

Welcome to the third issue of On the Road and hello to any new subscribers.

With 1 September and the rollout of the new national law just a few short weeks away, this issue is devoted to outlining how you'll do business with us under the new rule book.



For the first time, drivers, operators, and others in the supply chain will be working to the same rules regardless of where they operate. You'll be dealing directly with us for heavy vehicle access, accreditation, vehicle standards and fatigue management, creating a level-playing field and bringing real benefits to industry.

To stay up to date with the latest, visit the 'service counter' on our website and subscribe to this newsletter at www.nhvr.gov.au/subscribe.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact our national Contact Centre on 1300 MYNHVR (1300 696 487) or email info@nhvr.gov.au.

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**One Regulator,
one rule book**
FROM 1 SEPTEMBER

Your questions answered live online – 16 August 10 – 11am

Hear your industry representatives put the important issues to the NHVR and have your questions answered live online at our industry webinar on 16 August from 10 – 11am.

'Webinar' is short for web-based seminar, a presentation that is transmitted over the web. Webinars are interactive – you can view and listen, share the link with others or participate by sending in questions or making comments.

Hosted by Queensland Trucking Association Chairman and NHVR Board member, Peter Garske, the live streamed web event will also feature NHVR CEO, Richard Hancock; Australian Livestock and Rural Transporters Association (ALRTA) Vice-President, Liz Schmidt; Queensland Bus Industry Council Executive Director, David Tape; and Queensland Trucking Association Director Tim Knowles.

To view and listen live, visit www.nhvr.gov.au on 16 August from 10 – 11am and click through from the front page.

You can submit questions during the webinar to webinar@nhvr.gov.au and we'll do our best to answer them live. Responses to questions not answered on the day will be posted later on the NHVR website.

If you can't view the live stream on the day, we will also upload the webinar sessions to

www.nhvr.gov.au, so you can watch at your leisure. We'll be hosting more webinars over the coming months. Keep an eye out for upcoming dates and topics or let us know what you would like covered in a webinar by emailing webinar@nhvr.gov.au.



One Regulator, one rule book from 1 September

From 1 September 2013, the NHVR will be looking after one rule book for heavy vehicles over 4.5 tonnes gross vehicle mass.

From 1 September 2013, the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) and Regulations are planned to commence in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania. The Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory are due to commence at a later date. Western Australia is not commencing the HVNL at this time.

You'll see streamlined and practical operations for heavy vehicle access, accreditation, vehicle standards and fatigue management, as we continue to evolve into your one-stop-shop for heavy vehicle road transport business with government.



One point of contact for access permits

From 1 September, we will be your single point of contact for access permits.

- › We'll liaise directly with road managers (state and territory road authorities and local government) to manage your application from start to finish and issue your permit.
- › For new permits, use our step-by-step guide to choose the right form and to submit your application online, via our website by mail or fax. You only need to submit one application and pay a \$70 fee for your entire journey, no matter how far you're travelling. If you have an existing permit, there's no need to re-apply from 1 September 2013.
- › Our new online mapping tool, the NHVR Journey Planner, will help you find approved access routes on the road network (initially for Higher Mass Limits, PBS, B-double, triples, road trains and a selection of commodity routes) and help you work out whether you need to submit an access application.
- › Local governments will have a new statutory role in approving your access to their road network, including setting certain conditions for access.
- › State and territory road authorities will continue to process access permit applications under current jurisdictional law until Friday 30 August 2013. Any applications not finalised by that date will transfer to the NHVR for assessment under the new national law. The NHVR will then coordinate any outstanding approvals from road managers and, if appropriate, issue a permit.
- › If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your application, you can ask for an internal review of the access decision and there will be forms on our website for you to use.

One point of contact for NHVAS and PBS

- › We'll continue to be your single, national administrator for the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme (NHVAS). There are no changes to the entry requirements for NHVAS accreditation.
- › We'll continue to approve your Performance-Based Standards (PBS) Scheme design and vehicle applications (including your PBS-approved vehicle access application) with advice from the PBS Review Panel.

One set of national laws and penalties

- › Australia's freight task will be delivered under standardised regulations for mass, dimension and loading.
- › Nationally consistent penalties will promote consistent enforcement.

One set of national fees

- › We will charge one set of fees for our services, so that the cost of doing business with us is predictable and consistent, no matter where you're operating.

National approach to fatigue management

- › Align your business practices with nationally consistent fatigue management laws and explore a new approach to Advanced Fatigue Management under the Risk Classification System.

National vehicle standards and modifications

- › Apply to us directly for heavy vehicle standards modifications and exemption permits.
- › Take advantage of mutual interstate recognition of inspections and defect clearances.
- › Existing approved vehicle examiner schemes and services will continue to be managed by each road transport authority.



