



HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW

National Class 2 B-double Authorisation Notice 2019 (No.1)

1 Purpose

The purpose of this Notice is to authorise access for class 2 heavy vehicles that are B-doubles.

Note: The National Class 2 B-double Operator's Guide (Operator's Guide) provides supplementary information for operation under this Notice. The Operator's Guide is maintained and published by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR).

2 Authorising Provision

This Notice is made under section 138 of the *Heavy Vehicle National Law* (HVNL).

3 Title

This Notice may be cited as the *National Class 2 B-double Authorisation Notice 2019*.

4 Commencement

This Notice commences on 1 February 2019.

5 Expiry

This Notice expires on 31 January 2024.

6 Definitions

(1) Unless otherwise stated, words and expressions used in this Notice have the same meanings as those defined in the HVNL.

(2) In this Notice:

Eligible vehicle means a class 2 B-double.

General access means access to all roads, subject to the operation of the road rules of the relevant participating jurisdiction.

Participating jurisdiction means the Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania or Victoria.

Operator's Guide means the National Class 2 B-double Operator's Guide published by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.

7 Application

- (1) This Notice applies in each participating jurisdiction according to;
- (a) the provisions of this Notice; and
 - (b) the provisions in the Schedule for a given participating jurisdiction.

8 Conditions – General access

- (1) An eligible vehicle on which all axle groups meet the mass limits specified in Table 1 has general access subject to any further conditions in the relevant Schedule for each participating jurisdiction.

Table 1: General access axle spacing mass limits (up to 50 tonnes)

Length of axle spacing (metres)		Mass limit (tonnes)	Length of axle spacing (metres)		Mass limit (tonnes)
At least	Less than		At least	Less than	
3.5	3.7	23.0	8.2	8.3	37.0
3.7	3.8	23.5	8.3	8.5	37.5
3.8	4.0	24.0	8.5	8.7	38.0
4.0	4.2	24.5	8.7	8.8	38.5
4.2	4.3	25.0	8.8	9.0	39.0
4.3	4.5	25.5	9.0	9.2	39.5
4.5	4.7	26.0	9.2	9.3	40.0
4.7	4.8	26.5	9.3	9.5	40.5
4.8	5.0	27.0	9.5	9.7	41.0
5.0	5.2	27.5	9.7	9.8	41.5
5.2	5.3	28.0	9.8	10.0	42.0
5.3	5.5	28.5	10.0	10.5	42.5
5.5	5.7	29.0	10.5	11.0	43.0
5.7	5.8	29.5	11.0	11.5	43.5
5.8	6.0	30.0	11.5	12.0	44.0
6.0	6.2	30.5	12.0	12.5	44.5
6.2	6.3	31.0	12.5	13.0	45.0
6.3	6.5	31.5	13.0	13.5	45.5
6.5	6.7	32.0	13.5	14.0	46.0
6.7	6.8	32.5	14.0	14.5	46.5
6.8	7.0	33.0	14.5	15.0	47.0
7.0	7.2	33.5	15.0	15.5	47.5
7.2	7.3	34.0	15.5	16.0	48.0
7.3	7.5	34.5	16.0	16.5	48.5
7.5	7.7	35.0	16.5	17.0	49.0
7.7	7.8	35.5	17.0	17.5	49.5
7.8	8.0	36.0	17.5		50.0
8.0	8.2	36.5			

- (2) If the eligible vehicle is a complying steer axle vehicle, 0.5 tonnes may be added to the mass limit prescribed in Table 1 if the steer axle is part of the axle group being considered.

Note: Complying steer axle vehicle is defined in section 3 of the Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation.

- (3) An eligible vehicle operating under this section and that complies with the conditions of Schedule 2 of the *Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation* may apply Concessional Mass Limits (CML) to the mass limits prescribed in Table 1.

9 Conditions – Restricted access

- (1) An eligible vehicle that does not comply with the requirements in section 8 may access the stated routes and areas routes set out in the relevant Schedule for each participating jurisdiction.

10 Conditions – Stated hours of stated days

- (1) An eligible vehicle may use areas or routes at any time unless specified otherwise as a travel condition on the stated map or stated list.

11 Conditions – Tri-drive prime mover restriction

- (1) Access for tri-drive prime movers is not authorised under this Notice.
- (2) In this section, tri-drive prime mover means a prime mover with a drive axle group consisting of three axles, all of which are in contact with the road.

