



NATIONAL HEAVY VEHICLE LAW

National Class 3 Heavy Vehicle 4.6m High by Construction Semitrailer Dimension Exemption Notice 2019 (No.1)

1. Purpose

- 1) The purpose of this notice is to exempt a stated category of class 3 heavy vehicles from the height limit stated in section 8 of Schedule 6 of the Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation (the National Regulation).

2. Authorising Provision

- 1) This notice is made under Section 117 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) as in force in each participating jurisdiction (HVNL).

3. Title

- 1) This Notice may be cited as the National Class 3 Heavy Vehicle 4.6m High by Construction Semitrailer Dimension Exemption Notice 2019.

4. Commencement

- 1) This Notice commences on 10 February 2019.

5. Expiry

- 1) This Notice expires on 9 February 2024.

6. Definitions

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

- 2) In this Notice and its Schedules:-

4.6m high semitrailer means a semitrailer, used in a combination, that:

- a) is constructed higher than 4.3m but not constructed higher than 4.6m; and
- b) does not include a semitrailer constructed or used to carry livestock or vehicles or baled agricultural commodities or a class 1 heavy vehicle.

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

7. Application

- 1) This notice applies to 4.6m high semitrailers operating in participating jurisdictions.

8. Exemption from prescribed mass requirements

- 1) This notice exempts 4.6m high semitrailers from the following dimension requirements specified in Schedule 6 of the Regulation:
 - a) Section 8(d) - height.

9. Condition - Stated Routes, Areas and Networks

- 1) A 4.6m high semitrailer operating under this notice may access the stated routes, areas and networks specified in the Schedules of each participating jurisdiction.

10. Conditions - General

- 1) A 4.6m high semitrailer that is constructed higher than 4.3m must comply with the following mass limits:
 - a) for a combination consisting of a prime mover and semitrailer, the mass of the combination must not be more than 90% of the prescribed mass requirements;
 - b) for a combination consisting of a B-double or a road train, the mass of the combination must not be more than 90% of the lesser of:
 - i. the prescribed mass requirements; or
 - ii. the mass limits specified under the class 2 heavy vehicle authorisation for the B-double or road train, if the relevant class 2 heavy vehicle authorisation specifies a lesser mass limit.
- 2) The deck height of a 4.6m high semitrailer that is constructed higher than 4.3m must not exceed 1.2m for at least 50% of its deck length.
- 3) A 4.6m high semitrailer that is constructed higher than 4.3m must have an air suspension system with effective dampers fitted to the vehicle.

- 4) The driver and operator of a 4.6m high semitrailer must comply with all conditions set out in the Schedule for a participating jurisdiction when the vehicle is being used in the jurisdiction to which that Schedule applies.

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Schedule 2: New South Wales

1. Application

- 1) This Schedule applies in New South Wales.

2. Conditions - Stated areas or routes

- 1) A combination consisting of a prime mover and a 4.6m high semitrailer may use the map and/or list of routes as specified under the heading "*Restricted Access Vehicle maps and lists*" as published by the New South Wales Roads and Maritime Services.
- 2) A B-double that includes a 4.6m high semitrailer may only use a route described in 1) if the route is also an approved B-double route as set out in the National Class 2 Heavy Vehicle B-double Authorisation Notice.

Note: This means the route must be approved for use by both 4.6m high semitrailers and B-doubles.

- 3) A road train that includes a 4.6m high semitrailer may only use a route described in 1) if the route is also an approved road train route as set out in the NSW Schedule of the National Class 2 Heavy Vehicle Road Train Authorisation Notice.

Note: This means the route must be approved for use by both 4.6m high semitrailers and road trains.

3. Conditions - General

- 1) A B-double that includes a 4.6m high semitrailer must comply with any relevant conditions set out in the *National Class 2 Heavy Vehicle B-double Authorisation Notice*.
- 2) A road train that includes a 4-6m high semitrailer trailer must comply with any relevant conditions set out in the *National Class 2 Heavy Vehicle Road Train Authorisation Notice*.

Schedule 3: Queensland

1. Application

- 1) This Schedule applies in Queensland.

2. Conditions - Stated areas or routes

- 1) A combination consisting of a prime mover and a 4.6m high semitrailer may use all roads in Queensland except where there is insufficient height clearance for the combination to pass without striking or damaging any road infrastructure.

Note: The driver of the 4.6m high semitrailer must assess the suitability of a road prior to operating the vehicle on that road. The roads used must be continually monitored to ensure sufficient clearance for the vehicle exists.

- 2) A B-double that includes a 4.6m high semitrailer may only use a route described in 1) if the route is also approved in the National Class 2 Heavy Vehicle B-double Authorisation Notice.

Note: This means the route must be approved for use by both 4.6m high semitrailers and B-doubles.

3. Conditions - General

- 1) A B-double that includes a 4.6m high semitrailer must comply with any relevant conditions set out in the B-double notice.
- 2) Any load carried under this Notice must be loaded in a way that maximizes continuous contact the lowest deck of the trailer.
- 3) A 4.6m high semitrailer cannot be used as a component of a road train.

Note: Under the Heavy Vehicle National Law, a road train includes a B-triple

Schedule 4: South Australia

1. Application

- 1) This Schedule does not apply to a 4.6m high semitrailer that is a refrigerated trailer. In this clause, '**refrigerated trailer**' means a semitrailer designed and built for the positive control of temperature through the use of refrigerated equipment.

2. Conditions - Stated areas or routes

- 1) A combination consisting of a prime mover and 4.6m high semitrailer (semitrailer combination) may use all roads in South Australia.
- 2) A B-double that includes a 4.6m high semitrailer may only use a route approved in the National Class 2 Heavy Vehicle B-double Authorisation Notice.
- 3) A road train that includes a 4-6m high semitrailer trailer may only use a route approved in the National Class 2 Heavy Vehicle Road Train Authorisation Notice (the Road Train Notice).

3. Conditions - General

- 1) In addition to complying with the requirements of this Schedule, a B-double that includes a 4.6m high semitrailer must comply with the B-double notice.
- 2) In addition to complying with the requirements of this Schedule, a road train that includes a 4-6m high semitrailer trailer must comply with the road train notice.
- 3) A semi-trailer, B-double or a road train operating under this notice is not permitted to operate under the concessional mass limits.
- 4) Before starting the journey, the driver or operator must;
 - a) must comply with the specified route, area and structure restrictions published in the *Consolidated Table of Limited Access Locations in South Australia* published on the 'Approved Areas or Routes' section of the DPTI website; and
 - b) may be required to consult and obtain consent from third party entities who manage utilities which may be impacted by over height vehicles.

Note : Some routes in the Adelaide Metropolitan Area have height restrictions less than 4.3m.

Contact details for SAPN, Telstra and Optus are available on the NHVR website.

Schedule 5: Victoria

1. Application

- 1) This Schedule applies in Victoria.

2. Conditions - Stated areas or routes

- 1) A combination consisting of a prime mover and a 4.6m high semitrailer may use all roads in Victoria.
- 2) A B-double that includes a 4.6m high semitrailer may only use a route approved in the Victorian Schedule of the National Class 2 B-Double Authorisation Notice.
- 3) A road train that includes a 4.6m high semitrailer trailer may only use a route approved in the Victorian Schedule of the National Class 2 Road Train Authorisation Notice.

3. Conditions - General

- 1) A B-double that includes a 4.6m high semitrailer must comply with any relevant conditions set out in the National Class 2 B-Double Authorisation Notice.
- 2) A road train that includes a 4-6m high semitrailer trailer must comply with any relevant conditions set out in the National Class 2 Road Train Authorisation Notice.