

Guideline for Pilot and Escort Operations in Queensland

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1. Statutory Authority

This guideline is issued under Part 3 Section 14 of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Vehicle Standards and Safety) Regulation 2010* in accordance with Part 4 Section 22 of the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992*.

This guideline replaces and repeals relevant parts of Form 4 - *Guideline for Excess Dimension Vehicles Carrying Indivisible Articles, Special Purpose Vehicles and Vehicles that require a Pilot or Escort in Queensland*.

2. Date of Commencement

This form commences on 10 February 2019.

3. Application

Unless otherwise specified, the specifications, requirements and restrictions of this guideline are in addition to the provisions of Schedule 8 of the *Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation [HV(MDL)NR]*. Schedule 8 provides general requirements for oversize heavy vehicles, pilot and escort vehicles and pilot and escort drivers.

This guideline provides the additional specifications, operational requirements and driver conditions for pilot and escort vehicles and drivers assisting the movement of oversize vehicles and combinations on the Queensland road network under National Notices, Permits and Guidelines (including light vehicle guidelines).

Secondary pilot vehicles up to 6.5 tonnes Gross Vehicle Mass assisting with a piloting function under a notice, permit or guideline are also required to comply with this Guideline as a condition of assisting a vehicle operating under the notice, permit. Schedule 1 Part 4 section 24 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (Matters for which statutory instruments may make provision) – provides the NHVR power to require a heavy vehicle (4.5t up to 6.5t) operating as a secondary pilot vehicle to comply with the *Guideline for Pilot and Escort Vehicles in Queensland* when assisting with pilot operations

Agricultural pilot vehicles and drivers are not covered under this Guideline and must comply with the requirements and conditions provided in an agricultural vehicle Notice, Permit or Guideline.

4. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide:

- specifications for warning devices for pilot and escort vehicles;
- requirements for the use of warning devices on pilot and escort vehicles assisting oversize vehicles;
- pilot and escort vehicle operational requirements;
- Level 1 pilot and level 2 escort driver requirements;
- traffic control recommendations; and
- travel restrictions.

This document must be read in conjunction with the Queensland Access Conditions Guide that contains specific additional information and travel restrictions referred to in National Notices, Permits and this Guideline.

5. Definitions

Unless otherwise described, terms used in this guideline have the meaning defined in the National Heavy Vehicle Law and subordinate legislation.

For the purpose of this guideline:

business day means a day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or a public holiday.

city means and includes any place within the city limits of the towns or cities listed in Appendix A and are not limited to the Central Business District of any such place.

daytime means the period beginning at sunrise and ending at sunset or where visibility is not less than 250m in natural light.

HV(MDL)NR means the Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation.

light vehicle means a motor vehicle that has a Gross Vehicle Mass of 4.5 tonne or less, or a trailer that has an ATM of 4.5 tonne or less.

NHVR means the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.

night-time means the period beginning at sunset and ending at sunrise or where visibility is less than 250m due to natural light.

oversize light vehicle means a light vehicle that, together with any load, does not comply with part 2A, division 2 (Particular dimensions) or 3 (Projections) of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Vehicle Standards and Safety) Regulation 2010*.

QPS means Queensland Police Service.

Queensland Access Conditions Guide means the Guide published on the TMR website that contains further specific information referenced in National Notices, Permits and the Guideline for Pilot and Escort Operations in Queensland.

TMR means the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

6. Applicable persons

Escort operations can be conducted by Police Officers, and accredited escort vehicle drivers appointed by the Chief Executive of TMR to carry out pilot and escort duties under Section 21 of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management Act) 1995*.

Note: Police officers are not bound to comply with this guideline when assisting in pilot or escort operations.

Pilot operations can be conducted by accredited pilot vehicle drivers and accredited escort vehicle drivers appointed by the Chief Executive of TMR to carry out pilot duties under Section 21 of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995*.

7. Operational

7.1 Additional warning devices for escort vehicles – specifications and use

Wig wag lights for escort vehicles only

Wig wag lights must only be operated during daylight hours when escorting an oversize vehicle or combination that requires a level 1 or level 2 escort.

An escort vehicle's wig wag lights when operating must:

- a) emit a yellow or white coloured light; and
- b) not be a strobe light; and
- c) have a power of at least —
- d) if LED technology is used—25 watts; or
- e) if other technology is used—55 watts; and
- f) flash alternatively to give a wig wag effect.