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Schedule 1 Australian Capital Territory

1 Application

- (1) This Schedule applies to eligible vehicles operating under this Notice in the Australian Capital Territory.
- (2) This Schedule applies to eligible vehicles operating in the Australian Capital Territory even if part of the journey includes routes and areas in another state or territory.

2 Stated areas and routes – General access

- (1) An eligible vehicle up to 19 metres in length that complies with the requirements in section 8 of the Notice has general access.

3 Stated areas and routes – Restricted access

- (1) An eligible vehicle that does not qualify for general access under section 2 of this Schedule may access the following network:
 - (a) eligible vehicles that are not longer than 26 metres in length:

Australian Capital Territory B-double Network

- (2) An eligible vehicle accessing a network set out in subsection (1) must comply with the road and travel conditions set out in that network.

Note: Links and descriptions of these routes may be found in the Operator's Guide.

4 Stated areas and routes – Specified Road Manager Network Requirements

- (1) Regardless of the access granted in (2) and (3), an eligible vehicle operating under this Notice must also comply with restrictions set out in the *Specified Road Manager Network Requirements*, published in the Operator's Guide.

Note: the restrictions in the Specified Road Manager Network Requirements generally provide restrictions on access in particular Road Manager areas.

Schedule 2 New South Wales

1 Application

- (1) This Schedule applies to eligible vehicles operating under this Notice in New South Wales.
- (2) This Schedule applies to eligible vehicles operating in New South Wales even if part of the journey includes routes and areas in another state or territory.

2 Stated areas and routes – General access

- (1) An eligible vehicle up to 19 metres in length that complies with the requirements in section 8 of the Notice has general access.

3 Stated areas or routes – Restricted access

- (1) An eligible vehicle that does not qualify for general access under section 2 of this Schedule may access the following networks:

- (a) eligible vehicles up to 19 metres in length and over 50 tonnes:

New South Wales 19 metre B-double (over 50.0 tonnes) Network

- (b) eligible vehicles that are not longer than 23 metres in length:

New South Wales 23 metre B-double Network

- (c) eligible vehicles that are not longer than 26 metres in length:

New South Wales 26 metre B-double Network

- (2) An eligible vehicle accessing a network set out in subsection (1) must comply with the road and travel conditions set out in that network.

Note: Links and descriptions of these routes may be found in the Operator's Guide.

4 Stated areas and routes – Specified Road Manager Network Requirements

- (1) Regardless of the access granted in (2) and (3), an eligible vehicle operating under this Notice must also comply with restrictions set out in the *Specified Road Manager Network Requirements*, published in the Operator's Guide.

Note: the restrictions in the Specified Road Manager Network Requirements generally provide restrictions on access in particular Road Manager areas.

Schedule 3 Queensland

1 Application

- (1) This Schedule applies to eligible vehicles operating under this Notice in Queensland.
- (2) This Schedule applies to eligible vehicles operating in Queensland even if part of the journey includes routes and areas in another state or territory.

2 Stated areas and routes – General access

- (1) An eligible vehicle up to 19 metres in length that complies with the requirements in section 8 of the Notice has general access.

3 Stated areas or routes – Restricted access

- (1) An eligible vehicle that does not qualify for general access under section 2 of this Schedule may access the following networks:

- (a) eligible vehicles that are not longer than 23 metres in length:

Queensland 23 metre B-double Network

- (b) eligible vehicles that are not longer than 26 metres in length:

Queensland 25/26 metre B-double Network

- (2) An eligible vehicle accessing a network set out in subsection (1) must comply with the road and travel conditions set out in that network.

Note: Links and descriptions of these routes may be found in the Operator's Guide.

5 Stated areas and routes – Specified Road Manager Network Requirements

- (1) Regardless of the access granted in (2) and (3), an eligible vehicle operating under this Notice must also comply with restrictions set out in the *Specified Road Manager Network Requirements*, published in the Operator's Guide.

Note: the restrictions in the Specified Road Manager Network Requirements generally provide restrictions on access in particular Road Manager areas.

Schedule 4 South Australia

1 Application

- (1) This Schedule applies to eligible vehicles operating under this Notice in South Australia.
- (2) This Schedule applies to eligible vehicles operating in South Australia even if part of the journey includes routes and areas in another state or territory.

