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## PREFACE

This publication explains the requirements for vehicles that operate oversize or overmass in New South Wales. The requirements aim to ensure the safety of drivers, vehicles and loads and to avoid unnecessary inconvenience to other road users.

Three types of vehicles and vehicle combinations are discussed, which all fall under the General Class 1 vehicle category. They are:

Load-carrying vehicles	Special-purpose vehicles	Agricultural vehicles
A load-carrying vehicle or combination (including a low loader or load platform combination) that is specifically designed for the carriage of a large indivisible item or is carrying a large indivisible item which, together with any load exceeds:	A special-purpose vehicle or combination, for example a mobile crane or plant vehicle including towed plant, built for a purpose other than carrying a load (except for water in the case of concrete pumps), which exceeds:	An agricultural vehicle, including agricultural implements, machines and combinations, which exceeds:

- a dimension limit as described in Schedule 1 of the *Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2005* or the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2007* (other than a dimension limit from which it has been exempted under clause 14 of Schedule 4 to that Regulation); or
- a mass limit in Schedule 1 of the *Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2005*.

Operators of **oversize** vehicles must carry the relevant General Class 1 Oversize Notice in the vehicle at all times when operating oversize in New South Wales. The Notices can be downloaded from the RTA website at [www.rta.nsw.gov.au/heavyvehicles](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/heavyvehicles)

The operator may also be required to apply to the RTA for a specific permit, depending on the height, length and width of the vehicle and any load it is carrying. Each permit must be carried in the vehicle to which it applies at all times.

For a vehicle to operate **overmass**, the operator must obtain a specific permit from the RTA. At all times the permit must be carried in the vehicle to which it applies.

This publication explains which vehicles must carry a General Class 1 Oversize Notice and which vehicles also require a specific permit. Conditions that apply to specific permits are also provided.

For more information, call the RTA Special Permits Unit on 1300 656 371.

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## WHEN DO I NEED AN OVERSIZE NOTICE?

Table 1 shows the statutory dimension limits for general travel. If a General Class 1 vehicle exceeds any of the dimensions for that vehicle type, the appropriate General Class 1 Oversize Notice must be carried in the vehicle when operating in New South Wales.

Each of the Notices can be downloaded from the RTA website at <http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/heavyvehicles/oversizeovermass>:

- General Class 1 Oversize (Agricultural Vehicle) Notice 2007
- General Class 1 Oversize (Special-Purpose Vehicle) Notice 2007
- General Class 1 Oversize (Load-Carrying Vehicle) Notice 2007

A load-carrying vehicle must also carry the General Class 1 Oversize (Load-Carrying Vehicle) Notice 2007 if the vehicle's load causes any of its dimensions to exceed those in Table 1.

Unless authorised, vehicles such as extendable trailers, jinkers and low loaders must be reduced to legal dimensions to travel unladen.

**Table 1: Statutory Dimension Limits**

Vehicle	Height	Width	Length
Agricultural vehicle (agricultural machine or agricultural implement)	4.3m	2.5m	12.5m
Agricultural combination	4.3m	2.5m	19.0m
Special-purpose vehicle	4.3m	2.5m	12.5m
Special-purpose vehicle combination	4.3m	2.5m	19.0m
Rigid motor vehicle	4.3m	2.5m	12.5m
Combination consisting of a prime mover and a semi-trailer	4.3m	2.5m	19.0m
Rigid vehicle and trailer combination	4.3m	2.5m	19.0m
Articulated low loader	4.3m	2.5m	19.0m

**Note:** Statutory dimension limits including rear overhang limits are defined in the RTA's Vehicle Standards Information Sheet 5 (VSI 05), available on the RTA website at [http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/registration/downloads/vsi/vsi\\_dl1.html](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/registration/downloads/vsi/vsi_dl1.html)

## **What information is in a General Class 1 Oversize Notice?**

Each of the three General Class 1 Oversize Notices provides the conditions for travel in New South Wales for that vehicle type. The conditions relate to:

- Oversize vehicle operating requirements
- Warning devices
- Pilot vehicles
- Travel zones – time and route restrictions
- Restricted roads
- Critical locations

## **SPECIFIC PERMITS**

### **What is a specific permit?**

There are two types of specific permits available to heavy vehicles. They are:

- oversize permits, which may be required in addition to a General Class 1 Oversize Notice; and
- overmass permits.

A specific permit:

- prescribes the travel conditions that apply to a particular vehicle;
- identifies the vehicle to which the permit applies; and
- identifies the registered operator of the vehicle.

The permit may also specify conditions to secure payment for:

- damage caused to roads, bridges or other property by the vehicle;
- road work that must be conducted before the vehicle can travel on a particular route; or
- costs incurred by the RTA to evaluate the proposed route or provide any special escort services.

This publication explains the general conditions that apply to all vehicles travelling under a specific permit. Any additional conditions for a particular vehicle will be listed on the permit itself.

If a condition on a specific permit differs from or conflicts with any of the conditions within this publication, the specific permit condition always applies.

### **Obtaining a specific permit**

To apply for a specific permit, complete the Application for Overmass or Oversize Permit, which is available from the RTA website at:

[www.rta.nsw.gov.au/publicationsstatisticsforms/downloads/forms\\_heavyvehicle\\_dl1.html](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/publicationsstatisticsforms/downloads/forms_heavyvehicle_dl1.html)

Load-carrying and agricultural vehicle operators can also apply for permits online at:

<http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/myrta/index.html>

An application fee, which is adjusted each July, is payable for each specific permit. For payments by credit card, applications and credit card details can be faxed to:

RTA Special Permits Unit

Fax: 1300 361 570

For payments by cheque, applications and cheques can be mailed to:

RTA Permits Unit

PO Box 97

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Motor registries do not issue specific permits, but applications may be lodged at any motor registry to be faxed to the RTA Special Permits Unit for processing. If payment is made at a motor registry, allow for the payment to be cleared overnight before the permit can be issued.

For further information, contact the Special Permits Unit on:

Phone: 1300 656 371

Fax: 1300 361 570

Email: [special\\_permits\\_unit@rta.nsw.gov.au](mailto:special_permits_unit@rta.nsw.gov.au)

### **Carrying and presenting a permit**

If a specific permit has been issued, it must be carried in the vehicle at all times during travel. The permit must be presented to an authorised officer of the RTA, NSW Police or a local council if requested.

A specific permit **only** applies to:

- the vehicle and operator specified in the permit; and
- the time period and travel routes specified in the permit.

A specific permit is not transferable upon the sale of a vehicle.

### **Length of permit period**

The RTA can issue permits for a single journey or for multiple journeys that must be completed within a defined period on a defined route. Permits granted for a defined period of time only apply to the vehicle, routes and maximum dimensions specified in the permit application.

Annual permits may be issued for load-carrying articulated vehicles up to 4.6 metres wide, 5 metres high and 25 metres long, or 4.3 metres wide, 5 metres high and 30 metres long, depending on the vehicle and the routes to be travelled.

### **Cancelling a permit**

The RTA may cancel a permit by notice in writing if it is in the public interest to do so or if the conditions of the permit are breached.

### **Routes not previously travelled**

If a proposed route has not previously been travelled by a vehicle (and any load) of a particular weight, configuration or dimensions, a route survey must be conducted to determine if all bridge structures are satisfactory. The survey cost is to be paid by the applicant, who can request a cost estimate before deciding whether to proceed with the application.

### **Restricted roads**

A specific permit does not entitle a vehicle to travel on any of the restricted roads listed in Part 6 of the General Class 1 Oversize Notice, unless the road has been

included in the permit application and is listed in the Route Details section of the permit. In many cases, through travel is not permitted on restricted roads. Contact the RTA Special Permits Unit for more information.

### **Critical locations**

If a vehicle's proposed route passes through a critical location, check the requirements in Part 7 of the General Class 1 Oversize Notice and, if necessary, contact the police.

### **General operating requirements**

#### Load limits

A specific permit is issued to a load-carrying vehicle subject to compliance with the load limits specified in Schedule 2 of the *Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2005*. Operators may apply for a combined oversize and overmass permit.

#### High loads

Indivisible items that are higher than 4.6 metres when loaded must only be carried on the lower deck of a step-deck trailer or low loader.

#### Rear-end steering

If a combination (including any load) is longer than 30 metres and travelling through a metropolitan area, or longer than 35 metres and travelling outside a metropolitan area, the RTA can require that the vehicle uses rear-end steering.

## **WHEN DO I NEED AN OVERSIZE PERMIT?**

An oversize permit is required for travel when:

- the height, width or length of an oversize vehicle (including any load) exceeds any of the maximum dimension limits specified in the General Class 1 Oversize Notice (see Tables 2, 3 and 4 below); or
- travel by a vehicle operating under the General Class 1 Oversize Notice is proposed on a restricted road.

If an oversize permit is required, it must be carried in the vehicle at all times, in addition to these Operating Conditions and the General Class 1 Oversize Notice.

### **Vehicles and loads not eligible for oversize permits**

Some vehicle types are not eligible for an oversize permit, such as:

- unladen vehicles that exceed legal dimension limits, except RTA-approved special-purpose vehicles such as load platforms and mobile cranes;
- unregistered vehicles (except agricultural implements);
- oversize caravans moving on their own wheels;
- extendable trailers that are not reduced to minimum dimensions for unladen travel; and
- mobile cranes, if the jib or boom is not retracted (unless this is a condition of an overmass permit).

If in doubt, contact the Special Permits Unit for advice.

## OVERSIZE PERMITS FOR AGRICULTURAL VEHICLES

If a General Class 1 agricultural vehicle or combination exceeds any of the dimension limits in Table 2, a specific permit must be obtained from RTA. If a specific permit is required, it must be carried in the vehicle at all times in addition to these Operating Conditions and the General Class 1 Oversize (Agricultural Vehicle) Notice 2007.

**Table 2: Maximum Overall Dimension Limits for Agricultural Vehicles**

Vehicle	Height	Width	Length	Rear Overhang Limit*
Agricultural machine (single vehicle) travelling in the Eastern or Metropolitan Zone	4.3m	5.0m	12.5m	4.5m
Agricultural machine (single vehicle) travelling in the Western Zone	4.3m	6.0m	12.5m	4.5m
Agricultural combination travelling in the Eastern or Metropolitan Zone	4.3m	5.0m	25.0m	4.5m (5.5m for augers and conveyors)
Agricultural combination travelling in the Western Zone	4.3m	6.0m	25.0m	4.5m (5.5m for augers and conveyors)

### Notes:

- The General Class 1 Oversize (Agricultural Vehicle) Notice explains which areas of New South Wales form the Eastern, Western and Metropolitan zones.
- \* Rear Overhang Limit refers to the distance from the rear overhang line to the rear of the vehicle.
- In all cases, the length, height and width of the vehicle must be reduced to the smallest possible dimensions.