Wig wag lights must be installed in the following position:

- a) fitted symmetrically (same position on both sides of the vehicle); and
- b) no higher than the top of dipped beam lamp; and
- c) not less than 250mm from the ground; and
- d) mounted at the front of the vehicle without obstructing the driver's view; and
- e) the outside edge of the lights is to be no further than 400mm from the side of the car.

7.2 Additional requirements and use of warning devices

Warning signs as required under Schedule 8 of the HV(MDL)NR must be clearly visible and legible to other road users when engaged in piloting or escorting an oversize vehicle or combination.

The warning sign on a pilot or escort vehicle must be entirely covered, removed, or laid flat so as not to be read by other road users when the pilot or escort vehicle is not actively engaged in piloting or escorting an oversize load or combination.

An escort vehicle must carry six traffic cones or triangles that comply with the Australian Standard or a standard equivalent to the Australian Standard.

7.3 Pilot and escort vehicle operating requirements

7.3.1

A pilot or escort vehicle must have:

- a) four or more wheels; and
- b) a gross vehicle mass (GVM) of 4.5t or less for a pilot or escort vehicle; or
- c) a GVM of 6.5t or less in the case of a secondary rear pilot vehicle if two pilot vehicles are required. (refer Schedule 8 of the HV(MDL)NR).

7.3.2

When there is more than one pilot or escort vehicle required, the pilot or escort vehicle directly in front of the oversize vehicle or combination is classified as the lead pilot or escort vehicle. When there is a requirement for only one pilot or escort vehicle, that vehicle is classified as the lead pilot or escort vehicle.

When a police vehicle forms part of an escort, the police will be in charge of the move. (Note: Police escorts are only involved when a permit has been obtained for the movement).

7.4 Speed limits

The maximum speed limit applying to a person driving an oversize vehicle or combination is:

- a) 90km/h outside built up areas, except where official traffic signs indicate a lower speed limit; or
- b) 80km/h outside built up areas, except where official traffic signs indicate a lower speed limit, when required to travel with a pilot or escort vehicle.

7.5 Build-up of traffic

Where the oversize vehicle or combination is travelling at a speed that causes a build-up of traffic, the driver of the oversize vehicle or combination must take all reasonable steps to alleviate the build-up of traffic. This does not include exceeding any posted speed limit or speed limit indicated in section 7.4.

7.6 Travel restrictions (time and location restrictions and other conditions)

Specific area and road travel restrictions and conditions are contained in the Queensland Access Conditions Guide.

7.7 Positioning of pilot, escort and assisting vehicles

The following tables indicate the recommended position and distance that pilot or escort vehicles and police escort vehicles should employ when accompanying an oversize vehicle or combination. The relevant maximum distances may be varied, by a level 1 pilot or level 2 escort operator or police officer, to take into consideration a particular traffic or road condition; the speed of travel of the oversize vehicle; the maximum speed limit; the location; traffic volumes; weather conditions; the approaching speed; the road surface; climatic conditions; braking distances, etc.

Note: *Special attention should be given to the risks associated with the transportations of oversize loads on two lane roads.*

Additional vehicles required to accompany an oversize vehicle or combination as a result of requirements from permits and other authorities (for example, railway, Telstra etc.) should travel where appropriate behind the oversize vehicle or combination and in front of the rear pilot or escort vehicles until they are to be used to assist in the movement of the oversize or combination as determined by the level 1 pilot or level 2 escort operator.

Table 1A – One pilot or escort vehicle

| Location | Maximum Distance |
|--|--|
| Built-up area | 300m in front of the oversize vehicle |
| Built-up area (dual carriageway) | 300m behind the oversize vehicle |
| Outside built-up area (max. posted speed limit is less or equal to 80km/h) | between 300m and 1000m in front of oversize vehicle |
| Outside built-up area (max. posted speed limit is in excess of 80km/h) | between 1000m and 1500m in front of oversize vehicle |

Note: If the length is only excess dimension, the pilot or escort vehicle is to travel at a maximum distance of 300m behind the oversize vehicle.

