

## Project Specific Permits – Industry Information Sheet

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) is responsible under the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) for issuing permits and notices to facilitate the movement of heavy vehicles.

The NHVR requires the consent from road managers prior to issuing an approval for a heavy vehicle to operate on the road. This involves liaising directly with road managers, including state and territory road authorities, local governments and other third parties, to manage applications, issue permits and develop notices.

This information sheet outlines the recommended process for industry to follow when planning and requesting permits for project-specific movements.

### Background

In line with the *Oversize Overmass (OSOM) Access Arrangements Report*, the NHVR aims to assist industry by reducing the administrative burden relating to the transport of OSOM loads.

Recommendation 7 of the report proposed that the NHVR “work with States, Territories and Local Government to introduce a Project Specific permit, which allows for multiple movements and configurations for the same application.”

### What is a Project Specific permit?

A Project Specific permit aims to allow multiple large and/or heavy vehicle movements to occur with a reduced number of permits, while still following the HVNL requirements.

In conjunction with states and territories, the NHVR is working towards assisting industry with these types of movements by developing incremental permit-processing improvements through the NHVR Portal <https://www.service.nhvr.gov.au/>



### Considering heavy vehicle movements during the initial planning of a project

The NHVR recommends that industry investigates and identifies any route assessments and access approvals required to safely transport large and/or heavy loads during the planning phase of the project.

This will limit unnecessary project delays occurring as a result of heavy vehicle permit requirements and conditions of operation.

State and territory road authorities should be the first point of contact.

QLD:	<a href="http://statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/coordinator-general/assessments-and-approvals/coordinated-projects.html">statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/coordinator-general/assessments-and-approvals/coordinated-projects.html</a>
NSW:	<a href="http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au">www.transport.nsw.gov.au</a>
ACT:	<a href="http://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au">www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au</a>
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TAS:	<a href="http://www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au">www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au</a>
NT:	<a href="http://nt.gov.au/driving/heavy/oversize-or-overmass-vehicles/introduction">nt.gov.au/driving/heavy/oversize-or-overmass-vehicles/introduction</a>
WA:	<a href="http://www.transport.wa.gov.au">www.transport.wa.gov.au</a>

### What is a qualifying project?

The NHVR recommends operators to contact the relevant road agencies in the first instance to seek advice on the level of state or territory agency involvement.

In some most cases, state and territory road agencies will not conduct any infrastructure assessments or develop major policy amendments until such time as the contract is awarded.

## How do I apply for a Permit?

The NHVR recommends taking these two key steps to assist with reducing any unnecessary delays in obtaining road access permits.



**Operators must approach jurisdictions as soon as practical to ensure road managers have time to properly consider the transport task and its impacts on infrastructure and amenity.**

### Step 1 - Jurisdictions (road agencies)

The NHVR encourages operators to contact jurisdictions (heavy vehicle access policy sections) to seek advice on:

- equipment or load transport requirements
- estimated time required to obtain consent
- any other matters that may affect the delivery of the project.

Jurisdictions may involve other road managers and other agencies, such as the NHVR and police, as required.

At this point, a decision may be made to develop a notice rather than using a set of permits.

### Step 2 - NHVR:

Once the project is established, the NHVR will work with the operator, relevant jurisdictions, any affected road managers and other agencies to obtain consent for the requested access (permit).

The consent may apply for a set of permits or a notice, as appropriate for the situation.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Can I apply for a permit if I have not won the transport contract?

Yes, you can. However, the NHVR may be unable to proceed with the application due to the potential complexity and scope of the access required without jurisdictional (road agencies) involvement.

### What is a transport contract and what should it include?

A transport contract is a legally binding contract that deals with freight transportation services. Transport contracts can vary significantly in terms of format and content, but will include clauses relating to the term, pricing, a description of services, and any commercial and other legislative considerations.

### What do I do if I am unsure whether my project is a qualifying project?

For more clarification, the NHVR recommends contacting the relevant jurisdiction.

### Are permits only available for certain vehicle classes or combinations or?

All heavy vehicle classes and configurations are eligible to apply for permit.

### What if I'm having trouble contacting an affected jurisdiction?

The NHVR is available to assist the operator by contacting any required jurisdictions.

If you require assistance, please email [accessenquiries@nhvr.gov.au](mailto:accessenquiries@nhvr.gov.au)

## For additional information

### National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

Please contact the NHVR Operations team by phoning 1300 696 487 or by email [accessenquiries@nhvr.gov.au](mailto:accessenquiries@nhvr.gov.au)

### 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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