### **Permits for oversize multi-articulated agricultural combinations**

The RTA can issue specific permits to allow agricultural implements that are designed to be coupled together (such as air seeder combinations) to travel on public roads between paddocks or holdings without needing to be disconnected. These permits are not issued for long-distance travel.

The permit conditions for oversize multi-articulated agricultural combinations are as follows:

- Compliance with the conditions of the General Class 1 Oversize (Agricultural Vehicle) Notice;
- The hauling unit must be an agricultural machine (trucks, utilities and 4WDs cannot be used);
- The combination must have no more than two trailing units;
- The trailing units must be constructed to function together as a unit;
- The combination must be no longer than 25 metres;
- All dimensions must be minimised when the combination is travelling on roads or road-related areas;
- All mechanical connections must comply with the manufacturer's specifications and Third Edition Australian Design Rule ADR-62 – Mechanical Connections between Vehicles;
- The combination must have sufficient braking capacity to stop from a speed of 35km per hour within 16.5 metres;
- The parking brake must be capable of holding the combination stationary on a 12 percent gradient;
- The combination must not travel faster than the lesser of the posted speed limit or 40km per hour;
- The rearmost vehicle in the combination must have brake lights, turn signal lights and reflectors in operation; and
- The hauling unit and the rearmost vehicle must have a revolving 55-watt amber light in operation.

#### Where can I travel?

Permits for oversize multi-articulated agricultural combinations are issued for a nominated route of travel, not a general area of operation. Police may also need to be contacted to determine if police escorts are required.

#### How long is a permit valid for?

Permits can be issued for periods of up to 12 months for the defined route.

#### What information do I need to apply for a permit?

Documentation from the manufacturer or supplier will be required to show that the combination is 'designed to function together as a unit' to perform a designated task. Applications will not be considered without this documentation.

**Note:** A permit does not exempt operators from other requirements such as Australian road rules, roadworthiness, dangerous goods regulations etc.

## OVERSIZE PERMITS FOR SPECIAL-PURPOSE VEHICLES

If a General Class 1 special-purpose vehicle or combination exceeds any of the dimension limits in Table 3, a specific permit must be obtained from the RTA. If a specific permit is required, it must be carried in the vehicle at all times in addition to these Operating Conditions and the General Class 1 Oversize (Special-Purpose Vehicle) Notice 2007.

**Table 3: Maximum Overall Dimension Limits for Special-Purpose Vehicles**

Vehicle	Height	Width	Length	Projection in front of steering wheel	Rear Overhang Limit*
Special-purpose vehicle	4.3m	2.5m	14.5m	3.5m	Lesser of 4m or 90% of wheel base
Mobile crane	4.3m	3.5m	14.5m	3.5m	Lesser of 4m or 90% of wheel base
Towed special-purpose vehicle trailer	4.3m	3.5m	14.63m	N/A	Lesser of 4m or 90% of 'S'
Towed special-purpose vehicle trailer combination **	4.3m	3.5m	25m	N/A	Lesser of 4m or 90% of 'S'

### Notes:

- Any standing special-purpose vehicle that exceeds a dimension limit specified in Table 3 of Schedule 2 to the *Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2005* or the corresponding limit in Schedule 4 to the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 1998* must comply with the requirements of the Special-Purpose Vehicle Stand and Operate Notice 2004 (as amended from time to time) while such vehicle is standing or operating upon a road or road-related area in NSW.
- \* Rear Overhang Limit refers to the distance from the rear overhang line to the rear of the vehicle.
- \*\* The trailing unit of the combination must be a special-purpose vehicle and the hauling unit must not be a special-purpose vehicle.
- In all cases the length, height and width of the vehicle must be reduced to the smallest possible dimensions.

## OVERSIZE PERMITS FOR LOAD-CARRYING VEHICLES

If a General Class 1 load-carrying vehicle or combination (including any load) exceeds any of the dimension limits in Table 4, a specific permit must be obtained from the RTA. If a specific permit is required, it must be carried in the vehicle at all times in addition to these Operating Conditions and the General Class 1 Oversize (Load-Carrying Vehicle) Notice 2007.

**Table 4: Maximum Overall Dimension Limits for Load-Carrying Vehicles**

Vehicle	Height	Width	Length	Rear Overhang Limit*
Loaded rigid motor vehicle	4.3m	3.5m	12.5m	Lesser of 3.7m or 60% of wheel base
Loaded combination consisting of a prime mover and a semi-trailer	4.3m	3.5m	25.0m	Lesser of 5.5m or 25% of trailer length
Loaded rigid vehicle and trailer combination	4.3m	3.5m	19.0m	Lesser of 3.7m or 60% of wheel base
Unloaded articulated low loader	4.3m	2.5m	25.0m	Lesser of 3.7m or 60% of 'S' dimension
Unloaded articulated low loader with 8 tyres per axle	4.3m	2.7m	25.0m	Lesser of 3.7m or 60% of 'S' dimension
Other vehicles including unladen vehicles	No special allowances			

### Notes:

- \* Rear Overhang Limit refers to the distance from the rear overhang line to the rear of the load or the rear of the vehicle if there is no load.
- 'S' dimension is the distance from the point of articulation to the foremost extremity of the rear overhang.
- In all cases, the length, height and width of the vehicle and its load must be reduced to the smallest possible dimensions.
- A heavy vehicle towing a boat trailer and an oversize boat may also travel under the General Class 1 Notice as a restricted-access vehicle if the combination does not exceed the maximum dimension limits for General Notice travel.

## **Rear overhang limits for load-carrying vehicle combinations**

The following table details the maximum rear overhang limits (in metres) for load-carrying vehicle combinations travelling under the General Class 1 Oversize (Load-Carrying Vehicle) Notice 2007 or an Annual Oversize Specific Permit.

**Table 5: Rear overhang limits (in metres)**

<b>Trailer Length</b>	<b>Rear Overhang Limit</b>		<b>Trailer Length</b>	<b>Rear Overhang Limit</b>		<b>Trailer Length</b>	<b>Rear Overhang Limit</b>
13.00	3.7		17.80	4.5		22.60	5.5
13.20	3.7		18.00	4.5		22.80	5.5
13.40	3.7		18.20	4.6		23.00	5.5
13.60	3.7		18.40	4.6		23.20	5.5
13.80	3.7		18.60	4.7		23.40	5.5
14.00	3.7		18.80	4.7		23.60	5.5
14.20	3.7		19.00	4.8		23.80	5.5
14.40	3.7		19.20	4.8		24.00	5.5
14.60	3.7		19.40	4.9		24.20	5.5
14.80	3.7		19.60	4.9		24.40	5.5
15.00	3.8		19.80	5.0		24.60	5.5
15.20	3.8		20.00	5.0		24.80	5.5
15.40	3.9		20.20	5.1		25.00	5.5
15.60	3.9		20.40	5.1		25.20	5.5
15.80	4.0		20.60	5.2		25.40	5.5
16.00	4.0		20.80	5.2		25.60	5.5
16.20	4.1		21.00	5.3		25.80	5.5
16.40	4.1		21.20	5.3		26.00	5.5
16.60	4.2		21.40	5.4		26.20	5.5
16.80	4.2		21.60	5.4		26.40	5.5
17.00	4.3		21.80	5.5		26.60	5.5
17.20	4.3		22.00	5.5		26.80	5.5
17.40	4.4		22.20	5.5		27.00	5.5
17.60	4.4		22.40	5.5			

**Note:**

These limits are designed to reduce unnecessary swept path operations caused by inappropriate vehicle choice. The appropriate vehicle for a task must always be used, and some operations may not be possible under these limits. Permit applications seeking to vary these limits will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

## **ADDITIONAL HEIGHT LIMITS**

General Class 1 vehicles or combinations up to 4.6 metres high are permitted to travel under the General Class 1 Notice:

- on the Newell Highway;
- on roads west of the Newell Highway; and
- on any road east of the Newell Highway that has been published in the NSW Government Gazette as a 4.6 metre high vehicle route or is listed in Appendix 2 of the 4.6 Metre High Vehicle Route Notice 2004 (as amended from time to time), except for any road that is listed as a restricted route in Part 6 or a critical location in Part 7 of the General Class 1 Oversize Notice.

### **Specific permits issued for height**

Where an oversize permit is issued for a vehicle's height but the vehicle's width and length do not exceed the limits specified in the General Class 1 Oversize Notice, the vehicle is permitted to travel on the roads and during the times specified in the Notice.

Where an oversize permit is issued for a vehicle height of 4.8 metres or less and the vehicle does not exceed the statutory limits for length and width specified in Table 1, travel is permitted at all times on all roads other than restricted roads.

## OVERSIZE PERMIT CONDITIONS

The following conditions apply to all specific permits for oversize Class 1 vehicles. A permit may include additional conditions depending on the vehicle, its load or the proposed travel route.

1. Non-compliance with any of these conditions will render the permit null and void.
2. This exemption shall operate as specified in these permit conditions and shall be deemed to apply only to the movement of the vehicle/load when operated in excess of the regulations on length, width and height in the *Road Transport (Mass, Loading & Access) Regulation 2005* and the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 1998* for journeys on the routes or within the areas specified in the permit.
3. The permit shall not be deemed to be a waiver by the Roads and Traffic Authority of the right to recover from the permittee or responsible operator or his successors or assigns the cost of repairing damage to any main road, bridge, culvert or causeway, overhead structure or road ferry by the operation of the vehicle referred to in the permit.
4. At the discretion of the Roads and Traffic Authority, a permitted vehicle and its load may be required to be inspected by authorised RTA officers or police prior to commencement of travel. If the vehicle or load is deemed unfit for travel, then any permit issued may be withdrawn and travel prohibited until the vehicle or load is re-inspected and declared fit for travel.
5. The Roads and Traffic Authority may charge a fee in addition to the permit fee to:
  - a) assess an application, whether or not a permit is approved for issue; and
  - b) inspect a permitted vehicle and its load prior to travel.
6. The permit is issued subject to compliance with the load limits provided for in the *Road Transport (Mass, Loading & Access) Regulation 2005*.
7. The permit and these Operating Conditions must be carried in the driving compartment of the vehicle at all times when the vehicle is operated in excess of the dimension limits provided for in Schedule 1 of the *Road Transport (Mass, Loading & Access) Regulation 2005* and the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Act 1997*. The permit and these Operating Conditions shall be produced when requested by an authorised officer of the Roads and Traffic Authority, a local council or the NSW Police Force.
8. Where the nominated route on the permit requires travel on any road or structure owned or maintained by a controlling authority that is not the Roads and Traffic Authority, consent must be obtained from that controlling authority before travel can commence over that road or structure. (Examples of controlling authorities include, but are not limited to, local councils, railway operators and waterways authorities.)
9. Where the laden height of a vehicle and its load exceeds 4.6 metres measured from the ground, the transport deck height must be reduced as much as is practicable before a permit to exceed the 4.6 metres overall height will be issued. A more appropriate vehicle may need to be used, at the discretion of the Roads and Traffic Authority.
10. Where the laden height of a vehicle and its load exceeds 5 metres measured from the ground, authority to travel under overhead lines must be obtained from

affected utility supply authorities. It must be carried with any permit issued and must be complied with.