Table 1B – Two pilot or escort vehicles

| Location | Vehicle | Maximum Distance |
|---|-----------------------------|--|
| Built-up area (single and dual carriageway) | one escort or pilot vehicle | 300m in front of the oversize vehicle |
| | one escort or pilot vehicle | 300m behind the oversize vehicle |
| Outside built-up area (max. posted speed limit is less or equal to 80km/h) | one escort or pilot vehicle | between 500m and 1000m in front of the oversize vehicle |
| | one escort or pilot vehicle | 300m behind the oversize vehicle |
| Outside built-up area (max. posted speed limit is in excess of 80km/h) | one escort or pilot vehicle | between 1000m and 1500m in front of the oversize vehicle |
| | one escort or pilot vehicle | 500m behind the oversize vehicle |

Table 1C – One pilot or escort vehicle and one police vehicle

| Location | Vehicle | Maximum Distance |
|---|-----------------------------|--|
| Built-up area | one escort or pilot vehicle | 300m in front of the oversize vehicle |
| | one police vehicle | 300m behind the oversize vehicle |
| Built-up area (dual carriageway) | one escort or pilot vehicle | 300m in front of the oversize vehicle |
| | one police vehicle | 300m behind the oversize vehicle |
| Outside built-up area (max. posted speed limit is less or equal to 80km/h) | one escort or pilot vehicle | between 500m and 1000m in front of the oversize vehicle |
| | one police vehicle | either 200m in front of the oversize vehicle or 300m behind the oversize vehicle |
| Outside built-up area (max. posted speed limit is in excess of 80km/h) | one escort or pilot vehicle | between 1000m and 1500m in front of the oversize vehicle |
| | one police vehicle | either 500m in front of the oversize vehicle or 200m behind the oversize vehicle |

Table 1D – Three pilot or escort vehicles

| Location | Vehicle | Maximum Distance |
|---|-----------------------------|--|
| Built-up area (single and dual carriageway) | one escort or pilot vehicle | 400m in front of the oversize vehicle |
| | one escort or pilot vehicle | 300m behind the oversize vehicle |
| | one escort or pilot vehicle | 200m in front of the oversize vehicle |
| Outside built-up area (max. posted speed limit is less or equal to 80km/h) | one escort or pilot vehicle | between 500m and 1000m in front of the oversize vehicle |
| | one escort or pilot vehicle | 300m behind the oversize vehicle |
| | one escort or pilot vehicle | 200m in front of the oversize vehicle |
| Outside built-up area (max. posted speed limit is in excess of 80km/h) | one escort or pilot vehicle | between 1000m and 1500m in front of the oversize vehicle |
| | one escort or pilot vehicle | 300m behind the oversize vehicle |
| | one escort or pilot vehicle | 500m in front of the oversize vehicle |

Table 1E- Two pilot or escort vehicles and one police vehicle

| Location | Vehicle | Maximum Distance |
|---|-----------------------------|--|
| Built-up area (single and dual carriageway) | one escort or pilot vehicle | 200m in front of the police vehicle |
| | one escort or pilot vehicle | 300m behind the oversize vehicle |
| | one police vehicle | 200m in front of the oversize vehicle |
| Outside built-up area (max. posted speed limit is less or equal to 80km/h) | one escort or pilot vehicle | between 500m and 1000m in front of the oversize vehicle |
| | one escort or pilot vehicle | 300m behind the oversize vehicle |
| | one police vehicle | 200m in front of the oversize vehicle |
| Outside built-up area (max. posted speed limit is in excess of 80km/h) | one escort or pilot vehicle | between 1000m and 1500m in front of the oversize vehicle |
| | one escort or pilot vehicle | 300m behind the oversize vehicle |
| | one police vehicle | 500m in front of the oversize vehicle |

Table 1F – Two pilot or escort vehicles and two police vehicles

| Location | Vehicle | Maximum Distance |
|---|-----------------------------|--|
| Built-up area (single and dual carriageway) | one escort or pilot vehicle | 200m in front of the first police vehicle |
| | one escort or pilot vehicle | 300m behind the oversize vehicle |
| | one police vehicle | 100m in front of the oversize vehicle |
| | one police vehicle | either 200m behind the oversize vehicle or 300m in front of the oversize vehicle |
| Outside built-up area (max. posted speed limit is less or equal to 80km/h) | one escort or pilot vehicle | between 1000m and 1500m in front of the oversize vehicle |
| | one escort or pilot vehicle | 300m behind the oversize vehicle |
| | one police vehicle | 200m in front of the oversize vehicle |
| | one police vehicle | either 200m behind the oversize vehicle or 800m to 1200m in front of the oversize vehicle, but behind the leading escort or pilot vehicle |
| Outside built-up area (max. posted speed limit is in excess of 80km/h) | one escort or pilot vehicle | between 1500m and 2000m in front of the oversize vehicle |
| | one escort or pilot vehicle | 300m behind the oversize vehicle |
| | one police vehicle | 500m in front of the oversize vehicle |
| | one police vehicle | either 200m behind the oversize vehicle or 1300m to 1800m in front of the oversize vehicle, but behind the leading escort or pilot vehicle |

