

Livestock Welfare Mass Management Accreditation Scheme



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The Livestock Welfare Mass Management Accreditation Scheme (LWMMAS) has been introduced as part of the NSW Livestock Transport Productivity Package.

Operators accredited under the LWMMAS will be able to operate eligible vehicles at mass limits equivalent to Concessional Mass Limits and Higher Mass Limits.

Introduction

The LWMMAS is a new mass management accreditation scheme developed specifically for livestock transport in NSW. The objectives of the LWMMAS include:

- Increasing productivity by permitting safer, higher productivity vehicles to operate at higher and more flexible mass limits.
- Assisting all parties in the livestock supply chain to comply with 'Chain of Responsibility' duties under road transport law.

The LWMMAS is modelled on the NHVAS Mass Management module, but is tailored to suit the unique circumstances of carrying live loads.

The LWMMAS Standards provide for the use of a livestock loading calculator as one of the options to assess vehicle mass when weighing devices are not available.

Who is eligible for LWMMAS?

Membership in the LWMMAS is available to any livestock carriers, including carriers based in other States and Territories who operate in NSW.

To obtain LWMMAS accreditation you must submit an application form to the RTA, which includes:

- An independent audit that confirms your systems and procedures comply the LWMMAS Standards.
- A list of nominated vehicles.

What vehicles are eligible?

The following types of higher productivity vehicles may operate under the LWMMAS mass limits when carrying cattle, sheep and pigs.

- Single articulated vehicles.
- B-Doubles and B-Triples.
- Road Trains not exceeding 36.5m.

All eligible vehicles must include:

- Tandem drive group on the hauling unit.
- Dual tyres or super single tyres on all axle groups.
- Tri-axle groups on all trailers and either tri-axle group or tandem axle group on converter dollies.

Mass limits for LWMMAS operators

Livestock Concessional Mass Limits

Eligible vehicles of LWMMAS accredited operators will be able to operate at CML with a 'floating' tri-axle group mass concession.

The 'floating' tri-axle group mass concession permits tri-axle groups on semi-trailers of eligible vehicles to exceed the CML limit of 21 tonnes by up to 0.5 tonnes, as long as the combination does not exceed the allowable total combination mass limit.

These mass limits are set out in the Class 3 Livestock Welfare Concessional Mass Limits Notice 2011. A copy of the Notice can be downloaded from the RTA website.

Combinations operating under LWMMAS CML limits must:

- Carry a copy of the Notice in the vehicle.
- Display a LWMMAS accreditation label.
- Only operate on roads approved for that type of vehicle, and must obey load limit signs on roads and bridges.

HML for LWMMAS operators

An eligible vehicle of a LWMMAS accredited operator may operate at HML on approved HML routes, as long as:

- A HML permit issued by the RTA is carried in the vehicle.
- The vehicle is fitted with certified road friendly suspension.
- Weighing devices are used to determine vehicle and axle masses for each trip.

LWMMAS operators have 12 months from the implementation of the new Scheme to complete enrolment in the Intelligent Access Program (IAP).

Future Developments

In future, consideration will be given to expanding the LWMMAS to include other types of vehicles and livestock.

More Information

More information about the LWMMAS, including business rules and standards, audit requirements, application form and guidance material is available from:

- www.rta.nsw.gov.au/heavyvehicles/
- RTA Customer Service Centre on 13 22 13

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LIVESTOCK WELFARE MASS MANAGEMENT ACCREDITATION SCHEME

Maximum Total Vehicle/Combination Mass Limits

Vehicle type	General Mass Limits	Livestock Scheme CML	Livestock Scheme HML
Single combination	42.5 tonnes	43.5 tonnes	45.5 tonnes
B-Double	62.5 tonnes	64.5 tonnes	68.0 tonnes
B-Triple	82.5 tonnes	84.5 tonnes	90.5 tonnes
Road Train	79 tonnes	81 tonnes	85 tonnes

Axle-Group Mass Limits¹

Axle type	General Mass Limits	Livestock Scheme CML	Livestock Scheme HML
Single steer axle	6 tonnes ²	6 tonnes ²	6 tonnes ²
Tandem axle group	16.5 tonnes	17 tonnes	17 tonnes
Tri-axle group semi trailer	20 tonnes + 1 tonne 'floating' ³	21 tonnes + 0.5 tonne 'floating'	22.5 tonnes
Tri-axle group converter dolly	16.5 tonnes + 0.5 tonne 'floating' ³	17 tonnes	17 tonnes

1. The applicable vehicle or combination mass limit may be less than the sum of the individual axle groups. The usual measurement adjustments apply for different categories of weighing sites.
2. 6.5 tonnes permitted for eligible prime movers (as per Steer Axle Mass Limit Exemption Notice).
3. Floating tri-axle group mass concessions apply to eligible vehicles carrying livestock loads under the Class 3 Livestock Load Tri-axle Group Floating Mass Concession Notice 2011