11. The permit may be cancelled or revoked at any time by the Roads and Traffic Authority at its discretion.
12. The permit is NOT transferable in the event of change of vehicle ownership. The new owner must apply for a permit when registration is transferred.
13. This exemption does not apply for travel on any road to which a special limitation is applicable.
14. The vehicle described in the permit must remain fitted with pneumatic tyres on all wheels *unless specifically exempted*. A tracked (metal or rubber) vehicle cannot be driven on roads in New South Wales, unless specifically exempted in writing by the Roads and Traffic Authority. The permit does not constitute such an exemption.
15. Unless otherwise stated in the permit, all the conditions herein and the conditions within the applicable General Class 1 Oversize Notice 2007 (as amended from time to time) shall apply to the vehicle.
16. If the permit is required to be referred to the NSW Police Force for any additional travel conditions, the written advice received from the NSW Police Force must be attached to, and carried with, the permit.
17. Before travelling through any of the critical locations listed in the General Class 1 Oversize Notice 2007 (as amended from time to time), the police nominated therein must be contacted.
18. The permit is issued subject to the condition that the relevant utility supply authorities (phone, power, gas, water etc) are advised where necessary of the vehicle dimensions and proposed route.
19. If a vehicle's proposed route includes travel on a private motorway or toll road, the permittee must obtain consent from the controlling entity prior to travel. This does not imply consent to travel through any road tunnel as an oversize vehicle.
20. The permittee must not damage, remove or otherwise interfere with a notice or barrier erected for the purpose of regulating traffic in connection with roadwork etc. in accordance with s115 of the *Roads Act 1993*. Penalties apply, except to authorised RTA officers.
21. Acceptance of the permit by the permittee or his authorised agent shall be deemed to be acceptance of this and the foregoing conditions.
22. In the event that the nominated trailing unit that is identified on this permit becomes unserviceable or otherwise unusable, an equivalent configuration and capacity trailing unit that is roadworthy and currently registered may be substituted for the nominated trailing unit without the need to amend the permit document.
23. If the number plate of the vehicle identified on this permit is changed, you must notify the RTA Special Permits Unit before the expiry date of this permit. The current permit remains valid until the first expiry date after the number plate change.

## **ADDITIONAL PERMIT CONDITIONS FOR OVERSIZE AGRICULTURAL COMBINATIONS**

1. These conditions are additional to the Oversize Permit Conditions herein and the conditions in the General Class 1 Oversize (Agricultural Vehicle) Notice, as amended from time to time.
2. The agricultural vehicle or implement must not carry a load while it is in operation on a road or road-related area.
3. The total mass of the combination must not exceed the towing vehicle's gross combination mass limit.
4. The total mass of any towed agricultural implement must not exceed the total mass of the towing vehicle.
5. Where the mass of the agricultural implement exceeds either 6 tonnes or the unladen weight of the towing vehicle, the braking system must be interconnected with the braking system of the towing vehicle and be capable of independent operation by the driver.
6. The braking system of the combination must be capable of bringing the combination to a stop from a speed of 35 kilometres per hour within:
  - a. 16.5 metres when the service brake is applied;
  - b. 40.5 metres when the emergency brake is applied; and
  - c. without any part of the combination moving outside a straight path:
    - i. centred on the longitudinal axis of the combination before the brake was applied; and
    - ii. equal to the widest part of the combination.
7. The parking brake of the combination must be able to hold the combination still on a 12 percent gradient.
8. The maximum speed of an agricultural implement that is not fitted with brakes and is being towed is the lesser of:
  - a. 20 kilometres per hour less than the posted speed limit applying to the road on which the implement is travelling; and
  - b. 50 kilometres per hour.
9. The towing connection between the towing vehicle and the agricultural implement must be built and fitted so that:
  - a. the coupling is equipped with a positive locking mechanism;
  - b. the positive locking mechanism can be released regardless of the angle of the trailing unit to the towing vehicle;
  - c. the coupling fitted to the trailing unit must display a means of identifying its manufacturer; and
  - d. the vehicle can tow up to the maximum gross weight of the trailer it is designed to tow.

10. If the trailing unit in the combination is NOT fitted with breakaway brakes, it must be connected to the towing vehicle by at least two safety chains, cables or other flexible devices. Any such safety connection must be as short as is practicable and be connected so that:
  - a. it is not liable to accidentally disconnect but is readily detachable from the towing vehicle;
  - b. it permits all normal angular movements of the coupling without more slack than is necessary;
  - c. it will prevent the forward end of the trailing unit drawbar from striking the ground in the event of accidental disconnection of the coupling; and
  - d. the chains, cables or other flexible devices are in a crossed-over position.
11. Brake lights, flashing turn signal lights and reflectors must be working and fitted to the rear of the rearmost vehicle of the combination, unless exempted in writing by the Roads and Traffic Authority.
12. There must be a revolving amber light fitted on the towing vehicle and the rearmost vehicle of the combination. The light must comply with the conditions of Part 4: Warning Devices of the General Class 1 Oversize (Agricultural Vehicle) Notice, as amended from time to time.

## **TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FOR OVERSIZE PERMITS**

When a vehicle is operating under an oversize permit, the following conditions must be followed in addition to:

- the conditions of the General Class 1 Oversize Notice; and
- any further conditions included in a specific permit, such as route and travel time restrictions.

**Note:** Where agricultural equipment is carried on a truck, operating conditions for load-carrying vehicles apply.

### **Night travel restrictions (sunset to sunrise)**

Agricultural vehicles and agricultural combinations wider than 2.5 metres or longer than 22 metres are not permitted to travel between sunset and sunrise.

Night travel restrictions for oversize load-carrying and special-purpose vehicles are provided in the respective General Class 1 Oversize Notices.

As stated in the General Class 1 Oversize (Load-Carrying Vehicle) Notice 2007 and the General Class 1 Oversize (Special-Purpose Vehicle) Notice 2007, night travel on the Great Western Highway between the Nepean River at Emu Plains and Medlow Bath for vehicles wider than 2.5 metres or longer than 19 metres is only permitted between 1.00am and 5.00am. The following conditions also apply:

- Vehicles over 3.5 metres wide and up to 5 metres wide or over 25 metres long require two pilot vehicles at the front and one pilot vehicle at the rear;
- Vehicles wider than 5 metres or longer than 35 metres must not travel without prior approval from the Highway Patrol Sergeant at Springwood Police Station (phone: 02 4751 0299, fax: 02 4751 0225). If travel is approved, at least two pilot vehicles at the front and one pilot vehicle at the rear plus a police escort are required.

These are minimum requirements, which are subject to review and may be increased for safety reasons at the discretion of the NSW Police Force.

### **Daytime travel restrictions**

The following tables explain the different route and time restrictions for oversize vehicles travelling during the day under a specific permit. Any restriction may be increased if police consider it necessary to ensure safety.

#### **Weekday restrictions (excluding state-wide public holidays) for load-carrying and special-purpose vehicles**

<b><u>Road or Area</u></b>	<b><u>Width</u></b>	<b><u>Length</u></b>	<b><u>Start Point</u></b>	<b><u>Finish Point</u></b>	<b><u>Restrictions and Comments</u></b>
<b>Pacific Highway</b>	Over 3.5m	Over 25m	Hexham	Tweed Heads	If your vehicle exceeds either of these dimensions, you MUST contact the RTA Traffic Impact Coordinator (see Useful Contacts section) before travelling on any day of the week.
<b>Great Western Highway</b>	Between 3.5m and 4.5m	Up to 30m	Nepean River at Emu Plains	Katoomba	No travel from 6.00am to 9.00am and from 4.00pm to 7.00pm Monday to Friday (except on state-wide public holidays). One pilot in front and one at the rear must accompany travel.
<b>Great Western Highway</b>	Over 4.5m	Over 35m	Nepean River at Emu Plains	Katoomba	No daytime travel.
<b>Sydney Metropolitan Zone</b>	If the vehicle exceeds any dimension limit permitted under the General Class 1 Oversize Notice		All	All	You must not travel in the daytime after 6.00am.
<b>Sydney Newcastle F3 Freeway</b>	If the vehicle exceeds any dimension limit permitted under the General Class 1 Oversize Notice		Hawkesbury River	Kariong Interchange with the Central Coast Highway	You must not travel in the daytime before 9.00am or after 4.00pm.

**Weekday restrictions (excluding state-wide public holidays) for Agricultural Vehicles and Combinations**

<b><u>Road or Area</u></b>	<b><u>Width limit</u></b>	<b><u>Length limit</u></b>	<b><u>Start Point</u></b>	<b><u>End Point</u></b>	<b><u>Restrictions and Comments</u></b>
<b>Any freeway</b>	Over 2.5m	Over 12.5m (vehicle) or 19m (combination)	All	All	An oversize agricultural vehicle or combination must not travel on a freeway at any time.
<b>Any road that is not a freeway</b>	Up to 2.5m	Up to 22m	All	All	24 hour travel is permitted.
<b>Pacific Highway</b>	Over 3.5m	Over 25m	Hexham	Tweed Heads	If your vehicle exceeds either of these dimensions, you <b>MUST</b> contact the RTA Traffic Impact Coordinator (see Useful Contacts section) before travelling on any day of the week.
<b>Great Western Highway</b>	Between 2.5m and 4.5m	Up to 30m	Nepean River at Emu Plains	Katoomba	No travel Monday to Friday (except on state-wide public holidays) from 6am to 9am and from 4pm to 7pm. Two pilot vehicles must accompany travel – one in front, one at the rear.
<b>Great Western Highway</b>	Over 4.5m	Over 35m	Nepean River at Emu Plains	Katoomba	No daytime travel.
<b>Sydney Metropolitan Zone</b>	If the vehicle exceeds any dimension limit permitted under the General Class 1 Oversize Notice and a specific permit is issued				You must not travel in the daytime after 6.00am.
<b>Wollongong Metropolitan Zone</b>	If the vehicle exceeds any dimension limit permitted under the General Class 1 Oversize Notice and a specific permit is issued				You must not travel between 7.00am and 6.00pm.
<b>Gosford Metropolitan Zone</b>	If the vehicle exceeds any dimension limit permitted under the General Class 1 Oversize Notice and a specific permit is issued				You must not travel between 7.00am and 6.00pm.
<b>Newcastle Metropolitan Zone</b>	If the vehicle exceeds any dimension limit permitted under the General Class 1 Oversize Notice and a specific permit is issued				You must not travel between 7.00am and 6.00pm.