Table 1G – Two pilot or escort vehicles and more than two police vehicles. Specific number of police vehicles as per NHVR permit.

| Location | Vehicle | Maximum Distance |
|---|-----------------------------|--|
| Built-up area (single and dual carriageway) | one escort or pilot vehicle | 200m in front of the first police vehicle |
| | one escort or pilot vehicle | 300m behind the oversize vehicle |
| | one police vehicle | 100m in front of the oversize vehicle |
| | one police vehicle | 300m in front of the oversize vehicle |
| | one police vehicle | 200m behind the oversize vehicle |
| | other police vehicles | as considered appropriate |
| Outside built-up area (max. posted speed limit is less or equal to 80km/h) | one escort or pilot vehicle | between 1000m and 1500m in front of the oversize vehicle |
| | one escort or pilot vehicle | 300m behind the oversize vehicle |
| | one police vehicle | 200m in front of the oversize vehicle |
| | one police vehicle | vehicle between 800m to 1200m in front of the oversize vehicle, but behind the leading escort or pilot vehicle |
| | one police vehicle | 200m behind the oversize vehicle |
| | other police vehicles | as considered appropriate |
| Outside built-up area (max. posted speed limit is in excess of 80km/h) | one escort or pilot vehicle | between 1500m and 2000m in front of the oversize vehicle |
| | one escort or pilot vehicle | 300m behind the oversize vehicle |
| | one police vehicle | 500m in front of the oversize vehicle |
| | one police vehicle | between 1300m to 1800m in front of the oversize vehicle, but behind the leading escort or pilot vehicle |
| | one police vehicle | 200m behind the oversize vehicle |
| | other police vehicles | as considered appropriate |

Table 1H – Convoy travel arrangement for three pilot or escort vehicles and one or more police vehicles. Specific numbers of police vehicles as per NHVR permit.

| Location | Vehicle | Maximum Distance |
|---|-----------------------------|--|
| Built-up area (single and dual carriageway) | one escort or pilot vehicle | 200m in front of the first police vehicle |
| | one escort or pilot vehicle | 300m behind the last oversize vehicle |
| | one escort or pilot vehicle | 100m behind the first oversize vehicle and 100m in front of the second oversize vehicle |
| | one police vehicle | 200m in front of the first oversize vehicle |
| | other police vehicles | either 300m in front of the first oversize vehicle, 200m behind the last oversize vehicle, or as considered appropriate |
| Outside built-up area (max. posted speed limit is less or equal to 80km/h) | one escort or pilot vehicle | between 1000m and 1500m in front of the first oversize vehicle |
| | one escort or pilot vehicle | 300m behind the last oversize vehicle |
| | one escort or pilot vehicle | 100m behind the first oversize vehicle and 100m in front of the second oversize vehicle |
| | one police vehicle | 200m in front of the first oversize vehicle |
| | other police vehicles | either between 800m to 1200m in front of the first oversize vehicle, 200m behind the last oversize vehicle, or as considered appropriate |
| Outside built-up area (max. posted speed limit is in excess of 80km/h) | one escort or pilot vehicle | between 1500m and 2000m in front of the oversize vehicles |
| | one escort or pilot vehicle | 800m behind the last oversize vehicle |
| | one escort or pilot vehicle | 100m behind the first oversize vehicle and 100m in front of the second oversize vehicle |
| | one police vehicle | 500m in front of the oversize first vehicle |
| | other police vehicles | either between 1300m to 1800m in front of the oversize vehicles, 200m behind the last oversize vehicle, or as considered appropriate |

7.8 Pilot and escort vehicle drivers

Driver requirements

7.8.1

Accredited pilot and escort vehicle drivers must:

- a) carry their industry authority card or interim industry authority document at all times and their pilot/escort movement record book (if applicable) when performing the role; and
- b) produce their industry authority card or interim industry authority document at the request of an employer, police officer or an authorised officer; and
- c) produce their industry authority card or interim industry authority to the driver of the oversize vehicle (with the Record Movement Book) and to other pilot/escort vehicle drivers before commencing the journey, to confirm their level of accreditation; and
- d) comply with any requirements for pilot/escort vehicle drivers specified under a notice, permit or guideline.

7.8.2

Pilot/escort vehicle drivers accompanying vehicles/combinations over 3.5m wide and over 25m in length should ensure they have ready access to the Critical Area and Roads in Queensland map.

