

## Information Sheet

### National Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicle Dimension Exemption Notice

#### Background

Eligible Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicles (LCVs) may operate under the National Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicle Dimension Exemption Notice 2024 and the Multi-State Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicle Mass Exemption Notices 2023.

#### Purpose

This information sheet outlines the requirements to operate under the **Dimension** Notice.

This Notice is only for the following participating jurisdictions: the Australian Capital Territory (ACT), New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Victoria.

#### Eligible vehicles

This Notice applies to an LCV that comprises:

- (a) A truck; or
- (b) A truck and trailer combination; or
- (c) A prime mover towing –
  - (i) A low loader; or
  - (ii) A low loader dolly and a low loader; or
  - (iii) A semitrailer; or
  - (iv) A jinker trailer.

In Queensland, additional eligible vehicles are:

- (a) A prime mover towing –
  - (i) a house removal trailer; or
  - (ii) a load platform; or
  - (iii) a low loader dolly and a platform; or
  - (iv) an extendable trailer; or
  - (v) a low loader dolly and a jinker trailer.

#### Application and operating conditions

Each participating jurisdiction has different application and operating conditions. These include, but not limited to:

- vehicle characteristics
- areas or routes
- pilot and escort requirements
- travel restrictions on networks.

It is highly recommended that operators familiarise themselves with the Notice, schedule of operation and any additional documents required (e.g. Operator's Guides, access conditions guides).

#### Network access

In compliance with the Dimension Notice, each participating jurisdiction has nominated permitted routes and areas. Travel conditions and restrictions may apply.

#### ACT

- ACT Load Carrying Vehicles Stated Routes and Areas document

#### New South Wales

- NSW Oversize Overmass Load Carrying Vehicles Network (includes 4.6m High Vehicles Network)

**Note:** NHVR New South Wales Operator's Guide available.

#### Queensland

- All roads subject to compliance with the Queensland Excess Mass and Dimension Conditions; and the Access Conditions Guide; and the Pilot and Escort Guideline as it relates to Load Carrying Vehicles.

#### South Australia

- 23m 42.5t low loader 24 hr
- 23m 42.5t low loader day only
- 25m 59.5t low loader
- 4.0m Wide Load Carrying Vehicle
- 4.6m Wide Load Carrying Vehicle

**Note:** NHVR South Australia Operator's Guide available.

#### Victoria

- Victoria's Oversize and Overmass (OSOM) Network

## Summary of allowances

### Disclaimer

The allowances in this table are subject to conditions including but not limited to trailer configuration, travel restrictions, pilot and escort requirements and may differ between states and territories.<sup>1</sup>



**NSW**



**QLD**



**SA**



**VIC**



**ACT**

	NSW	QLD	SA	VIC	ACT
<b>Laden maximum width (m)</b>	5.0	5.5	4.6	5.0	5.0
<b>Unladen maximum width (m) for low loader, low loader dolly, or jinker</b>	For New South Wales and Queensland: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 2.5m where there are 4 tyres on each axle; or</li> <li>b) 2.7m where there are 8 tyres on each axle.</li> </ul> In addition to the above, for Queensland only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) 3.5m for a load platform where the ATM is 100t or greater; or</li> <li>d) 3.5m for a house removal trailer; or</li> <li>e) 3.5m for a load platform or module used to form a load platform.</li> </ul>				
<b>Maximum height (m)</b>	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
<b>Maximum length (m)</b>	30	35	30	30	30
<b>Maximum rear overhang<sup>1</sup> (m)</b>	5.5 (@ 25m long) to 7.5 (@ >29m long)	6.82 (@ 25m long) to 7.6 (@ 28m long)	5.5 (@ 25m long) to 7.6 (@ >29m long)	5.5 (@ 25m long) to 7.6 (@ >29m long)	5.5 (@ 25m long) to 7.6 (@ >29m long)
<b>Deck height requirement for loaded vehicles?</b>	A loaded vehicle higher than 4.8m must carry its load on an eligible vehicle or trailer with a deck height no more than 1.2m above the ground.				
<b>Maximum length/ width before pilot vehicle required (daytime, non-metro areas)</b>	26m/3.5m	25m*/3.5m	26m/3.5m	26m/3.5m	25m/3.5m

<sup>1</sup> Lesser of this number or 25% of overall length

\* A prime mover towing a low loader with or without a low loader dolly or an extendable trailer may travel on approved B-double or road train routes to a maximum length of 26m.

<sup>1</sup> Dimensions given may reflect the maximum permissible for certain vehicle configurations. Please check the Notice for the maximum allowable for your vehicle.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1) Do I need to carry this Notice?

No, it is not a legal requirement to carry this Notice.

### 2) Where can I find the list of other conditions?

Please visit the NHVR website and download the *National Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicle Dimension Exemption Notice 2024*, and refer to the schedule of the state or territory in which you wish to operate. The schedule and body of the Notice will have all the conditions with which you need to comply, as well as links to additional documents (if applicable).

### 3) I would like to operate on routes not included in networks under this Notice. What do I need to do?

You will need to submit a Class 1 permit application via the NHVR Portal (see <https://www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/access-management/applications/oversize-overmass-permit>).

### 4) Where do I find contact details for (other entity/third party) organisations mentioned in the Notice?

The NHVR has created a single source of contact information for access-related organisations. This can be found at <https://www.nhvr.gov.au/access-contacts>.

### 5) Can I carry more than one large indivisible item?

Yes, however the vehicle together with its load must comply with general mass limits and must not exceed a prescribed dimension requirement that would not be exceeded if the vehicle carried only one of the large indivisible items.

Please see the [Multiple Loads on Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicles Information Sheet](#) for more details. More information can be found in Schedule 8 of the Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation.

### 6) Can I operate an eligible vehicle higher than 4.6m at night in Victoria outside of urban areas?

Section 7 of Schedule 8 of the Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation prohibits a Class 1 vehicle that is wider than 3.1m or 22m long from operating at night outside of:

- an urban area; or
- in an urban area without a pilot.

Section 6 of the Victorian Schedule to the Notice permits Class 1 heavy vehicles higher than 4.6m to operate at night on all Victorian freeways and highways as well as in the Melbourne and Geelong urban areas. This is in addition to Class 1 heavy vehicles operating during daylight areas according to the times mentioned in the section.

### 7) What are the maximum day-time and nighttime dimension limits in Queensland for rigid trucks and truck and trailer combinations?

The maximum dimension for a rigid truck in Queensland operating day or night is 12.5m and the maximum dimension for a rigid truck and trailer combination in Queensland operating day or night is 19m.