## Weekend and state-wide public holiday restrictions for all vehicles

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<u>Road or Area</u>	<u>Width limit</u>	<u>Length limit</u>	<u>Start Point</u>	<u>Finish Point</u>	<u>Restrictions and Comments</u>
<b>Any freeway (agricultural vehicles)</b>	Over 2.5m	Over 12.5m (vehicle) or 19m (combination)	Any freeway	Any freeway	An oversize agricultural vehicle or combination must not travel on a freeway at any time.
<b>Sydney Metropolitan zone</b>	Over 3.5m	Over 12.5m (vehicle) or 25m (combination)	Within the zone	Within the zone	You must not travel in the daytime after 8.30am.
<b>M4 Western Motorway</b>	Over 3.5m	Over 12.5m (vehicle) or 25m (combination)	Prospect	Nepean River at Emu Plains	You must not travel in the daytime after 8.30am.
<b>Great Western Highway</b>	Over 2.5m	Over 12.5m (vehicle) or 19m (combination)	Nepean River at Emu Plains	Lithgow	You must not travel in the daytime after 8.30am.
<b>Bells Line of Road</b>	Over 2.5m	Over 12.5m (vehicle) or 19m (combination)	North Richmond	Mount Victoria	You must not travel in the daytime after 8.30am. A specific permit with this route listed is required for travel.
<b>Bell-Bowenfels Road (the Chifley Road)</b>	Over 2.5m	Over 12.5m (vehicle) or 19m (combination)	Bells Line of Road at Bell	Great Western Highway at Bowenfels	You must not travel in the daytime after 8.30am. A specific permit with this route listed is required for travel.
<b>Hume Highway</b>	Over 3.5m	Over 12.5m (vehicle) or 25m (combination)	F5 South Western Freeway interchange at Casula	Sutton Forest	You must not travel in the daytime after 8.30am.

<u>Road or Area</u>	<u>Width limit</u>	<u>Length limit</u>	<u>Start Point</u>	<u>Finish Point</u>	<u>Restrictions and Comments</u>
<b>Barton Highway</b>	Over 2.5m	Over 19m	Yass River	ACT border	You must not travel after 4pm on any Sunday or State wide Public Holiday.
<b>Lachlan Valley Way</b>	Over 2.5m	Over 19m	Hume Highway	Booligal	You must not travel after 4pm on any Sunday or State wide Public Holiday.
<b>Burley Griffin Way</b>	Over 2.5m	Over 19m	Hume Highway	Yoogali near Griffith	You must not travel when Oversize, on any weekend or State wide Public Holiday.
<b>Pacific Highway</b>	Over 3.5m	Over 25m	Tweed Heads	Hexham	If your vehicle exceeds either of these dimensions, you MUST contact the RTA Traffic Impact Coordinator (see Useful Contacts section) before travelling.
<b>Pacific Highway</b>	Over 3.5m	Over 12.5m (vehicle) or 25m (combination)	Hexham	Sydney	You must not travel in the daytime after 8.30am.
<b>Putty Road</b>	Over 2.5m	Over 12.5m (vehicle) or 19m (combination)	Windsor	Golden Highway near Mount Thorley	You must not travel in the daytime after 8.30am. A specific permit with this route listed is required for travel.
<b>New England Highway</b>	Over 3.5m	Over 12.5m (vehicle) or 25m (combination)	Hexham	Weakleys Drive	You must not travel in the daytime after 8.30am.
<b>F3 Sydney to Newcastle Freeway</b>	Over 3.5m	Over 12.5m (vehicle) or 25m (combination)	Hawkesbury River	Kariong interchange with Central Coast Highway	You must not travel in the daytime after 8.30am.
<b>Princes</b>	Over 2.5m	Over 12.5m (vehicle)	Helensburgh/	Yallah	You must not travel in the daytime after 8.30am.

<u>Road or Area</u>	<u>Width limit</u>	<u>Length limit</u>	<u>Start Point</u>	<u>Finish Point</u>	<u>Restrictions and Comments</u>
<b>Highway</b>		or 19m (combination)	Waterfall		
			Yallah	Gerrington	You must not travel in the daytime after 8.00am.
			Gerrington	Berry	No travel permitted. Restricted road section requires specific permit for travel at other times.
			Berry	Bendalong Rd turnoff	You must not travel in the daytime after 8.00am.
			Bendalong Rd turnoff	Ulladulla	No travel permitted. Restricted road section requires specific permit for travel at other times.
			Ulladulla	Narooma	You must not travel in the daytime after 8.00am.
			Narooma	Cobargo	No travel permitted. Restricted road section requires specific permit for travel at other times.
			Cobargo	Pambula	You must not travel in the daytime after 8.00am.
			Pambula	Eden	No travel permitted. Restricted road section requires specific permit for travel at other times.
			Eden	Victorian border	You must not travel in the daytime after 8.00am.
<b>Princes Highway (continued)</b>					

**Public holiday period restrictions for all vehicles**

<u>Road or Area</u>	<u>Width limit</u>	<u>Length Limit</u>	<u>Start Point</u>	<u>Finish Point</u>	<u>Restrictions and Comments</u>
<b>Burley Griffin Way</b>	3.5m	12.5m (rigid), 25m (articulated)	Hume Highway near Bowning	Yoogali near Griffith	No travel permitted – all Class 1 vehicles.
<b>Lachlan Valley Way</b>	3.5m	12.5m (rigid), 25m (articulated)	Hume Highway near Yass	Booligal	No travel permitted – all Class 1 vehicles.
<b>Olympic Way</b>	3.5m	12.5m (rigid), 25m (articulated)	Hume Highway at Bells intersection	Cowra	No travel allowed for Class 1 Load-Carrying and Special-Purpose Vehicles. Agricultural vehicles and combinations exempted.
<b>Kidman Way</b>	3.5m	12.5m (rigid), 25m (articulated)	Newell Highway north of Jerilderie	Mid Western Highway west of Rankin Springs	No travel allowed for Class 1 Load-Carrying and Special-Purpose Vehicles. Agricultural vehicles and combinations exempted.

**Notes:**

1. A public holiday period means:
  - a period of three or more consecutive days covering a gazetted New South Wales public holiday and any adjacent weekend days (e.g. every long weekend and Easter); and
  - the period from sunrise 23 December until sunset 3 January.
2. Olympic Way is not classified as a highway or a freeway.
3. These restrictions are for **daytime travel only** – night restrictions as detailed in the General Class 1 Oversize Notice apply all year round.

**Daytime restrictions for load-carrying and special-purpose vehicles during the Christmas holiday period**

<u>Road or Area</u>	<u>Dimension Limits</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>	<u>Affected Section</u>
1. All state highways and freeways east of and including Newell Highway	Vehicle must not exceed 2.5m wide or 19m long	Sunrise 23 December	Sunset 3 January	All
2. Olympic Way between Hume Highway near Lake Hume and Cowra				
3. Braidwood to Batemans Bay Road				
4. Burley Griffin Way between Bowning and Yoogali near Griffith				
5. Lachlan Valley Way between Yass and Booligal				
6. Kidman Way between Jerilderie and Rankin Springs				
Any road east of and including the Newell Highway, except as above	Vehicle must not exceed 3.5m wide or 25m long	Sunrise 23 December	Sunset 3 January	All
Pacific Highway	Vehicle must not exceed 2.5m wide or 19m long	Sunrise 23 December	Sunset 3 January	All
Pacific Highway	Vehicle must not exceed 3.5m wide	Sunrise 4 January	Sunrise 19 January	Raymond Terrace to Tweed Heads
Pacific Highway	Vehicle must not exceed 4.2m wide	Sunrise 20 January	Sunset 29 January	Raymond Terrace to Tweed Heads
Princes Highway	Vehicle must not exceed 2.5m wide or 25m long	Sunrise 21 December	Sunset 3 January	All
Princes Highway	Vehicle must not exceed 3.2m wide	Sunrise 4 January	Sunrise 29 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bendalong Road to Ulladulla</li> <li>• Narooma to Cobargo</li> <li>• Pambula to Eden</li> </ul>

**Restrictions for agricultural vehicles during the Christmas holiday period**

<u>Zone and Roads</u>	<u>Dimension Limit</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>	<u>Conditions</u>
<b>Eastern Zone:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All highways and freeways</li> <li>• Braidwood to Batemans Bay Road</li> <li>• Burley Griffin Way</li> <li>• Olympic Way from Hume Highway to Culcairn</li> </ul>	Vehicle must not exceed 5m wide or 25m long	Sunrise 23 December	Sunset 3 January	Use at least one pilot vehicle and advise police.
<b>Western Zone:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All highways and freeways east of and including the Newell Highway</li> <li>• Burley Griffin Way</li> <li>• Lachlan Valley Way between Yass and Cowra</li> <li>• Olympic Way from Culcairn to Cowra</li> </ul>	Vehicle must not exceed 6m wide or 25m long	Sunrise 23 December	Sunset 3 January	Use at least one pilot vehicle and advise police.  On the Newell Highway use at least two pilot vehicles and advise police.

**Notes:**

1. These restrictions are for **daytime travel** only – night restrictions as detailed in the General Class 1 Oversize Notice apply all year round.
2. At times police may advise heavy vehicle operators not to travel due to local conditions or circumstances.
3. Olympic Way is not classified as a highway or a freeway.

## **Additional width restrictions for load-carrying and special-purpose vehicles during Christmas school holidays**

The dates in the following two tables reflect the 2008/09 Christmas school holiday period. They are subject to change each year depending on the start and end dates of the NSW school holidays.

Before quoting on or scheduling loadings for the following routes during the Christmas holiday period, contact the RTA Special Permits Unit for up-to-date advice on current travel restrictions.

