



Message from the CEO

Welcome to this fortnight's issue of *On the Road*.

Developing a single source of national heavy vehicle data is providing both safety and productivity benefits.

One of the benefits has been to streamline key components of the heavy vehicle registration process.

The first changes to heavy vehicle registration were rolled out from 1 July with Victoria joining the scheme on 1 October.

Changes included a new national heavy vehicle plate, more jurisdictions removing heavy vehicle rego labels, the option for fleet operators across all jurisdictions to set common expiry dates and free read-only access to fleet registration details through the NHVR Portal.

Operators can now also access the free NHVR Registration Checker app which will allow drivers and supply chain parties to check that a vehicle is registered before loading up or hopping behind the wheel.

The app is free to download through the Apple App Store and Google Play. Users will also be able to dial the Heavy Vehicle Confidential Reporting Line from the app.

Sal Petrocchio
CEO, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

Complete set of SMS materials to help boost industry safety

Businesses can now access all the core materials required to develop a Safety Management System (SMS) through the NHVR website.

The NHVR has released materials on third-party interactions, safety performance monitoring and developing a positive safety culture, a complete set of guidance material and templates, supported by examples.

These materials are scalable, can be adapted for any size business, and help operators to meet their safety obligations under both the Heavy Vehicle National Law and Work Health and Safety laws.

Comprising an overview booklet, videos, quick guides, templates and worked examples, the comprehensive suite of SMS documents has been developed in consultation with members of the NHVR's Safety Industry Operators' Group (IOG).

Safety IOG member and NatRoad's Senior Industry Adviser Julia Collins said the guidance material was designed to help businesses control safety risks in a comprehensive, methodical and proactive way – before things go wrong.

"As most transport operators are small businesses, we needed to ensure we

developed easy-to-understand guidance and practical tools that make it quick and easy for a business to set up a basic SMS," Julia said.

"The SMS tools developed by the NHVR are simple to use and relevant to our business."

Fellow Safety IOG member, Coles National Transport Safety Manager David Clark said that Coles was committed to getting safety into the DNA of both their team and supply chain partners.

"We continue to work with the NHVR and industry to deliver a safer and more efficient road network," David said.

"We're committed to the elimination of fatalities, serious injuries, property and infrastructure damage involving heavy vehicles.

"The NHVR's SMS guidance material and tools have been brilliant in supporting Coles and our supply chain partners to review our existing and respective safety management systems and reinforce our safety duty obligations under the Heavy Vehicle National Law."

To view or download all the Safety Management System guidance materials visit www.nhvr.gov.au/sms



Safer roads around ag vehicles in time for harvest

The National Farmers' Federation's initiative, 'Common Roads, Common Sense' was launched last week, just ahead of this summer's harvest season.

The campaign is funded under the NHVR's National Heavy Safety Initiative and is designed to improve regional road sharing between large agricultural vehicles and other road users.

The campaign contains a simple three-step process to help guide driver behaviour – Look Out, Slow Down and Take Care.

NHVR Executive Director Strategy and Stakeholder Relations John Gilbert OAM said the aim of the campaign is to ensure other road users in regional areas are more aware of how to best respond when sharing the roads with large agricultural machinery.

"This will assist all road users, particularly in the lead up to harvest season, as more harvesters, trucks and other large farm machinery will be on the roads," John said.



The campaign is funded under the HVSI program where the first three funding rounds saw the Australian Government and NHVR announce \$11.61 million for 33 projects throughout the country.

Funding applications for Round 4 of the HVSI were opened recently, giving the green light for submissions for future projects aimed at saving lives and reducing road trauma. For more information or to view the submission guidelines visit www.nhvr.gov.au/hvsi



New and updated information sheets

New and revised information sheets have been published by the NHVR.

New publications include:

- PBS vehicles carrying dangerous goods
- Road Train Speed Limits information sheet

Updated publications:

- Mass Import Management Scheme (MIMS)
- Mass Export Management Scheme (MEMS) Information Bulletin
- Mass limits for twinsteer prime movers towing tri-axle semitrailers info sheet

- General access for PBS Level 1 heavy vehicles operating at General Mass Limits
- Road Train Access in Victoria information sheet
- Higher Productivity Freight Vehicles A-Doubles information sheet
- Port Low Loader Scheme

You can find these information sheets and others, on the NHVR website at www.nhvr.gov.au/about-us/publications or www.nhvr.gov.au/law-policies/notices-and-permit-based-schemes

More Portal tips and features through Webinar sessions

The NHVR is offering additional training for customers and road managers in the NHVR Portal.

Join us for a Webinar session on Friday 6 December at 11:30 (EST) to learn about the NHVR Portal Enhancement release for December. The Webinar will cover:

- Assisted Permits
 - Performance Reports
 - Customer reference (Registration Module)
 - Other features in this release
- Road managers and operators can register their interest by clicking [here](#).

Portal tips for NSW operators

Would you like some help in applying for access permits using the NHVR's Portal?

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator is offering free online training for heavy vehicle operators in NSW on how to submit a permit application through the NHVR Portal.

The training will be delivered by NHVR Access staff on how to submit an application. This training is aimed at operators of Class 1 or Class 3 heavy vehicles that require a permit for operations.

To register, click [here](#)

Notices and updates

National Class 3 19m Truck and Dog Trailer Mass Exemption Notice 2018

This notice will replace the National Class 3 19m Truck and Dog Trailer Mass Exemption Notice 2014, that provides access to truck and dog trailer combinations that are greater than 19m long. To find out more go to: www.nhvr.gov.au/files/201811-0944-info-sheet-national-class-3-truck-and-trailer-mass-exemption-notice-2018.pdf



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