7.8.3

The driver of a pilot or escort vehicle must not operate a vehicle as a pilot or escort vehicle unless:

- a) that person holds accreditation at level '1' or '2' to undertake the duties; or
- b) in the case of an escort vehicle, the person must be accredited to level '2'; or
- c) that person is approved to operate under the mutual recognition provisions of this guideline.

7.8.4

The driver of any pilot or escort vehicle cannot disobey any traffic regulation or authorise anyone else to disobey any traffic regulation, unless specifically covered under section 311 of *Transport Operations (Road Use Management-Road Rules) Regulation 2009* (TORUM) legislation <https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/sl-2009-0194#pt.19>.

7.8.5

A level 1 pilot or level 2 escort driver must not accompany an oversize vehicle or combination except where:

- a) if the oversize vehicle is a heavy vehicle, the pilot or escort operation complies with the provisions of the HVNL (including requirements under Schedule 8 of the HV(MDL)NR) and the requirements of this Guideline including the recommended positions and distances for pilot and escort vehicles specified in Section 3; and
- b) the oversize vehicle or combination is authorised to move by virtue of a relevant Notice, Guideline or Permit; and
- c) the requirements of the Notice, Guideline or Permit are met (including any travel time and/or location restrictions); and
- d) if the operation is under any other lawful authority and compliance with the conditions of that authority is met.

Note: *To satisfy conditions under 4.1.5, a level 1 pilot or level 2 escort driver must view the Notice, Guideline or Permit and comply with all conditions applicable to the movement of the oversize vehicle combination.*

7.8.6

Level 1 pilot and level 2 escort vehicle drivers must ensure that the route nominated is trafficable for the oversize vehicle or combination.

7.9 Communications

All persons involved in the operation of an oversize vehicle or combination and any other entity associated with the movement of the vehicle must ensure they have the appropriate equipment to maintain two-way radio communication between all pilots, escorts, police officers and the oversize vehicle at all times during the pilot or escort operation.

The driver of an oversize vehicle or combination is required to comply with any lawful direction or signal given by the level 1 pilot or level 2 escort driver, in relation to the movement of the oversize vehicle.

7.10 Damage caused by oversize vehicles

7.10.1

The driver of a pilot or escort vehicle accompanying an oversize vehicle or combination who is aware of any damage an oversize vehicle or combination has caused, must as soon as practical, notify the driver of the oversize vehicle or combination.

7.10.2

The driver of a pilot vehicle must report any damage caused by the oversize vehicle or combination to the driver of the lead pilot or escort vehicle.

7.10.3

The driver of the lead pilot or escort vehicle accompanying an oversize vehicle or combination who is aware of any damage to property owned by a Local Government and/or TMR, incurred during the movement of the oversize agricultural vehicle or combination, must report the damage to the nearest TMR office after the completion of the trip.

7.10.4

The driver of the lead pilot or escort vehicle accompanying an oversize vehicle or combination who is aware of any damage to property owned by any other entity must report the damage to the appropriate authority as soon as possible. If the damage could cause a dangerous situation, it must be reported immediately.

7.11 Record of movement

7.11.1

This section does not apply in relation to a journey undertaken as a pilot or escort for a vehicle for which a NHVR permit has been obtained and a police officer is in attendance for the entire route or movement.

7.11.2

The driver of the lead pilot or escort vehicle accompanying an oversize vehicle or combination has the overall responsibility to ensure that any restrictions for the movement of an oversize vehicle or combination detailed in the Queensland Access Conditions Guide are complied with. A record of movement must be completed for any journey or part of a journey.

7.11.3

Level 1 pilot or level 2 escort drivers must complete a record of movement for each journey undertaken as an escort for an oversize vehicle or combination.

7.11.4

Before escorting an oversize vehicle or combination on a journey, the lead level 1 pilot or level 2 escort drivers must give a copy of the record of movement to the driver of the oversize vehicle or combination.

7.11.5

Once issued, the record of movement authorises the movement of the oversize vehicle or combination providing the pilot or escort operation is carried out in accordance with the requirements of this Notice at all times.

7.11.6

The level 1 pilot or level 2 escort drivers who completed the record of movement must keep a copy of the record in the escort vehicle during the time the oversize vehicle or combination is being escorted. The copy of the record must be produced when required by a police officer or an authorised officer.

7.11.7

When more than one escort is required to accompany the oversize vehicle or combination, the lead level 1 pilot or level 2 escort driver at the commencement of the journey is required to complete the record of movement.