### **Pacific Highway from Raymond Terrace to the Queensland border at Tweed Heads**

WIDTH	DEC 19	DEC 20	DEC 21	DEC 22	DEC 23	DEC 24	DEC 25
Less than 3.5 M	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
Less than 4.2 M	NO						
Wider than 4.2 M	NO						

WIDTH	DEC 26	DEC 27	DEC 28	DEC 29	DEC 30	DEC 31	JAN 1
Less than 3.5 M	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Less than 4.2 M	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Wider than 4.2 M	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

WIDTH	JAN 2	JAN 3	JAN 4	JAN 5	JAN 6	JAN 7	JAN 8
Less than 3.5 M	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Less than 4.2 M	NO						
Wider than 4.2 M	NO						

WIDTH	JAN 9	JAN 10	JAN 11	JAN 12	JAN 13	JAN 14	JAN 15
Less than 3.5 M	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Less than 4.2 M	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Wider than 4.2 M	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

WIDTH	JAN 16	JAN 17	JAN 18	JAN 19	JAN 20	JAN 21	JAN 22
Less than 3.5 M	YES						
Less than 4.2 M	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
Wider than 4.2 M	NO						

WIDTH	JAN 23	JAN 24	JAN 25	JAN 26	JAN 27	JAN 28	JAN 29
Less than 3.5 M	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Less than 4.2 M	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Wider than 4.2 M	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES

**YES = TRAVEL PERMITTED      NO = NO TRAVEL PERMITTED**

#### **Notes:**

1. Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2008 is the weekday prior to the start of the Christmas school holidays in NSW.
2. Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2009 is the start of the fifth week of the Christmas school holidays in NSW.
3. Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January to Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January is Australia Day Long Weekend.
4. Night travel provisions still apply between Hexham and Twelve Mile Creek rest areas. There is NO night travel permitted on other sections of the Pacific Highway between Tweed Heads and Twelve Mile Creek at any time.

## Princes Highway from

- ⇒ Bendalong turnoff (Bendalong Rd) to Ulladulla,
- ⇒ Narooma to Cobargo,
- ⇒ Pambula to Eden

WIDTH	DEC 20	DEC 21	DEC 22	DEC 23	DEC 24	DEC 25	DEC 26
Less than 3.2 M	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Wider than 3.2 M	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

WIDTH	DEC 27	DEC 28	DEC 29	DEC 30	DEC 31	JAN 1	JAN 2
Less than 3.2 M	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Wider than 3.2 M	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

WIDTH	JAN 3	JAN 4	JAN 5	JAN 6	JAN 7	JAN 8	JAN 9
Less than 3.2 M	NO	YES**	YES**	YES**	YES**	YES**	YES**
Wider than 3.2 M	NO						

WIDTH	JAN 10	JAN 11	JAN 12	JAN 13	JAN 14	JAN 15	JAN 16
Less than 3.2 M	YES**						
Wider than 3.2 M	NO						

WIDTH	JAN 17	JAN 18	JAN 19	JAN 20	JAN 21	JAN 22	JAN 23
Less than 3.2 M	YES**						
Wider than 3.2 M	NO						

WIDTH	JAN 24	JAN 25	JAN 26	JAN 27	JAN 28	JAN 29	JAN30
Less than 3.2 M	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
Wider than 3.2 M	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES

### NOTES

1. YES\*\* requires a Specific Permit listing the road section in the Route Details.
2. YES\*\* requires one (1) pilot vehicle to accompany travel.
3. YES\*\* requires you to notify and receive permission from Police to travel.
4. Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January to Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January is Australia Day Long Weekend
5. Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2009 is finish of School Holiday period.
6. There is NO provision for night travel when Over Size on the Princes Highway south of Yallah.

## PILOT VEHICLES

Each General Class 1 Notice explains when a pilot vehicle is needed for oversize travel. The Notice also specifies operating requirements for pilot vehicles and the necessary warning devices. Convoy Travel is not permitted unless specified as a Condition in the Permit.

Additional pilot conditions for vehicles travelling under specific permits are provided below.

### Daytime pilot requirements

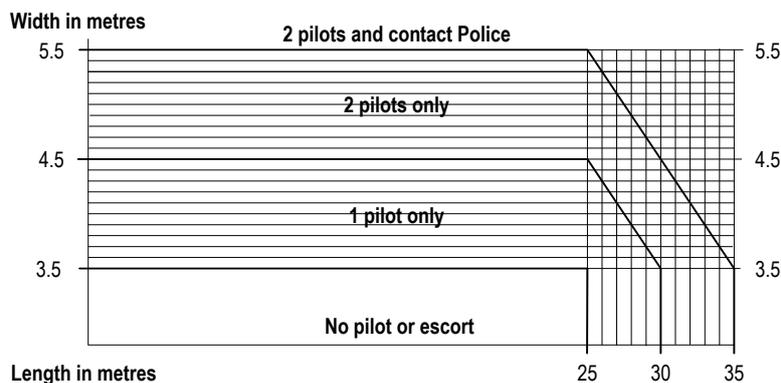
#### For Agricultural vehicles (regardless of which Zone is being travelled)

Area of operation	Vehicles wider than 3.7m but not wider than 4.5m	Vehicles wider than 4.5m but not wider than 6m	Vehicles wider than 6m
If terrain limits a clear view of approaching traffic to less than 500m	1 pilot vehicle	2 pilot vehicles	2 pilots and contact police
A major road	1 pilot vehicle	2 pilot vehicles	2 pilot vehicles and contact police
If there is a clear view of approaching traffic for at least 500m, but not on a major road	No pilot vehicle required	1 pilot vehicle	2 pilot vehicles and contact police

**Note:** Agricultural vehicles and combinations do not need to be accompanied by a pilot vehicle for journeys of less than 500 metres. A truck carrying a farm implement or agricultural equipment is NOT an Agricultural vehicle or combination.

#### For Load-carrying vehicles and special-purpose vehicles

##### Daytime pilot requirements for load-carrying and special-purpose vehicles



LENGTH IN METRES (up to but not exceeding)											
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
3.5	NIL	1P	1P	1P	1P	1P	2P	2P	2P	2P	2P
3.6	1P	1P	1P	1P	1P	2P	2P	2P	2P	2P	2P+POLICE
3.7	1P	1P	1P	1P	1P	2P	2P	2P	2P	2P	2P+POLICE
3.8	1P	1P	1P	1P	2P	2P	2P	2P	2P	2P+POLICE	2P+POLICE
3.9	1P	1P	1P	1P	2P	2P	2P	2P	2P	2P+POLICE	2P+POLICE
4.0	1P	1P	1P	2P	2P	2P	2P	2P	2P+POLICE	2P+POLICE	2P+POLICE
4.1	1P	1P	1P	2P	2P	2P	2P	2P	2P+POLICE	2P+POLICE	2P+POLICE
4.2	1P	1P	2P	2P	2P	2P	2P	2P+POLICE	2P+POLICE	2P+POLICE	2P+POLICE
4.3	1P	1P	2P	2P	2P	2P	2P	2P+POLICE	2P+POLICE	2P+POLICE	2P+POLICE
4.4	1P	2P	2P	2P	2P	2P	2P+POLICE	2P+POLICE	2P+POLICE	2P+POLICE	2P+POLICE
4.5	1P	2P	2P	2P	2P	2P	2P+POLICE	2P+POLICE	2P+POLICE	2P+POLICE	2P+POLICE
4.6	2P	2P	2P	2P	2P	2P+POLICE	2P+POLICE	2P+POLICE	2P+POLICE	2P+POLICE	2P+POLICE
4.7	2P	2P	2P	2P	2P	2P+POLICE	2P+POLICE	2P+POLICE	2P+POLICE	2P+POLICE	2P+POLICE
4.8	2P	2P	2P	2P	2P+POLICE						
4.9	2P	2P	2P	2P	2P+POLICE						
5.0	2P	2P	2P	2P+POLICE							
5.1	2P	2P	2P	2P+POLICE							
5.2	2P	2P	2P+POLICE								
5.3	2P	2P	2P+POLICE								
5.4	2P	2P+POLICE									
5.5	2P	2P+POLICE									

WIDTH IN METRES (up to but not exceeding)

1P
2P
2P+POLICE

MEANS ONE PILOT MUST ACCOMPANY THE VEHICLE / LOAD  
 MEANS AT LEAST TWO PILOTS MUST ACCOMPANY THE VEHICLE / LOAD  
 MEANS AT LEAST TWO PILOTS REQUIRED AND CONTACT POLICE FOR ESCORTS OR EXTRA PILOTS

### Additional pilot requirements for travel on the Princes Highway

For load-carrying or special-purpose vehicles travelling on Minnamurra Bends and the four restricted road sections of the Princes Highway: (1) between Gerringong and Berry, (2) between Bendalong turnoff (Bendalong Road) and Ulladulla, (3) between Narooma and Cobargo and (4) between Pambula and Eden – the following pilot vehicle requirements apply as well as any additional escorts that police may require:

- 1 pilot when the vehicle's width exceeds 3.2 metres;
- 2 pilots when the vehicle's width exceeds 3.5 metres; and
- 3 pilots when the vehicle's width exceeds 4 metres.

Contact the nearest police station before travelling oversize on these restricted sections of the Princes Highway.

### **Night pilot requirements**

#### Agricultural vehicles

Agricultural vehicles wider than 2.5 metres or longer than 25 metres are not permitted to travel between sunset and sunrise.

#### Load-carrying vehicles

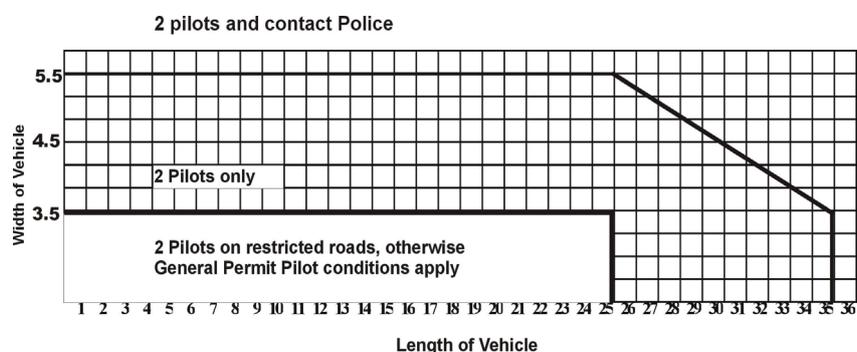
If a vehicle's width is less than or equal to 3.5 metres and its length is less than or equal to 25 metres:

- General Class 1 Notice conditions apply on general access roads; and
- two pilot vehicles are required on restricted roads.

If a vehicle is wider than 3.5 metres or longer than 25 metres, two pilot vehicles are required for travel on all roads.

If a vehicle is wider than 5.5 metres or longer than 35 metres, two pilot vehicles are required and the vehicle operator must notify police prior to travel.

