

From 20 April 2024, the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) will be responsible for providing heavy vehicle on-road compliance and enforcement, and Programmed Vehicle Inspections (PVI) services in Queensland. These regulatory services will transition to the NHVR from the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR). This change is part of a nationally consistent approach to compliance and enforcement activities for heavy vehicles.

From 20 April, the heavy vehicle industry can expect to see the NHVR's Safety and Compliance Officers (SCOs) working roadside and at vehicle inspection sites across Queensland, including in the far north and western areas of the state.

These officers have authority to stop heavy vehicles and check the vehicle, operator, and driver are complying with the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) and other state-based laws. This includes checking compliance with heavy vehicle driver licensing, registration, and road rules.



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Heavy vehicle compliance in QLD transfers to the NHVR

What else is changing?

Branding

The NHVR SCOs will be easily recognisable by their distinctive uniforms, badges, and vehicles.

The rebranding of vehicles may take several weeks, however irrespective of the vehicle branding, drivers and operators must comply with the lawful directions of NHVR authorised officers.

Functions

From 20 April 2024, the NHVR will be responsible for:

- Providing information and education to industry to promote compliance with the HVNL.
- On-road monitoring of heavy vehicle compliance with mass, dimension, load restraint, vehicle standards, access conditions, driver fatigue and work diaries, requirements for the transportation of dangerous goods and explosives, driver licensing and registration.
- Issuing infringements and undertaking prosecutions for serious offences.

- Issuing defect notices to heavy vehicles that do not comply with safety standards.
- Investigating offences, including Chain of Responsibility (CoR) offences.
- Collecting and analysing data relating to heavy vehicle movements.
- Monitoring and responding to non-compliance with the Intelligent Access Program (IAP).
- Carrying out PVIs and supervised weighs.

Programmed Vehicle Inspection delivery

The NHVR will provide PVIs in Queensland from the transition date, including at regional and remote PVI locations.

You can continue to book a PVI (excluding fleet bookings) through the existing TMR channels.

From transition (20 April), fleet bookings can be organised through the NHVR Contact Centre.

What will stay the same?

TMR will continue to be directly responsible for delivering regulatory and compliance programs for:

- Tow truck accreditation and tow trucks
- Auditing schemes and accredited persons
- Passenger transport operator and driver authorisations and accreditation
- Road manager functions
- Sale of the National Work Diary
- Taxis
- Vehicles under 4.5t GVM.

Why is the transition happening?

The NHVR was established in 2013 as a statutory authority to administer the HVNL, which applies in all Australia's states and territories except the Northern Territory and Western Australia.

Over the past few years, the NHVR has been working closely with states and territories to transition heavy vehicle regulatory services, to improve road safety outcomes.

Queensland is the final participating jurisdiction to transfer responsibility for the direct delivery of heavy vehicle regulatory services to the NHVR. The completion of the transition program will provide a more consistent and harmonised approach to heavy vehicle regulation across the country.

What are the benefits of the transition?

The transition of Queensland services will streamline the delivery of heavy vehicle regulation for industry and will improve regulatory outcomes and safety.

As the national regulator, the NHVR will provide nationally consistent education, enforcement methods and resources, and will undertake more complex CoR and primary duty investigations into duty holders across the supply chain.

By assuming responsibility for heavy vehicle safety services, the NHVR is able to establish a safer road network not only in Queensland, but across the nation.