7.12 No travel in low visibility

7.12.1

The driver of a level 1 pilot or level 2 escort driver must not accompany an oversize vehicle or combination, if due to circumstances such as fog, heavy rain, smoke, dust, or insect plague:

- a) visibility is less than 250m in the daytime; or
- b) the headlights of a vehicle approaching within 250m could not be seen at night-time; or
- c) visibility is sufficiently restricted that the safety of the pilot or escort operation, or other road users may be comprised.

7.12.2

If an oversize vehicle or combination is being escorted by a pilot or escort vehicle, the level 1 pilot or level 2 escort driver must direct the driver of the oversize vehicle or combination to drive to the nearest safe parking area until visibility improves.

7.13 Interstate level 1 pilot and level 2 escort driver – mutual recognition

7.13.1

Level 1 pilots or level 2 escort drivers who are registered or licensed or certified or accredited in another state or territory may operate under this guideline under the following conditions:

- a) the operation is restricted to the level of authority for which they are permitted to operate in their state or territory; and
- b) they hold and have held for a total of at least 3 years during the 5 years before the day of entry into Queensland, a provisional or open licence to drive a motor vehicle; and
- c) operations are conducted in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in this guideline; and
- d) Level 1 pilot or level 2 escort drivers provide evidence of achieved competency (including the ability to perform traffic control duties if a level 2 escort driver) if requested to do so by an authorised officer.

7.13.2

Pilot drivers who do not have accreditation and reside in any jurisdiction that does not have formal accreditation are permitted to carry out level 1 pilot operations in Queensland provided:

- a) The journey has commenced outside of Queensland; and

- b) they hold and have held for a total of at least 3 years during the 5 years before the day of entry into Queensland, a provisional or open licence to drive a motor vehicle; and
- c) they currently reside in the state or territory in which the drivers licence was issued; and
- d) they can provide evidence that they normally carry out pilot or escort operations as a means of earning a livelihood in their state or territory; and
- e) only permitted to pilot a load going out of Queensland with the same transport company for which they piloted a load into Queensland.

8. Oversize vehicle network access conditions

Time and location travel conditions for oversize vehicles accessing the road network in Queensland are specified in the Queensland Access Conditions Guide.

9. Traffic control recommendations

These recommendations are for level 2 escort vehicle drivers other than police officers.

9.1 Hand gestures (level 2 accredited escort driver only)

The powers of an accredited level 2 escort driver are restricted under *Part 2 of the Transport Operations (Road Use Management — Accreditation and Other Provisions) Regulation 2005* to the following:

9.1.1

A level 2 escort driver must only use gestures when:

- a) the escort vehicle is in motion; and
- b) no other vehicle is passing, overtaking or within 50m of the escort vehicle; and
- c) the driver of the escort vehicle can maintain full control over the vehicle at all times; and
- d) in the hours of darkness an illuminated wand showing an amber or orange light is used; and
- e) road conditions are suitable, e.g. no loose or slippery road surfaces, corners, corrugations, or adverse weather conditions are likely to cause a risk; and
- f) the gesture is clearly displayed and as required; and
- g) the driver displays a gesture as outlined within subsection 9.1.2.

9.1.2

The driver of an escort vehicle may only display the following gestures when the driver is of the opinion that the driver of an approaching vehicle does not appear to be slowing to a speed appropriate for the prevailing conditions, moving from the centre line, providing a clear passage or giving way to the excess dimensional vehicle:

- a) a hand gesture, without a sign as indicated in section 9.6 of this guideline 'Directing Traffic to Proceed', to move traffic; and
- b) a hand gesture, without a sign as indicated in section 9.7 of this guideline 'Warning Traffic to Slow Down', to slow traffic; and
- c) a hand gesture with the arm horizontal to the road surface and point the hand towards the off-side edge of the roadway.

9.1.3

The gesture itself is not considered a signal and can only be used in conjunction with the lighting conditions imposed by the requirements contained within this document for an escort driver.

9.2 Duties of level 2 escort vehicle driver performing traffic control

9.2.1

A level 2 escort vehicle driver performing traffic control is limited to using hand signals in conjunction with a bat/banner to direct driver, riders and pedestrians.

9.2.2

A level 2 escort vehicle driver is permitted to perform traffic control duties only when accompanying an oversize vehicle or combination.