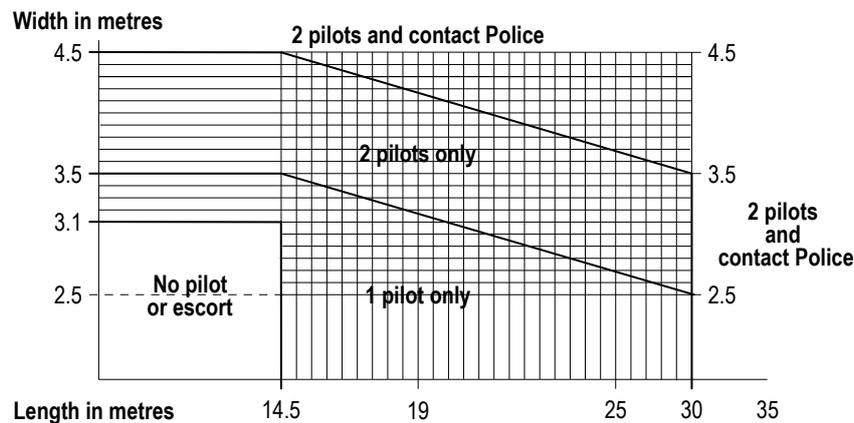
### **Night travel pilot requirements for load-carrying vehicles**



#### Special-purpose vehicles

- If a vehicle's width is less than or equal to 3.1 metres and its length is less than or equal to 14.5 metres, no pilot vehicle or escort is required.
- If a vehicle is wider than 3.1 metres or longer than 14.5 metres, one pilot vehicle is required.
- If a vehicle is wider than 3.5 metres or between 14.5 metres and 30 metres long, two pilot vehicles are required.
- If a vehicle is wider than 4.5 metres or longer than 30 metres, two pilot vehicles are required and the vehicle operator must notify police prior to travel.

### Night travel pilot requirements for special-purpose vehicles



### Position of pilot vehicles

When one pilot vehicle accompanies an oversize vehicle, the pilot vehicle must travel:

- behind an oversize vehicle when travelling on a divided road;
- in front of an oversize vehicle when travelling on a road that is not divided.

When two pilot vehicles accompany an oversize vehicle, one pilot must travel in front of the vehicle and the other must travel behind.

**Notes:** For all **Federal Highway** night travel where two or more pilots are required, both pilots must travel at the rear for the first 4 kilometres from the junction with the Hume Highway.

### Contacting police

If a vehicle operator is required to contact police before travel under the conditions of either a General Class 1 Oversize Notice or a specific permit, the operator must contact the NSW Police Regional Traffic Coordinator closest to the starting point of the journey.

Police may require up to seven days' notice before travel to ensure police escorts can be allocated if needed. This is independent of the requirement to contact police before travelling through a critical location.

## **WARNING DEVICES FOR OVERSIZE VEHICLES**

Each General Class 1 Notice specifies the warning devices that oversize vehicles must display or operate. These include:

- warning signs;
- warning flags;
- warning lights; and
- delineators.

In addition to the warning sign requirements specified in the General Class 1 Oversize Notice, oversize vehicles longer than 25 metres must have one warning sign at the front and one at the rear.

An oversize vehicle that, together with any load, is wider than 2.5 metres or longer than 25 metres must display four bright red, yellow or red and yellow flags, each at least 450mm long and 450mm wide. One flag must be at each side of both the front and rear of the vehicle or, if there is any projecting load, at each side of both the front and rear of the projection.

### **Notes:**

- A tractor travelling alone does not require warning signs.
- A rigid mobile crane less than 3 metres wide does not require warning signs or flags.
- When an agricultural implement is towed by a tractor, a warning sign is required only at the rear of the implement if the tractor is less than 2.5 metres wide. If the tractor is wider than 2.5 metres, a warning sign is also required at the front of the tractor.

### **Lighting high loads**

For night travel, an oversize load-carrying vehicle with a load higher than 4.6 metres may use a white light to illuminate the front of the highest point of the load. The light must be directed or shielded so as not to dazzle any driver.

This type of lighting is optional, and is used to improve the visibility of overhead clearance.

## WHEN DO I NEED AN OVERMASS PERMIT?

If a vehicle exceeds standard weight limits or is carrying an indivisible item that exceeds standard weight limits, an overmass permit is required.

Overmass permits require an appropriate vehicle and load support to be used. The RTA can only issue overmass permits for the following vehicles and equipment:

- a non-load-carrying vehicle such as a mobile crane; or
- a prime mover with:
  - a low loader dolly;
  - a low loader described in the RTA's Vehicle Standards Information Sheet 45 (VSI 45);
  - a jinker;
  - a platform;
  - a non-load-carrying towed vehicle such as an amusement ride or crushing plant;
  - an extendable trailer, not carrying a plant item, with 11 metres between the centre of the last axle of the preceding unit and the centre of the first axle of the extendable trailer; or
  - any combination of the above.

Weight limits for various vehicle types are explained in the RTA's *Heavy Vehicle Mass, Loading and Access* publication, available at motor registries or: [www.rta.nsw.gov.au/heavyvehicles/downloads/heavyveh-mass0706.pdf](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/heavyvehicles/downloads/heavyveh-mass0706.pdf)

Overmass permits are subject to the maximum limits granted by the RTA for loadings on individual axles or axle groups. These axle loadings limits depend on:

- axle spacings, axle groups and axle widths;
- tyre sizes and ply ratings; and
- the route to be used.

The RTA may issue overmass permits for the transport of single items that cannot readily be divided into smaller parts, and which may also be oversize.

Overmass vehicles that are also operating oversize must comply with all requirements for oversize vehicles that relate to warning devices, pilot vehicles, time and route restrictions, critical locations etc.

If a vehicle is operating overmass and oversize, both sets of permit conditions can be included on a combined permit. Apply using the Overmass or Oversize Permit application form, which is available at:

[www.rta.nsw.gov.au/publicationsstatisticsforms/downloads/forms\\_heavyvehicle\\_dl1.html](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/publicationsstatisticsforms/downloads/forms_heavyvehicle_dl1.html)

Operators of load-carrying and agricultural vehicles can also apply for permits online at: <https://ols2.rta.nsw.gov.au/osp>

## OVERMASS PERMIT CONDITIONS

### **Conditions – A (Applicable to all overmass permits)**

1. Non-compliance with any of these conditions will render the permit null and void.
2. The exemption shall operate for the period specified in the permit and shall be deemed to apply only to the movement of the vehicle when loaded in excess of the limits provided for in Schedule 1 of the *Road Transport (Mass, Loading & Access) Regulation 2005* for the journey or journeys and on the routes or within the areas specified in the permit.
3. The exemption shall not operate on newly formed, constructed or repaired roads or those damaged by floods, submergence or otherwise and/or roads to which special limits have been applied.
4. The exemption shall not operate on or be deemed to apply to any bridge, culvert, causeway or road ferry on which a special limit has been fixed at any time before or during the life of the permit.
5. Any low loader trailer used with an overmass permit must be a gooseneck trailer of a type that conforms to the RTA publication Vehicle Standards Information sheet No. 45 (VSI 45), as amended from time to time.
6. The permit confers any operational and travel requirement allowed under the Class 1 Single Steer Axle Mass Exemption Notice 2006 in addition to the mass limits allowed under the overmass permit. This is conditional on demonstration by the operator of full compliance with the requirements of that Notice.
7. In the event that a nominated trailing unit that is identified on a permit becomes unserviceable or otherwise unusable, an equivalent axle configuration and capacity trailing unit that is currently registered and roadworthy may be substituted for the nominated trailing unit without the need to amend the permit document.
8. At the discretion of the RTA, a permitted vehicle and its load may be required to be inspected by an authorised RTA officer or NSW Police prior to the commencement of travel. If the vehicle or load is deemed unfit for travel, then any permit issued may be withdrawn and travel prohibited until the vehicle or load is re-inspected and declared fit for travel.
9. The Roads and Traffic Authority may charge a fee in addition to the permit fee to:
  - a. assess an application, whether or not a permit is approved for issue; and
  - b. inspect a permitted vehicle and its load prior to travel.
10. The permit shall not be deemed to be a waiver by the Roads and Traffic Authority of the right to recover from the permittee, his successors or assigns the cost of repairing damage caused to any main road, bridge, causeway or road ferry by the operation of the vehicle referred to in the permit.
11. The permit is issued on the express condition that the lesser of any of the following limits are not exceeded:

- a. the load limits specified in the permit;
  - b. the hauling unit's manufacturer's Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) and/or Gross Combination Mass (GCM);
  - c. a tyre mass limit specified in Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the *Road Transport (Mass, Loading & Access) Regulation 2005*;
  - d. a manufacturer's maximum axle rating for any vehicle in a combination;
  - e. a manufacturer's maximum suspension rating for any vehicle in a combination; and
  - f. a manufacturer's maximum tow coupling rating.
12. The permit is issued subject to compliance with all applicable and current road transport legislation including legislation relating to limitations on the length, height and width of the vehicle and its loading.
  13. Where the journey specified in the permit involves travel over roads or structures maintained by councils or other authorities, the relevant council, councils or authority is to be contacted to obtain permission prior to travelling on those structures or roads.
  14. The permit is issued upon the express condition that the vehicle remains fitted with pneumatic tyres on all wheels (*unless specifically exempted*) and that if any alteration is made in the construction of the vehicle including alteration in distances between centres of axles and tyre equipment, the permit is automatically cancelled.
  15. The permit must be carried in the driving compartment by the driver of the vehicle at all times when the vehicle is loaded over the limits allowed in Schedule 1 of the *Road Transport (Mass, Loading & Access) Regulation 2005*. It must be produced when requested by an authorised officer of the Roads and Traffic Authority, a local council or the NSW Police Force.
  16. Where grids are installed on any road, the vehicle shall pass through the gates provided and not over the grids.
  17. The vehicle shall not cross any bridge:
    - a. while any other vehicle is on the bridge;
    - b. except along the centreline of the bridge or where directed by any Roads and Traffic Authority escort; and
    - c. unless the vehicle is kept to a steady speed of less than 10 kilometres per hour with no sudden braking or acceleration.
  18. The permit may be cancelled or revoked by the Roads and Traffic Authority at any time at its discretion.
  19. The permit is NOT transferable in the event of change of vehicle ownership. In the event of sale of the vehicle, the new owner must apply for a permit when registration is transferred. Application for renewal or extension of any permit must be made on or before its expiry date.

20. Any determination as to whether an added load cannot be broken down or reduced in weight is to be made by the Authority. The Authority's decision is final.
21. No warranty that the roads specified in the permit or the bridges, culverts or causeways thereon can withstand the loads expressed in the permit is given or should be implied and it shall be deemed a condition of the permit that any journey hereby permitted shall be made at the permittee's own risk absolutely.
22. Acceptance of the permit by the permittee or his authorised agent shall be deemed to be acceptance of this and the foregoing conditions.
23. In the permit 'Roads and Traffic Authority' and/or 'Authority' means the Roads and Traffic Authority of New South Wales.
24. If the number plate of the vehicle identified on this permit is changed, you must notify the RTA Special Permits Unit before the expiry date of this permit. The current permit remains valid until the first permit expiry date after the number plate change.

