

Our vision: A safe, efficient and productive heavy vehicle industry serving the needs of Australia.

As Australia's dedicated, independent statutory regulator for all vehicles over 4.5 tonnes gross vehicle mass on the public network, we provide leadership and drive sustainable improvements to safety and productivity across the heavy vehicle transport sector.

We were established as a statutory authority in 2013 and, since 10 February 2014, have been administering a single set of laws for heavy vehicles under the *Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012 (Qld)*—the HVNL—which applies everywhere except the Northern Territory and Western Australia.

We deliver a comprehensive range of services under a consistent regulatory framework. Some of these services are provided by state and territory road transport authorities and other government agencies on our behalf.

Working in partnership with all states and territories, industry and local governments, we are committed to:

- reducing duplication and inconsistencies in heavy vehicle regulation across state and territory borders
- building a strong safety culture across the heavy vehicle industry and its supply chain.

We are headquartered in Brisbane and employ more than 260 people across Brisbane, Adelaide, Canberra and Melbourne.



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Making the industry safer and more productive

The following are some of our leading initiatives and programs to drive productivity improvements in the heavy vehicle industry and make Australia's roads safer.

Access management

To reduce the administrative burden associated with applying for permits, we are:

- working with road managers to expand the number of pre-approved routes, with more than 1,855 routes now pre-approved
- harmonising existing notices, permits, guidelines and policy instruments into new national notices to reduce state- and territory-based policy conditions, removing the need for permits for some vehicle types and trips
- encouraging and assisting operators to submit their permit applications online through the NHVR Portal.

Chain of Responsibility (CoR) and Safety Management Systems (SMS)

When amended CoR laws come into effect later in 2018, each party in the heavy vehicle supply chain will have to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that all transport activities relating to a vehicle are conducted safely. Having an SMS in place will be one of the most effective ways of meeting safety duties obligation under the HVNL.

We have developed free guidance material and document templates to help heavy vehicle operators implement an SMS in their business. These are available on our website at www.nhvr.gov.au/sms.

For CoR resources, go to www.nhvr.gov.au/cor



Safety and compliance

As part of delivering a unified approach to heavy vehicle safety and compliance across all participating states and territories, we have been delivering heavy vehicle prosecutions and investigations services in South Australia since July 2016 and front-line safety and compliance services since October 2017. From 2 July 2018, we will also be providing these services in Tasmania.

National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme (NHVAS)

The NHVAS is becoming increasingly popular as a way of demonstrating compliance with general duty requirements under road transport law. This voluntary scheme provides regulatory concessions for ASIC-registered heavy vehicle operators who have in place robust safety (or other) management systems. It offers accreditation in:

- Mass Management
- Maintenance Management
- Fatigue Management: Basic Fatigue Management
- Fatigue Management: Advanced Fatigue Management

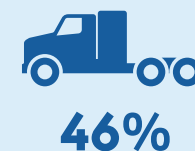


heavy vehicle operators participating in 10,914 NHVAS modules

Performance-Based Standards (PBS)

The PBS scheme offers the heavy vehicle industry the potential to achieve greater productivity and improved safety through innovative and optimised vehicle design. PBS vehicles are designed and built for a specific freight task and appropriate networks using the latest technologies and systems. More than 6,100 PBS combinations have been approved during the past 10 years.

Recent improvements to the approval process will enable an estimated 85 per cent of all PBS design applications to be 'pre-advised' by the PBS Review Panel, reducing the average processing time from four weeks to just three days.



fewer crashes involving PBS vehicles than conventional vehicles (per km travelled)