Queensland's 100km radius change

Once the new national law commences, all drivers of fatigue-regulated vehicles who drive 100km or more from their home base or operate under Basic Fatigue Management or Advanced Fatigue Management must complete a work diary to record their work and rest times.

Drivers operating to standard hours in Queensland will be required to record their work and rest time in a work diary when they operate outside of a 100km radius.

Previously in Queensland, drivers operating under standard hours were required to use a work diary when they operated outside of a 200km radius from their base. These changes bring Queensland into line with other states and territories which already have been operating with the 100km radius.

As a guideline, from 1 September:

- › When performing local work and driving under a 100km radius from the home base under Standard Hours, drivers do not have to obtain or record details in the National Driver Work Diary. Drivers must still comply with the standard hours work and rest option requirements.
- › When driving outside a radius of 100km from the home base, even if it is for a single unplanned trip, drivers must carry a National Driver Work Diary and record details of all work and rest hours for that day (including the local work).
- › Drivers operating under Basic Fatigue Management hours, Advanced Fatigue Management hours or exemption hours, must carry a National Driver Work Diary and record all work and rest hours.
- › Under the HVNL, drivers using Standard Hours who have undertaken work more than 100km from their home base in the last 28 days must keep their National Driver Work Diary with them every time they drive.

For more information visit www.nhvr.gov.au/workdiary.

One set of national fees from 1 September

Once the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) commences from 1 September, the NHVR will operate under a single fee structure for access permits, NHVAS accreditation and the National Driver Work Diary. Visit www.nhvr.gov.au/fees to view the new national fees schedule that will apply in participating states.

New national penalties and infringements

The introduction of the new national law on 1 September means that for the first time, drivers, operators and others in the supply chain will be subject to the same penalties for breaking the law regardless of where they operate in Australia. This will promote consistent enforcement across the country.

You may notice some differences - in some cases, penalty levels are higher than they used to be, some are lower, and some remain the same.

Visit www.nhvr.gov.au/law-policies/penalties to check the different types of penalties (infringeable offences, court imposed penalties or demerit points) under the new national law. You can download the complete summary document or just a specific section.

A review of the national penalties framework is currently underway with further opportunities to refine the framework and address any issues arising from the new national law. Industry will be consulted as part of this process.

Draft access permit forms

The NHVR, in consultation with industry and government, has developed draft forms for heavy vehicle access permits which are now available on the NHVR website. Please note these forms are draft only and the content is subject to change. The final forms will be available on the website from 1 September. To access the draft form for heavy vehicle access permits visit www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/access-permits.

What's staying the same from 1 September?

Even when the new national law is in place, some aspects of heavy vehicle regulation will stay the same.

For heavy vehicle registration, inspections, driver licensing and all matters related to the carriage of dangerous goods, you should still deal with the relevant state or territory government department.

State and territory police, and authorised officers will continue to enforce heavy vehicle offences under the new national law. Legal and court processes will largely remain as they are.

Freight Week 2013

The Victorian Transport Association will once again host the very popular Freight Week 2013 event from 2-6 September at the Melbourne Park Function Centre. Over five days, nine sessions will be held to cover key issues for the Transport and Logistics industry. Leading speakers, panel sessions, break out groups and an exhibition will contribute to the exchange of ideas and debate on topics relevant to the heavy vehicle industry.

Keynote speakers include:

- › The Honorable Jennifer Acton, President of the Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal and a Senior Deputy President of the Fair Work Commission
- › National Heavy Vehicle Regulator, Richard Hancock, CEO
- › Chris Riddell, Chief Digital Officer for MARS in Australia & New Zealand
- › Anthony Hatch, CEO of ABH Consulting, New York
- › Stephen Bradford, CEO, Port of Melbourne Corporation.

For more details and to purchase tickets visit www.freightweek.com.au.



Got a friend who needs to know?

If you know someone who needs to know about 1 September, pass this newsletter on. Encourage them to sign up too!

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NHVR on the road

2-6 September

Melbourne

- › **Freight Week 2013**
Victorian Transport Association,
Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce

11-13 September

Hobart

- › **CICA 2013 Conference, Exhibition and Crane Display**
Crane Industry Council of Australia

11-13 September

Gold Coast

- › **2013 Annual Conference**
TRANZnet

18 September

Brisbane

- › **Chain of Responsibility**
Australian Industry Group

25-26 September

Sydney

- › **Australian Bus and Coach Show 2013**
BusNSW

8-11 October

Cairns

- › **2013 IPWEAQ State Conference**
Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia
Queensland Division

27-30 October

Adelaide

- › **Bus Industry Confederation Conference**
Bus Industry Confederation

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