**Conditions – B (Applicable if the vehicle's weight exceeds 75 tonnes)**

1. The permittee/principal shall pay on demand to the Authority and/or any other authority the cost of preparing and/or strengthening the road or roads described in the permit, including structures thereon (and subsequent removal of such works) for the movement of the permitted vehicle and load, if such work is deemed necessary by the Authority and/or Council or other Authorities concerned, as the case may be. The permittee shall indemnify the RTA against liability for, and undertake to pay, all costs, damages and expenses properly flowing from the movement of such vehicle and load on such road or roads or any other road traversed by the vehicle and load whether sustained by the Authority or by any council, authority or third parties and the certificate of the Authority in that respect shall be evidence of the amount of such costs, damages and expenses.
2. The permittee shall comply with any directions given by a representative of the Authority and/or council or other authorities concerned or police department as to any reduction in speed, adjustment of the vehicle or load, the particular portion of the road on which the vehicle shall travel, the strengthening of the pavement by timbering or otherwise, or as to any other matter considered necessary.
3. In the event of any damage to such road or roads or to water or gas mains or other damage having been caused or appearing likely to be caused by the movement of the vehicle and load, the permittee shall take such action or render such assistance as the representative of the authority and/or council or other authority concerned may direct.
4. The permittee shall provide adequate safety measures, warning signs, lights, barriers and the like required for the protection of the public, and the vehicle and load shall not proceed on the journey until such safety measures as deemed necessary by the representative of the authority and/or council or other authorities concerned or police department have been provided by the permittee.

5. Any work, as aforesaid, required to be done by the permittee which is not carried out to the satisfaction of the said representative may be done by the Authority and/or the council or other authorities concerned or the police department and the cost thereof shall be paid by the permittee on demand to the Authority or other parties as aforementioned.
6. The vehicle and load shall not stand on any classified road pavement or structure and the movement of the vehicle shall be continuously maintained while on any classified road pavement or structure except with the prior approval of the representative of the Authority and/or council concerned. Additional tractor vehicles, if required, shall be coupled and de-coupled without the permit vehicle being brought to a stop.
7. All motive power shall be from the front (Note: Pusher motive power will not be approved in the normal course).
8. The speed of the vehicle shall not exceed 6 kilometres per hour on any bridge or other structure and otherwise shall not exceed 12 kilometres per hour.
9. The movement shall take place only on the date(s) specified on the permit except as mentioned in the following conditions.
10. The movement of the vehicle and load shall not commence until such time as may be agreed upon by the representative of the Authority and/or council or other authorities concerned, or the police department, or if the permittee has been advised that a representative of the Authority, council or other authorities must be present, until such time as the said representative is present.
11. The permit is automatically cancelled in the event of rain which, in the opinion of the representative of the Authority and/or council concerned, increases the risk of damage to road pavements. Should such representative consider that, because of rain or other causes, movement of the vehicle and load should be deferred then it shall be deferred until such day and time as may be determined.
12. The vehicle shall not cross any bridge:
  - a) while any other vehicle is on the bridge, and
  - b) except along the centreline of the bridge unless otherwise directed hereunder.
14. The permittee is to obtain approval from affected railways operators or councils respectively before travelling across railway overbridges and level crossings, or on council roads and bridges.
15. The permittee shall give at least 24 hours' notice of the anticipated time of movement of the vehicle and load to Divisional Engineers of the Roads and Traffic Authority, and to Town or Shire Clerks.
16. In these permit conditions, 'Roads and Traffic Authority' and/or 'Authority' means the Roads and Traffic Authority of New South Wales.

### **Special conditions for overmass permits**

Prior to travel under an overmass permit where the vehicle's gross mass is greater than 125 tonnes, notice must be given to engineers at relevant RTA regional offices. Advise

the RTA of the proposed travel route at least 24 hours before travelling – see the Useful Contacts section for contact details.

#### Units greater than 75 tonnes

Where the gross weight of a unit is greater than 75 tonnes, up to seven days' notice may be required before the proposed date of travel to allow for the application to be assessed and processed.

#### Carrying goods in addition to a large indivisible item

A vehicle or combination carrying a special-purpose vehicle or an agricultural vehicle may also carry any equipment, tools, substances or detached parts used in conjunction with the vehicle being carried.

#### Towing a low loader dolly with an unladen low loader

An unladen low loader may only be towed in combination with a low loader dolly if:

- a) the combination is 2.5 metres wide or less; and
- b) it would be unreasonable to require the dolly be loaded on the low loader because of the short travel distance, or special difficulties loading or unloading the dolly due to the nature of the site.

#### Permit fees

Vehicles up to 125 tonnes gross mass pay the standard permit administration fee that applies to both overmass and oversize permits. A single fee is charged if a vehicle is both overmass and oversize.

Where the gross mass exceeds 125 tonnes, a road charge fee is charged as well as the standard administration fee. The fee is based on a formula of 4 cents per journey kilometre per 'equivalent standard axle'. There is currently a moratorium on this charge.

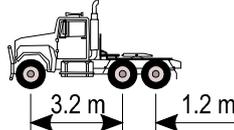
Contact the RTA Special Permits Unit on 1300 656 371 for fee information.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Minimum required axle spacings for overmass permits

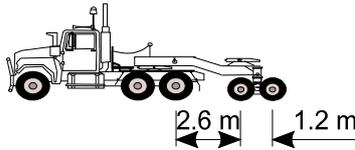
#### Prime mover

The minimum axle spacings allowed are 3.2 metres from the centre of the first axle to the centre of the second axle, and 1.2 metres from the centre of the second axle to the centre of the third axle. It is acceptable to exceed these dimensions.



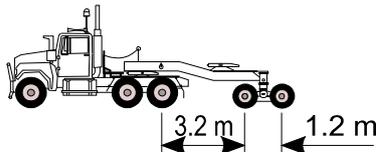
#### Dolly with rows of four tyres

The minimum axle spacings allowed are 2.6 metres from the last axle on the prime mover to the first axle on the dolly, and 1.2 metres between dolly axles. It is acceptable to exceed these dimensions.



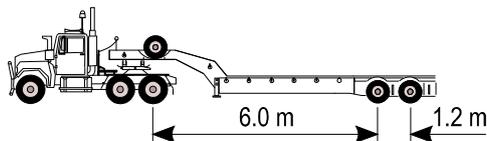
#### Dolly with rows of eight tyres

The minimum axle spacings allowed are 3.2 metres from the last axle on the prime mover to the first axle on the dolly, and 1.2 metres between dolly axles. It is acceptable to exceed these dimensions.



#### Low loader

The minimum axle spacings allowed are 6 metres from the centre of the last axle on the preceding unit to the centre of the first axle on the low loader, and 1.2 metres between low loader axles. It is acceptable to exceed these dimensions.



## **Roadside inspections**

When a vehicle is stopped by an RTA inspector, the following checks may be conducted:

- Log book inspection (if applicable);
- Inspection of any weight or dimension permits for the vehicle;
- Licence inspection;
- Load inspection to ensure load safety;
- Vehicle measuring;
- Vehicle weighing; or
- Roadworthiness inspection.

## **Load Restraint Guide**

The Load Restraint Guide has been developed by the Federal Office of Road Safety (FORS) and the National Transport Commission (NTC) for use in all states. It contains guidelines for the safe carriage of loads on road vehicles, and is available through the Australian Government Publishing Service or from RTA motor registries, or by phoning 13 22 13.

The guide was developed in close consultation with industry and provides information on securing a variety of loads onto different vehicle configurations. Operators of vehicles carrying large loads should use the loading code as a guide to the safest and most secure loading method.

For further information, contact the RTA Technical Enquiries Unit on 1300 137 302 (8.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday) or the NTC on (03) 9236 5000.

## **House-moving policy**

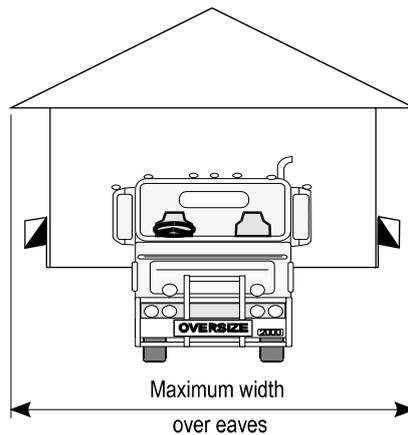
Houses, house sections and prefabricated manufactured buildings are all treated as divisible loads under oversize permit legislation and must be reduced to the minimum possible dimensions for travel.

Each permit application is assessed individually against standard policy provisions that apply to the house-moving industry.

Permits are issued for the widest practicable dimensions that are consistent with safe road movement and that will cause minimal inconvenience to other road users.

Loads that exceed safe operating limits **must** be reduced in size to within the specified width limits. Width is measured at the widest point, usually the eaves.

A maximum width limit of 6 metres applies, unless a lesser width limit applies on a specific route. For example, the restricted sections of the Princes Highway south of Gerringong have a 4.6 metre width limit, and the Bucketts Way has a 5 metre width limit. Approval may be given to exceed this limit for distances no further than 20km of total road travel.



Before travel is permitted, all moves will be inspected by the RTA to ensure all requirements and standards are met and the combination is fit for travel. House movers must contact the Special Permits Unit Manager for written approval to move a house or section. Information should include the starting point, destination, full route details and proposed dimensions. All enquiries and approvals are recorded.

- The approval (if granted) must then be endorsed by the relevant NSW Police Regional Traffic Coordinator for any necessary additional escort requirements.
- The approval (if granted) must then also be endorsed by the relevant RTA Field Manager for an inspection time and date.
- A completed permit application form is then submitted with the endorsed approval document to the Special Permits Unit.
- The permit is issued to the RTA Field Manager and provided to the operator of the vehicle and its load before travel can proceed.
- If the vehicle and its load fail inspection, a fee may be charged for subsequent inspections by the RTA Field Manager.

#### House-moving trailer requirements

The RTA has published a Vehicle Standards Information bulletin (bulletin no. VSI 11) detailing the requirements that apply to the movement of buildings on roads and road-related areas. Requirements specified in that bulletin will be checked at inspection. The bulletin can be downloaded from:

[http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/registration/downloads/vsi/vsi\\_dl1.html](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/registration/downloads/vsi/vsi_dl1.html)

#### **Conditions for spreader boxes**

Spreader boxes (also known as cockerel boxes) are fitted to tipper vehicles so that aggregate can be spread evenly on road construction sites.

