

National PBS Truck and dog trailer notice

Information Sheet – May 2016

National Class 2 PBS Level 1 & 2A Truck and Dog Trailer Authorisation Notice 2016

This document provides information on Performance Based Standards (PBS) vehicles which will be authorised to operate under the *National Class 2 PBS Level 1 and 2A Truck and Dog Trailer Authorisation Notice 2016* (the Notice).

Purpose of the PBS Notice

The Notice establishes a consistent framework for PBS truck and dog operations by providing access to appropriate networks under a gazette notice.

This will replace the need for permits for vehicles covered by the notice and aligns with the principles of PBS to have the right vehicles on the right roads.

Permits will still be required to access roads which are not part of the road manager approved PBS networks and also for PBS vehicles that are not truck and dog combinations.

What PBS vehicles are covered?

This notice only covers PBS truck and dog trailer combinations comprising a 3- or 4-axle truck towing a 3-, 4-, or 5-axle dog trailer. A PBS Vehicle Approval is still needed to operate under this notice.

Eligible vehicles must also pass the PBS Bridge Loading standard as Tier 1 and meet the following requirements.

PBS Level 1	PBS Level 2
• maximum overall length up to 20m • maximum height up to 4.3m • maximum GCM up to 50.5t	• maximum overall length up to 26m

Conditions of operation

All PBS truck and dog combinations operating under this notice must carry and comply with the mass and dimension limits, and other conditions set out in the PBS Vehicle Approval.

It is a requirement of the *Heavy Vehicle National Law* (s153) for drivers to keep a copy of the PBS Vehicle Approval in their possession when operating under the notice.

NSW and Queensland conditions

PBS truck and dog combinations operating at Higher Mass Limits (HML) in New South Wales or Queensland must be enrolled in the Intelligent Access Program (IAP).

To find out further information on the IAP, please visit <http://www.tca.gov.au/certified-services/iap>. For jurisdictional enrolment information, please visit:

NSW: <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/heavy-vehicles/intelligent-access-program.html>

QLD: <http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/business-industry/heavy-vehicles/compliance-and-enforcement/intelligent-access-program.aspx>

Operating at Higher Mass Limits (HML)

In Victoria and South Australia, operators may operate at HML on any road in the gazetted PBS networks.

Other jurisdictions limit HML access for PBS vehicles on a subset of the PBS networks.

About the NHVR

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) is Australia's dedicated independent regulator for heavy vehicles over 4.5 tonnes gross vehicle mass.

For more information

If you have any question about the PBS truck and dog notice, please contact info@nhvr.gov.au

Frequently Asked Questions

1) Do I still need a PBS Vehicle Approval to run under the PBS Level 1 & 2A Truck and Dog Trailer Authorisation Notice?

Yes a PBS Vehicle Approval is still required. Please visit <https://www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/performance-based-standards> or contact the NHVR for more information on how to obtain this.

2) Can I use my existing truck and dog under this notice?

Your truck and dog can use this notice if it has been approved under the PBS Scheme and has a current PBS Vehicle Approval.

3) I have a current permit for a PBS truck and dog. Can I still use it?

Yes, whilst the permit is still current and valid, you may still operate under it. You may also run under the notice when travelling on the gazetted networks.

However, at any point in time, you must only be running under one or the other (and comply with the relevant conditions).

4) My permit covers additional routes and networks to those covered in the Notice. What should I do?

You may still run under your permit whilst it is current and valid to retain the access to the additional routes.

We are constantly working with road managers to ensure the best network coverage, and encourage you to also contact relevant road managers to discuss the specific access you need for your PBS vehicle(s).

5) What happens when my permit expires?

You may request a renewal of your permit by submitting an application to the NHVR (<https://www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/access-management/applications-and-forms/renew-permit>).

You should only need to do this if you have routes on your permit that are not on the gazetted networks.

Alternatively, if all of your desired routes are gazetted, you may choose to operate under the Notice on the approved networks.

6) I would like to operate on routes not covered on the PBS networks. What do I need to do?

You will need to submit a PBS permit application to the NHVR (<https://www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/access-management/applications-and-forms/performance-based-standards-vehicle-permit>).

7) How do I request additional routes to be added to the network?

You can either apply for a permit for those routes. When seeking approval, we also ask for approval for gazetting the route.

Alternatively, speaking directly to road managers to discuss the reasons for access is encouraged. Road managers may directly request network updates through the NHVR.

8) I have a PBS Level 1 or 2 vehicle that is not a truck and dog combination, can I use this notice?

No, you will need to operate under a permit. This notice only covers Level 1 and Level 2 truck and dog combinations (to a maximum length of 20m for Level 1 and 26m for Level 2A networks).

9) I have a PBS Level 3 or 4 vehicle, can I use this notice?

No, you will need to operate under a permit. This notice only covers Level 1 and Level 2 truck and dog combinations.

10) I have a Level 1 PBS Vehicle Approval for a truck and dog over 50.5t, can I operate under this notice?

Yes, you can operate on gazetted routes under this notice, however, only up to a maximum of 50.5t GCM, and in line with the conditions on the PBS vehicle approval. This may include a condition that the extra 0.5t is only available on the steer axle.

11) I have a Level 2 PBS vehicle approval for a truck and quad dog to operate at CML or HML over 55.5t GCM, which scheme do I use?

You have the option of using either scheme. If you choose to operate under CML, you will need to be accredited in the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme (NHVAS) – Mass Management module, and you will be able to access all gazetted roads in the PBS level 2 networks.

If you choose to operate under the HML scheme, you will need to have Road Friendly Suspension (RFS) and IAP (in Qld and NSW). You will only have access to the HML sub-sections of the PBS networks. Note that in Victoria and South Australia, HML access is available on the entire PBS network (i.e. there are no restrictions).

Examples of PBS truck and dog combinations which can operate under the notice

3-axle truck
towing 3-axle
dog trailer



3-axle truck
towing 4-axle
dog trailer



3-axle truck
towing 5-axle
dog trailer



4-axle truck
towing 3-axle
dog trailer



4-axle truck
towing 4-axle
dog trailer



4-axle truck
towing 5-axle
dog trailer

