrying Vehicle
- 4.6m Wide Load Carrying Vehicle

Note: NHVR SA Operator's Guide available.

Victoria

- Victoria's Oversize/Overmass (OSOM) Network

Summary of allowances

Disclaimer

The allowances in this table are subject to conditions including but not limited to trailer configuration, travel restrictions, pilot and escort requirements and may differ between states and territories. Please refer to the Notice as the source of truth.



NSW



QLD



SA



VIC



ACT

Maximum width (m)	5.0	5.5	4.6	5.0	5.0
Maximum height (m)	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Maximum length (m)	30	35	30	30	30
Maximum rear overhang¹ (m)	5.5 (@ 25m long) to 7.5 (@ >29m long)	6.82 (@ 25m long) to 7.6 (@ 28m long)	5.5 (@ 25m long) to 7.6 (@ >29m long)	5.5 (@ 25m long) to 7.6 (@ >29m long)	5.5 (@ 25m long) to 7.6 (@ >29m long)
Deck height requirement for loaded vehicles?	A loaded vehicle higher than 4.8m must carry its load on an eligible vehicle or trailer with a deck height no more than 1.2m above the ground.				
Maximum length/ width before pilot vehicle required (daytime, non-metro areas)	26m/3.5m	25m*/3.5m	26m/3.5m	26m/3.5m	25m/3.5m

¹ Lesser of this number or 25% of overall length

* A prime mover towing a low loader with or without a low loader dolly or an extendable trailer may travel on approved B-double or road train routes to a maximum length of 26.0m.

Frequently Asked Questions

1) Do I need to carry this Notice?

No, it is not a legal requirement to carry this Notice. However, in Victoria, the driver of an oversize vehicle must carry the VicRoads bulletin *Height under Structures for Permit Vehicles – June 2007 and Height Clearance on Roads (when in excess of 4.3m)*.

In South Australia, a pilot vehicle driver must carry the booklet titled *Escorting Guidelines for Oversize and Overmass Vehicles and Loads*, published by DPTI.

2) Where can I find the list of other conditions?

Please visit the NHVR website and download the *Multi-State Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicle Dimension Exemption Notice 2020*, and refer to the schedule of the state or territory in which you wish to operate. The schedule and body of Notice will have all the conditions with which you need to comply, as well as links to additional documents (if applicable).

3) I would like to operate on routes not included in networks under this Notice. What do I need to do?

You will need to submit a Class 1 permit application via the NHVR Portal (see <https://www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/access-management/applications/oversize-overmass-permit>).

4) Where do I find contact details for (other entity/third party) organisations mentioned in the Notice?

The NHVR has created a single source of contact information for access-related organisations. This can be found at <https://www.nhvr.gov.au/access-contacts>.

5) Can I carry more than one large indivisible item?

Yes, however the vehicle together with its load must comply with general mass limits and must not exceed a prescribed dimension requirement that would not be exceeded if the vehicle carried only one of the large indivisible items.

Please see the [Multiple Loads on Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicles Information Sheet](#) for more details.

More information can be found in Schedule 8 of the *Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation*.