Approval has been given for vehicles fitted with spreader boxes, with an overall width that exceeds the standard 2.5 metre limit for load-carrying vehicles, to operate under the General Class 1 Oversize (Load-Carrying Vehicle) Notice, subject to the following conditions:

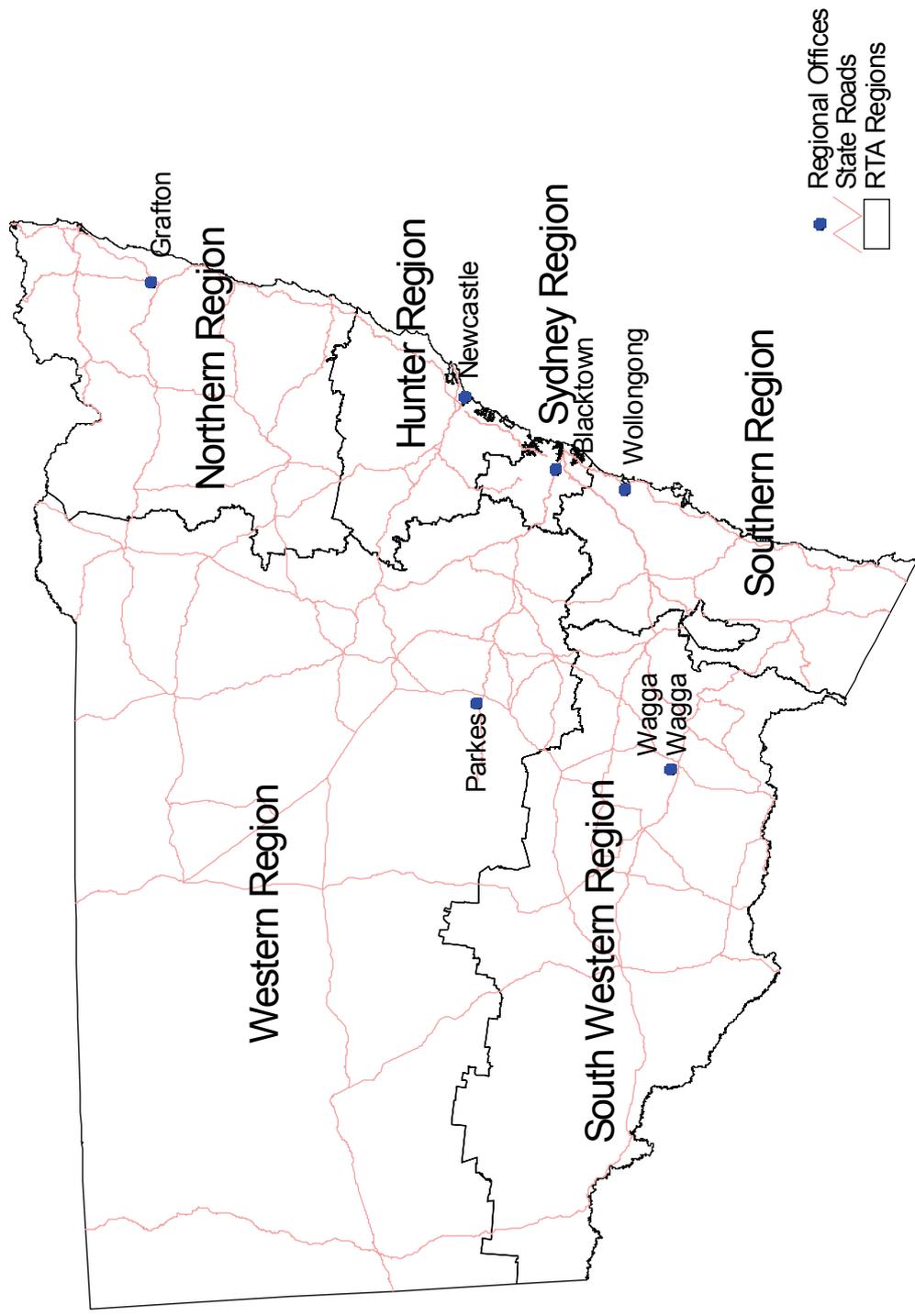
- The overall width of spreader box must not exceed 2.9 metres;

- The rear overhang of a vehicle that does not exceed 6 metres in length (plus the spreader box) must not exceed the lesser of 60 percent of the wheelbase or 3.7 metres;
- The rear overhang of a vehicle that exceeds 6 metres in length (plus the spreader box) must not exceed 3.7 metres;
- The vehicle is only covered for a specific road project and must operate within a 10km radius of the stockpiled aggregate that is being spread;
- When travelling under the permit, the vehicle must be fitted with an operating amber, rotating, flashing light as per the warning lights requirements of the General Class 1 Oversize (Load-Carrying Vehicle) Notice;
- The spreader box must be removed from the vehicle if the vehicle is on the road for reasons other than to perform road work (e.g. travelling to or from a road project); and
- The General Class 1 Oversize (Load-Carrying Vehicle) Notice must be carried in the vehicle.
- A vehicle with a spreader box wider than 2.9 metres is not eligible to travel in New South Wales.

### **Related RTA publications**

The Heavy Vehicle Drivers' Handbook and the Road Users' Handbook contain useful information for heavy vehicle operators. Both handbooks can be downloaded from the RTA website: [www.rta.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au)

# RTA REGIONAL OFFICES AND ADMINISTRATIVE BOUNDARIES



## USEFUL CONTACTS

### **RTA contacts**

In addition to the requirement for operators of certain vehicles to notify the RTA prior to travel, operators should contact the RTA to check on road works or temporary road closures that may affect the movement of oversize loads.

#### Heavy Vehicle Customer Service – 1300 364 847

Contact Heavy Vehicle Customer Service (8.30am–5pm Monday to Friday, 8am–12pm Saturday) for details of Heavy Vehicle Inspection Station (HVIS) availability and bookings, heavy vehicle registration, or for enquiries about the Vehicle Emissions Management program, Safe-T-Cam operations or the Three Strikes scheme.

#### Traffic Information Line – 132 701

Call the 24-hour Traffic Information Line for metropolitan or regional traffic reports, road quotas caused by storms or bushfires or to report a traffic incident, as well as for information on traffic arrangements for special events or clearway towing.

The Live Traffic section of the RTA website also provides metropolitan and regional traffic reports, as well as regularly updated information on disruptions to the road network such as crashes and special events. For more information visit:

<http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/trafficreports>

#### Technical Enquiries Section – 1300 137 302

For technical information on light or heavy vehicles, road freight regulations or heavy vehicle safety standards, contact the Technical Enquiries Section (8am–5pm Monday to Friday, 8am–12pm Saturday).

#### Pacific Highway Traffic Impact Coordinator – 1800 653 092

For vehicles wider than 3.5 metres or longer than 25 metres travelling through Pacific Highway construction zones between Hexham and the Queensland border, the Traffic Impact Coordinator must be contacted during normal business hours on 1800 653 092, (02) 6640 1077 prior to travel. This is necessary for coordinating the movement of oversize traffic through road construction sites that have dimension restrictions.

#### RTA Special Permits Unit – 1300 656 371

Permit applications require the vehicle operator to sign a declaration confirming that the proposed route has been checked and is suitable. Some permits are issued far in advance of the travel date so the operator should check before starting the journey that road conditions have not changed since the route was last checked. This will ensure that travel is not delayed and other road users are not inconvenienced.

The postal address for permit applications is:

**RTA Special Permits Unit**  
**PO Box 97**  
**Glen Innes NSW 2370**

**Phone:** 1300 656 371 (8.30am–4.30pm Monday to Friday)

**Fax:** 1300 361 570

**Email:** [special\\_permits\\_unit@rta.nsw.gov.au](mailto:special_permits_unit@rta.nsw.gov.au)

**Online Permit Applications:** <https://ols2.rta.nsw.gov.au/osp>

**Gazette Notices:**

[http://rta.nsw.gov.au/heavyvehicles/downloads/permitnotices/permit\\_notices\\_dl1.html](http://rta.nsw.gov.au/heavyvehicles/downloads/permitnotices/permit_notices_dl1.html)

### **RTA Regional Traffic Operations Units (for load notifications)**

<b>RTA Region</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>When</b>
South West	Loads wider than 5.5 metres, and combinations heavier than 125 tonnes gross.	02 6938 1171	During business hours Monday to Friday.
Western	Loads wider than 5.5 metres, and combinations heavier than 125 tonnes	02 6861 1686	During business hours Monday to Friday
Northern	Loads wider than 5.5 metres, and combinations heavier than 125 tonnes gross.  (Note: Pacific Highway length and width restrictions apply see page 50 for contact details)	02 6640 1300	During business hours Monday to Friday
Southern	Loads wider than 5.5 metres, and combinations heavier than 125 tonnes gross.	02 4221 2448	During business hours Monday to Friday
Hunter	Loads wider than 5.5 metres, and combinations heavier than 125 tonnes gross	02 4924 0347	During business hours Monday to Friday
Sydney	Loads wider than 5.5 metres, and combinations heavier than 125 tonnes gross	02 8849 2061	During business hours Monday to Friday

### **Private motorways and toll roads**

<b>Motorway</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Fax</b>	<b>Web</b>
M2 Hills Motorway	02 9869 5300	02 9869 5316	<a href="http://www.hillsmotorway.com.au">http://www.hillsmotorway.com.au</a>
M4 Western Motorway	02 9647 0299	02 9647 0290	<a href="http://www.swr.com.au">www.swr.com.au</a>
M5 Southwest Motorway	02 9820 0051		<a href="http://www.m5motorway.com.au">www.m5motorway.com.au</a>
M7 Westlink	02 9834 9200		<a href="http://www.westlinkM7.com.au">www.westlinkM7.com.au</a>

## **National permit offices**

<b>State/Territory</b>	<b>Unit Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Fax</b>
Australian Capital Territory	Roads ACT Heavy Vehicle Permits Office	(02) 6207 6565	(02) 6207 6872
Northern Territory	Dept of Infrastructure, Planning & Environment Permits Section	(08) 8999 3148	(08) 8941 0260
New South Wales	RTA Special Permits Unit	1300 656 371	1300 361 570
Queensland	Queensland Transport Vehicle Engineering & Access Unit	(07) 3253 4452	(07) 3253 4607
South Australia	Dept for Transport, Energy & Infrastructure Permits Section	1300 882 249	(08) 8348 9551
Tasmania	Dept of Infrastructure, Energy & Resources Land Transport Safety Division	(03) 6233 5214	(03) 6233 5210
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