

# Road Transport (General) Act 2005

## CLASS 3 CONCESSIONAL MASS LIMITS NOTICE 2010

I, Michael Bushby, Chief Executive of the Roads and Traffic Authority pursuant to Clause 25 of the *Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2005*, do, by this notice, exempt from the mass limits set out in Table 1 of Schedule 1 to the *Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2005*, the vehicles described in Part 2 of the Schedule subject to any condition or requirement set out in the Schedule of this Notice.

**Michael Bushby**  
**Chief Executive**  
**Roads and Traffic Authority**

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### SCHEDULE

#### **Explanatory Note**

This notice replaces the *Concessional Mass Limits Notice 2006*, that was published on 16 June 2006 in the Government Gazette No. 77 at pages 4421 to 4422 and subsequently amended from time to time.

#### **PART 1 — PRELIMINARY**

##### **1.1 Citation**

This Notice may be cited as the *Class 3 Concessional Mass Limits Notice 2010*.

##### **1.2 Commencement**

This Notice takes effect on 1 October 2010.

##### **1.3 Effect**

This Notice remains in force up to and including 30 September 2015, unless it is amended or repealed earlier.

##### **1.4 Interpretation**

1.4.1 Unless stated otherwise in Part 5 of this Notice, the words and expressions used in this Notice have the same meaning as those defined in Road Transport (General) Act 2005.

1.4.2 Except where a contrary intention is indicated, a note in the text of this Notice do not form part of this Notice.

## **PART 2 — APPLICATION**

### **2.1 Application**

- 2.1.1 Except as provided by Clause 2.1.2, this Notice applies to a vehicles or combinations, complying with the requirements of Parts 3 and 4 of this Notice, that are being operated by an operator accredited under the Mass Management Accreditation Scheme.
- 2.1.2 This Notices does not apply to:
- (a) Pig trailers or a combination containing one or more pig trailers; or
  - (b) A truck and dog trailer combination operating under the *Class 3 Truck and Dog Trailer Combination Notice 2010*; or
  - (c) A Special Purpose Vehicle, an agricultural machine or agricultural implement, a low loader, a low loader dolly and a low loader, a jinker, or a low loader dolly and a jinker; or
  - (d) A complying bus, an ultra-low floor bus, or an articulated ultra-low floor bus, or a bus licensed to carry standing passengers; or
  - (e) A vehicle or combination operating under Clause 7 (Higher Mass Limits) of Schedule 1 to the *Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2005*.
  - (f) A vehicle or combination operating under any other permit, Notice or other exemption that allows axle or axle group, not including the steer axle, above those specified in Table 1 of Schedule 1 to the *Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2005*.

## **PART 3 — OPERATION AND TRAVEL CONDITIONS**

### **3.1 Operating conditions**

- 3.1.1 A copy of this Notice, must be carried in the driving compartment of a vehicle operating under this Notice, and must be produced in response to a request by a Police Officer or an authorised officer.
- 3.1.2 All conditions of this Notice must be observed when a vehicle is operating under this Notice.
- 3.1.3 Except where contrary intention is stated by this Notice, a vehicle operating under this Notice, must comply with the statutory requirements of road transport legislation as defined in Section 5 of the *Road Transport (General) Act 2005*.

### **3.2 Travel conditions**

A vehicle or combination operating under this Notice may operate on all roads, except where prohibited by a load limit specified for a road, bridge or causeway by a sign or notice.

## **PART 4 – SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

### **4.1 Vehicle labels**

A label that indicates that the vehicle or combination is operating under the NHVAS Mass Management Accreditation module must be prominently displayed on the hauling unit in a position required by the NHVAS Mass Management Accreditation Scheme.

### **4.2 Total Mass limits – vehicles or combinations**

4.2.1 The total mass of a vehicle or combination to which this Notice applies must not exceed the lowest of the following:

- (a) The sum of the axle and axle group mass limit in Clause 4.3.1.
- (b) In the case of a bus or rigid truck – the vehicle's GVM, or
- (c) the GCM limit specified by the prime mover manufacturer, or
- (d) the sum of the manufacturer's mass limits for the prime mover (or rigid truck or bus) (GVM) and the trailer or trailers (GTM) it is towing, or
- (e) 5% above the gross mass limit that applies to the vehicle under Table 1, Clause 2, Schedule 1 of the *Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2005*, subject to:
  - (i) A maximum of 1 tonne for a vehicle or vehicle combination with an allowable gross mass not exceeding 55 tonnes;
  - (ii) A maximum of 2 tonne for a vehicle or vehicle combination with an allowable gross mass exceeding 55 tonne

### **4.3 Axle and axle group mass limits**

4.3.1 A vehicle or combination to which this Notice applies must not exceed the axle or axle group mass limit set out in Table 1 of this Notice.

**Table 1**

<b>AXLE GROUP</b>	<b>MASS LIMIT</b>
<b>STEER AXLE GROUPS</b>	
Single steer axle	6.0 tonnes
<b>Twinsteer axle groups</b>	
Twinsteer axle group without a load-sharing suspension system	10.0 tonnes
Twinsteer axle group with a load-sharing suspension system	11.0 tonnes
<b>NON-STEER AXLE GROUPS</b>	
<b>Single axles and single axle groups</b>	
Single axle or single axle group fitted with single tyres with section width of:	
(a) less than 375 mm	6.0 tonnes
(b) at least 375 mm but less than 450 mm	6.7 tonnes
(c) at least 450 mm	7.0 tonnes
Single axle or single axle group fitted with dual tyres	9.0 tonnes
<b>Tandem axle group –</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fitted with single tyres with a section width of               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) less than 375 mm</li> <li>(b) 375 mm or more but less than 450 mm</li> <li>(c) 450 mm or more</li> </ul> </li> <li>• fitted with single tyres on one axle and dual tyres on the other axle</li> <li>• fitted with dual tyres</li> </ul>	11.5 tonnes 13.8 tonnes 14.5 tonnes 13.5 tonnes 17.0 tonnes
<b>Tri-axle group –</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fitted with single tyres with a section width of less than 375 mm on 1, 2 or all axles of the axle group</li> <li>• fitted with single tyres with a section width of at least 375 mm or dual tyres</li> </ul>	15.0 tonnes 21.0 tonnes
<b>Quad-axle group –</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fitted with single tyres with a section width of less than 375 mm on 1, 2 or all axles of the axle group</li> <li>• fitted with single tyres with a section width of at least 375 mm or dual tyres</li> </ul>	15.5 tonnes 21.0 tonnes