2 Stated areas and routes – General access

- (1) An eligible vehicle up to 19 metres in length that complies with the requirements in section 8 of the Notice has general access.

3 Stated areas or routes – Restricted access

- (1) An eligible vehicle that does not qualify for general access under section 2 of this Schedule may access the following networks:

- (a) eligible vehicles that are not longer than 23 metres in length:

South Australia 23 metre B-double Network

- (b) eligible vehicles that are not longer than 26 metres in length:

South Australia 26 metre B-double Network

- (c) eligible vehicles that are transporting commodities and are not more than 26 metres in length:

South Australia 26 metre B-double Commodity Routes Network

- (2) An eligible vehicle accessing a network set out in subsection (1) must comply with the road and travel conditions set out in that network.

Note: Links and descriptions of these routes may be found in the Operator's Guide.

4 Stated areas and routes – Specified Road Manager Network Requirements

- (2) Regardless of the access granted in (2) and (3), an eligible vehicle operating under this Notice must also comply with restrictions set out in the *Specified Road Manager Network Requirements*, published in the Operator's Guide.

Note: the restrictions in the Specified Road Manager Network Requirements generally provide restrictions on access in particular Road Manager areas.

5 Conditions – Maintenance management accreditation and inspection labels

(1) For any vehicle that makes up a B-double that is registered in South Australia:

- (a) the operator must hold maintenance management accreditation for the vehicle; or
- (b) display the appropriate current inspection label issued by the South Australian Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure which clearly states the type of vehicle configuration and the inspection expiry date.

Schedule 5 Tasmania

1 Application

- (1) This Schedule applies to eligible vehicles operating under this Notice in Tasmania.
- (2) This Schedule applies to eligible vehicles operating in Tasmania even if part of the journey includes routes and areas in another state or territory.

2 Stated areas and routes – General Access

- (1) An eligible vehicle up to 21 metres in length which meets the mass limits in section 8 of the Notice has general access.
- (2) An eligible vehicle up to 21.3 metres in length fitted with a rear load restraining guard that complies with the *Forestry Safety Code (Tasmania) 2007* and meets the mass limits in section 8 of the Notice has general access.

3 Stated areas or routes – Restricted Access

- (1) An eligible vehicle that does not qualify for general access under section 2 of this Schedule may access the following networks:

- (a) eligible vehicles that are not longer than 23 metres in length:

Tasmanian 23 metre B-double Network

- (b) eligible vehicles that are not longer than 26 metres in length:

Tasmanian 26 metre B-double Network

- (2) An eligible vehicle accessing a network set out in subsection (1) must comply with the road and travel conditions set out in that network.

Note: Links and descriptions of these routes may be found in the Operator's Guide.

6 Stated areas and routes – Specified Road Manager Network Requirements

- (1) Regardless of the access granted in (2) and (3), an eligible vehicle operating under this Notice must also comply with restrictions set out in the *Specified Road Manager Network Requirements*, published in the Operator's Guide.

Note: the restrictions in the Specified Road Manager Network Requirements generally provide restrictions on access in particular Road Manager areas.

Schedule 6 Victoria

1 Application

- (1) This Schedule applies to eligible vehicles operating under this Notice in Victoria.
- (2) This Schedule applies to eligible vehicles operating in Victoria even if part of the journey includes routes and areas in another state or territory.

2 Stated areas and routes – General access

- (1) An eligible vehicle up to 19 metres in length that complies with the requirements in section 8 of the Notice has general access.

3 Stated areas or routes – Restricted access

- (1) An eligible vehicle that does not comply with subsection (1) may access the following network:

- (a) eligible vehicles that are not longer than 26 metres in length:

Victoria B-double Network

- (2) An eligible vehicle accessing a network set out in subsection (1) must comply with the road and travel conditions set out in that network.

Note: Links and descriptions of these routes may be found in the Operator's Guide.

7 Stated areas and routes – Specified Road Manager Network Requirements

- (1) Regardless of the access granted in (2) and (3), an eligible vehicle operating under this Notice must also comply with restrictions set out in the *Specified Road Manager Network Requirements*, published in the Operator's Guide.

Note: the restrictions in the Specified Road Manager Network Requirements generally provide restrictions on access in particular Road Manager areas.