9.3 Position of level 2 escort vehicle driver during traffic control

9.3.1

When performing traffic control, a level 2 escort vehicle driver should be standing in a position:

- a) facing the traffic; and
- b) just outside the travelled path; and
- c) so that oncoming traffic approximately 150m away, can see the controller; and
- d) that will not obstruct road user's view of other signs and devices or be him/herself obscured by them; and
- e) so that a clear escape path is available.

9.3.2

A level 2 escort vehicle driver should be standing a distance of at least 100m in front of the oversize vehicle or combination at the point where the oversize vehicle clears the obstacle.

9.3.3

A level 2 escort vehicle driver should be standing a distance of at least 100m behind the escort vehicle.

9.3.4

Despite subsections 9.3.2 and 9.3.3, a level 2 escort vehicle driver is permitted to stand in a position closer to the escort vehicle and or the oversize vehicle or combination, in urban areas, low speed limits or in special circumstances when in the opinion of the level 2 escort vehicle driver, a lesser distance is more appropriate. The level 2 escort vehicle driver must ensure the safety of other road users when controlling traffic from a position which does not comply with subsections 9.3.2 and 9.3.3.

9.3.5

A level 2 escort vehicle driver should hold the bat at an angle of 90 degrees to the road.

9.3.6

During the hours of darkness, the operations area should be illuminated. Such illumination shall be placed so as to not shine into the eyes of approaching drivers.

9.4 Position of an escort vehicle during traffic control

9.4.1

When performing traffic control, a level 2 escort vehicle driver should place the escort vehicle:

- a) facing the traffic; and
- b) just outside the travelled path. In special circumstances, the escort vehicle may be placed in another position, where the escort vehicle driver considers it is safe for other road users; and
- c) so that the vehicle is able to be seen approximately 150m away from all directions; and
- d) so that it will not obstruct any other road user's view of other signs and devices.

9.4.2

An escort vehicle should be placed at a distance of approximately 200m in front of the oversize vehicle or combination at the point where the oversize vehicle clears the obstacle.

9.4.3

Despite of subsection 9.4.2, a level 2 escort vehicle driver is permitted to place the escort vehicle in a position closer to the oversize vehicle or combination in urban areas, low speed limits or in special circumstances when, in the opinion of the level 2 escort vehicle driver, a lesser distance is more appropriate.

9.4.4

The level 2 escort vehicle driver must ensure the safety of other road users when placing the escort vehicle in a position which does not comply with subsection 9.4.2.

9.5 Warning traffic to stop

9.5.1

Wait for a suitable break in traffic before stopping the traffic.

9.5.2

Hold the bat with 'STOP' facing the oncoming traffic.

9.5.3

Raise the free hand into the stop signal position with the palm towards the traffic.

9.5.4

Once traffic has stopped, a traffic controller should change position if necessary so as to be clearly visible to further traffic.

9.5.5

A level 2 escort vehicle driver should stand clear of the traffic before allowing it to proceed.



9.6 Directing traffic to proceed

9.6.1

When signalling traffic to proceed, turn the bat to show 'SLOW' facing the oncoming traffic.

9.6.2

Signal with the free hand, using a sweeping motion in the direction the traffic is to move.

9.6.3

Do not wave the sign to signal traffic to proceed.



9.7 Warning traffic to slow down

9.7.1

Hold the bat with 'SLOW' facing the oncoming traffic.

9.7.2

Signal with the free hand in an up and down motion to slow down.

9.7.3

Do not wave the sign to signal traffic to slow down.



9.8 Clothing requirements for traffic controllers

9.8.1

A vest must be worn by a level 2 escort vehicle driver performing traffic control duties.

9.8.2

The vest shall be worn as an outer garment and shall not be covered by any other garment or article.

9.8.3

A vest must be constructed of the following material and design:

- a) a vest must be fluorescent lime/yellow. The word 'PILOT', in minimum 80mm high upper-case lettering, must be centrally placed across the full width of the front and back, on retro-reflective material that is fluorescent red or orange colour during daytime and white in colour when exposed to artificial light; and
- b) the word 'PILOT' must be placed in the lime/yellow section of the garment; and
- c) a 100mm wide strip of the red/orange retro-reflective material shall be located around the base (hip area) of the vest with a 50mm wide strip located around the high chest area of the vest, which is to be edged with a 10mm strip of silver/white retro-reflective binding; and
- d) the vest colours, fabric fluorescence, and retro-reflectivity are to meet the requirements of AS 1906.4 - *Materials and Devices for Road Traffic Control Purposes, Part 4*.

9.8.4

A vest must be kept in good clean condition so that it can be easily visible during daytime and during hours of darkness.

