

# Higher Mass Limits Operation under the Heavy Vehicle National Law



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**This fact sheet provides information on operating at Higher Mass Limits under the Heavy Vehicle National Law in South Australia.**

As a result of the introduction of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL), the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator is now responsible for issuing all national notices. Existing Local Productivity Initiatives will be preserved and transitioned or replaced by a national notice. Higher Mass Limits (HML) is one initiative that is being preserved.

Essentially it's business as usual, for drivers/operators of the vehicle configurations listed below operating at HML, to continue to comply with and carry the gazette notice (the South Australian notice now transitioned to operate under the HVNL) titled '*Higher Mass Limits for Vehicles Fitted with Road Friendly Suspension*'.

Vehicle configurations applicable under this Notice are;

- rigid trucks fitted with a tandem drive axle group and operated without a trailer
- articulated vehicles where the prime mover is fitted with a tandem drive axle group and the semi trailer is fitted with either a tandem or tri-axle group
- buses fitted with a single drive axle or a six tyred tandem axle group (including the drive axle) at the rear.

However, there are changes to the notices under which B-doubles and road trains are now required to operate at HML.

Under the HVNL, B-doubles and road trains will now operate under new national B-double and road train notices for operation at General Mass Limits.

In order to operate at HML in South Australia, drivers/operators will need to refer to the new national B-double or road train notice for general operating conditions, and continue to operate under the relevant HML sections of the South Australian B-double or road train Gazette Notices and Codes of Practice.

Operation under both the new national and existing South Australian Gazette Notices and Codes of Practice will continue until the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator has formally obtained Road Manager consent and declared the HML network for South Australia in accordance with the HVNL.

### What will change?

- Transport operators will need to operate under, but are not required to carry, the national notice specific to their vehicle type for B-doubles or road trains.
- Operators will need to operate under and must carry the HML components of the South Australian Gazette Notice and Codes of Practice relevant to their vehicle type.

### What stays the same?

- When operating at HML in South Australia, a legible, current and complete copy of the *Higher Mass Limits for Vehicle Fitted with Road Friendly Suspension* notice must be carried, either in hardcopy or in an electronic format so that it can be read from a device that is accessible, is carried within the vehicle and has a visual display.
- Participation in the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme Mass Management module, as a pre-requisite condition for access to HML for vehicle combinations where a tri-axle group is fitted to one or more vehicles in the combination.
- The existing approved HML networks in South Australia will remain; details of both GML and HML networks are available via the [RAVnet online map system](#).
- A Route Compliance Certificate is not required for operators of a B-double or road train operating under the Intelligent Access Program (IAP).

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