



**Keep Christmas safe for all**



**Trucks need time  
Don't rush for a deadline**



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**Allow heavy vehicles  
space to operate**



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**Be patient around heavy vehicles  
It's safer**

## Christmas safety plea to all motorists

Latest truck crash statistics reveal 93 per cent of multi-vehicle fatalities involving a heavy vehicle in Australia are caused by cars.

As record numbers of motorists hit the road this Christmas, the nation's trucking industry leaders and the NHVR are urging all road users to put themselves in the driver's seat.

NHVR Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Ray Hassall says the recent Chain of Responsibility (CoR) changes make everyone involved with the trucking industry more accountable for safety.

"Any time a person or business sends or receives goods using a heavy vehicle they have a shared responsibility to ensure safety," Mr Hassall said.

"If you're a motorist, in particular be aware that heavy vehicles require more distance to slow down, need more space when turning and need access to rest bays and truck stops."

National Transport Insurance (NTI) CEO,

Tony Clark said the NTI data shows truck drivers are more often not at fault in high-profile accidents.

"We know there is often a negative public perception when it comes to truck safety and accidents, however this data tells a different story. It's important to remember trucks are the lifeblood of Australia," Mr Clark said.

NTI processes more than 13,000 claims from truck drivers each year and has the nation's most comprehensive data. Leading into Christmas they face a 14 per cent spike in claims.

"Most truck drivers are professional, and many also have families waiting for them at home. The best gift from motorists this Christmas is to help everyone stay safe."

The NHVR and NTI have kicked off a Christmas social media campaign with tips for drivers to ensure they operate safely around heavy vehicles.



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**Heavy vehicle drivers need their rest  
Leave truck rest bays clear for trucks**



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**Don't become distracted  
around heavy vehicles**

## NHVR to process NSW Class 3 permits

The NHVR will begin processing all NSW Class 3 permits from Monday, December 17.

NHVR Project Director Annette Finch said the processing for NSW Class 3 permits for RMS and NSW local councils would cover a range of heavy vehicles including combinations carrying platform containers, vehicles with loads exceeding 4.3m in height, vehicles carrying pipes transversely, tow trucks and controlled access buses.

"For most Class 3 operators who already submit their permit applications through the NHVR Portal, there will only be minimal change," Ms Finch said.

"For operators who have been submitting Class 3 permit applications directly to RMS or the local road manager, they will now need to apply through the NHVR Portal.

"There are currently about 1000 Class 3

permit applications a year in NSW and the transition to the NHVR Portal will provide additional consistency and transparency to the application process.

"The NHVR Portal allows operators to view the status of an application overall, as well as the ability to view the status of road manager responses."

The NHVR has conducted a series of training sessions with operators and local road managers over the past few weeks to assist in the transition.

More than 50,000 permits a year are processed through the NHVR Portal, including Class 3 permits in Tasmania, South Australia, ACT, Queensland and Victoria.

For more information visit [www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/access-management/delegations-project](http://www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/access-management/delegations-project)



## NHVR's Tasmanian officers now fully equipped for safety and compliance duties

Seven Tasmanian NHVR Safety and Compliance officers graduated on Wednesday 12 December at a ceremony held at the Launceston, Tasmania office of the NHVR.

Whilst the NHVR has been operational in Tasmania since July, the officers only recently completed extensive training in their new roles that now equip them to fully undertake their safety and compliance duties within Tasmania.



## Christmas & New Year hours

The NHVR offices will be closed from Tuesday 25 December 2018 to Tuesday 1 January 2019 inclusive.

Our call centre will be closed on Public Holidays and open on all other business days from 8am-6pm (AEDT).

During this time, we will continue to process access permit applications, but will not be processing or issuing any other types of applications (i.e. fatigue, NHVAS, PBS or vehicle standards).

The access permitting hours of state and territory road transport agencies during this period, are set out in the [2018-19 Christmas Hours - Access Permits table](#). Please be aware that other Road Managers, such as local governments, may have limited or no services available during this period

### Holiday travel restrictions

Over the Christmas and New Year period, there are travel restrictions in place for certain Class 1 heavy vehicles.

For vehicles operating under a permit, operators should check the permit's conditions to establish whether Christmas or public holiday travel restrictions are listed or referenced in related notices. For more information visit [www.nhvr.gov.au/christmas-hours](http://www.nhvr.gov.au/christmas-hours)

### Notices and updates

National Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicle Notice 2016 Amendment Notice 2018 (No. 1)

Queensland - Class Permit 147-TH-14 Log Timber Concession Amendment Notice 2018 (No. 1)

National Heavy Vehicle Standards (Detainee Transport Vehicle) Exemption Notice 2018 (No.1)



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