



Commonwealth Fact Sheet



NATIONAL HEAVY VEHICLE REGULATOR (NHVR)

If your project involves operating over-sized, over-mass or special purpose vehicles on roads, you must seek permission from the relevant road authority for all parts of the journey. This includes roads owned by Local Government, the State and entities such as Port Authorities.

1. What approvals do I need?

The NHVR regulates vehicles over 4.5 tonnes Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM¹). There are certain heavy vehicles (Restricted Access Vehicles) that require authorisation to operate on Australian roads.

2. Who provides approvals?

The NHVR issues approvals (notices and permits) for Restricted Access Vehicles under the *Heavy Vehicle National Law*.

3. How do I get approval?

Guidelines and applications are available [online](#) including information on [Project Specific Permits](#).

The NHVR recommends two key steps to reduce unnecessary delays in obtaining road access permits:

- The HVNV encourages operators to contact state and territory jurisdictions (heavy vehicle access policy sections) to seek advice on:
 - Equipment or load transport requirements
 - Estimated time required to obtain consent
 - Any other matters that may affect the delivery of the project.

Jurisdictions may involve other road managers and other agencies, such as the NHVR and police, as

required. At this point, a decision may be made to develop a notice rather than using a set of permits.

2. Once the project is established, the NHVR will work with the operator, relevant jurisdictions, any affected road managers, and other agencies to obtain consent for the requested access (permit). The consent may apply for a set of permits or a notice as appropriate for the situation.

Operators are required to secure approvals from electricity companies, rail authorities and other third parties and may be required to provide evidence of these approvals as part of the application process for a heavy vehicle permit.

4. More information

National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

For more information, visit the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator [website](#) or phone 1300 696 487 or Email: info@nhvr.gov.au

Major Projects Facilitation Agency

If you would like assistance to identify the regulatory obligations for your project, please visit our [Online Tool](#) or contact us:

Email: mpfa@industry.gov.au

¹ GVM (gross vehicle mass), of a vehicle, means the maximum loaded mass of the vehicle.

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