



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 Port Authorities.

1. What approvals do I need?

A permit is required to operate:

- **Class 1 Heavy vehicles:** Agricultural vehicles, Oversize overmass vehicles, Special purpose vehicles;
- **Class 2 Heavy vehicles:** Freight-carrying vehicles, Buses, Vehicle carriers, Livestock vehicles, Performance-Based Standards vehicles;
- **Class 3 Heavy vehicles:** All Heavy vehicles excluding Class 1 & 2.

2. Who provides approvals?

The NHVR issues permits and regulate vehicles over 4.5 tonnes GVM under the *Heavy Vehicle National Law*.

3. How do I get Commonwealth approval?

Guidelines and applications are available [online](#).

The NHVR forwards applications to the State and Territory authorities who coordinate approvals from the relevant Road Managers.

Local government Road Managers must respond to a consent request from NHVR within 28 days. Requests requiring comprehensive structural integrity

assessments generally take longer and incur additional costs.

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

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For more information, visit the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator [website](#) or contact:

Phone: 1300 696 487

Email: info@nhvr.gov.au

Applicants can contact local governments directly to discuss proposed routes.

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:

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