

Class 1 Oversize/Overmass – Cane Industry Information Sheet

The purpose of this information sheet is to provide clarification on applying for an Oversize/Overmass permit for the transport of cane harvesters.

Prior to the introduction of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) in 2014, the Queensland Police Service (QPS) issued permits for prime mover and low loader combinations carrying cane harvesters at 5.2m in height. This allowed the Cane industry the flexibility to operate as required during harvest season.

Following the introduction of the HVNL, the provision for QPS to issue permits to heavy vehicles was centralised through the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) and the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) under delegated arrangements.

TMR continued to issue period permits allowing travel on all state-controlled roads at 5.2m high as a temporary measure to ensure continuity of operations for industry.

With the delegations for Class 1 vehicles now fully returned to the NHVR, TMR and NHVR recognise the requirement for the Cane Industry to continue to have operational flexibility for prime mover and low loader combinations carrying cane harvesters.

Applying for your permit

Submit a NEW application

via the NHVR Portal

Cane harvest operators can [apply](#) for an 'area of operation' permit through the NHVR Portal.

The customer will be required to submit a NEW application to assist with faster processing times and supply the following information in the application:

- Heavy vehicle details, including registration details for the prime mover and low loader, combination length, width, height, axle mass and spacing's, and load description as 'cane harvester'.
- Required routes within the 'area of operation' as defined.
- If you have a TMR permit for all roads within a council area, you may use this and attach to your application instead of a Clearance Authority letter; however the TMR permit must be current. The NHVR will seek consent from the council with the previous permit attached as reference.

What is an area?

An [area](#) is defined as:

- a system of roads incorporated within one road manager boundary; or
- a number of roads (continuous or off an approved network) within a single road manager boundary but may end in another road manager boundary.

When a road manager identifies a particular section of a requested route where heavy vehicle access is not possible, road managers are encouraged to investigate the option of an alternative route to assist the operator in obtaining access.

Frequently asked questions

Why do I have to submit multiple applications for multiple areas?

By submitting one application per area it reduces the risk of a large application being refused by a road manager for a small portion of the route requested. It also facilitates better turnaround times by reducing the complexity of applications for assessment. The NHVR will continue to improve the tools and processes that operators can use to apply for heavy vehicle road access.

How do I know what Routes or Areas belong to a local road manager?

Roads on a route may belong to one or more road managers. Map Layers within the NHVR Portal are displayed to show road manager boundaries (local and state government areas) when this layer option is selected.

I find the NHVR Portal difficult to use, can I get help to submit my applications?

Yes, the NHVR offers help or support using the NHVR Portal. We can assist you in setting up your account as well as step by-step support for submitting applications. Applicants can call 13 NHVR (13 64 87) during business hours.

Applicable fees

All applications must be accompanied by the correct fee (which is outlined in the [NHVR Fee Schedule](#)) prior to an application being assessed. For area applications, a fee per road manager boundary will be applicable.

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