9.8.5

Head protection if worn by a level 2 escort vehicle driver performing traffic control duties must have one of the following types of head protection:

- a) a hat or cap that is either of a fluorescent red/orange colour with either a stiff brim at least 80mm wide and or a legionnaire type neck flap made of fluorescent fabric; or

- b) a highly visible safety helmet or cap complying with AS 1800 – *Safety Helmets*, with the option of an attached brim at least 80mm wide, and or a legionnaire type neck flap made of fluorescent fabric.

9.8.6

Pilot and escort vehicle driver's clothing must be neat, clean, and highly visible.

9.9 Traffic control signals and equipment

9.9.1

A traffic control sign or bat shall consist of either:

- a) STOP or SLOW bat, with a STOP banner in white reflectorised letters and border on a red reflectorized background on one side, and a SLOW banner in black letters and border on a yellow background on the other side; or
- b) STOP or STOP bat, with a STOP banner in white reflectorised letters and border on a red reflectorised background on both sides; or (May be used for short length jobs where drivers may be confused if they can read a STOP sign and a SLOW sign at the same time during traffic control operations;) or
- c) SLOW or SLOW bat, with a SLOW banner in black letters and border on a yellow background on both sides. (May be used to slow traffic approaching from both directions at the same time; during restricted two-way operations.)

9.9.2

A traffic controller sign or bat must be 450mm diameter or 600mm diameter and suitable for daytime use and for use during hours of darkness.

9.9.3

Reflectorised materials used for a traffic control sign or bat shall:

- a) comply with AS 1906.1 – *Retro-reflective Materials and Devices for Road Traffic Control Purposes Part 1: Retroreflective Materials*; and
- b) meet or exceed the abovementioned standard; and
- c) only be covered by any clear protective overlay film, provided the retroreflective properties of the base material are not reduced by more than 10 percent and the film shall not reflect light that will detract from the light reflected from the base material.

10. Contact details for Queensland Police Service

Telephone: 1300 077 020

Email: HVROPO@police.qld.gov.au

Appendix A – Cities in Queensland where restrictions apply

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|------------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| Brisbane | Bundaberg | Caboolture | Cairns |
| Caloundra | Charters Towers | Gladstone | Gold Coast City |
| Gympie | Ipswich | Logan City | Mackay |
| Maryborough/Hervey Bay | Mount Isa | Redcliffe | Redland City |
| Rockhampton | Toowoomba | Townsville | |

Appendix B – Queensland Access Conditions Guide

Definitions

built-up area, in relation to a length of road, means an area in which there are buildings on land next to the road, or there is street lighting at intervals not over 100m for a distance of at least 500m, or if the road is shorter than 500m, for the whole road.

Brisbane Central Traffic Area means the area specified on the Brisbane City Council website - <https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/traffic-transport/parking-permits/parking-brisbane-cbd/brisbane-central-traffic-area>.

Brisbane Urban Corridor means the route between Archerfield and Wishart consisting of Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road west of the Gateway Motorway, Kessels Road, Riawena Road, and Granard Road.

Central Business District means the network of roads that are located within the regulated parking zone of any city.

city includes any place within the city limits, but not limited to the Central Business District, of cities listed in Appendix A.

critical road is a Type A road marked in red on the “Critical Areas and Roads in Queensland” map.

critical area includes the shaded areas indicated on the “Critical Areas and Roads in Queensland” map.

escort vehicle driver (level 2), for the purpose of this Notice, means a person who holds an appointment under the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management — Accreditation and Other Provisions) Regulation 2005*, Part 2 as an accredited person with the functions of an escort vehicle driver. A police officer is not an escort vehicle driver.

major road is a Type B road marked in blue on the “Critical Area and Roads in Queensland” map.

minor road is a road other than a major road or a critical road.

pilot vehicle driver (level 1) means a person who holds an appointment under the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management — Accreditation and Other Provisions) Regulation 2005*, Part 2 as an accredited person with the functions of a pilot vehicle driver.

pilot or escort operation includes any operation where an accredited pilot, accredited escort or police officer accompanies an oversize vehicle or combination in accordance with a notice, permit or other lawful authorisation.

south east corner means the area bounded by Coolangatta in the south, Gympie in the north, Toowoomba and Warwick in the west.

QPS means Queensland Police Service.

1. Speed Limits

The maximum speed limit applying to a person driving an oversize vehicle or combination is:

- a) 90km/h outside built up areas, except where official traffic signs indicate a lower speed limit; or
- b) 80km/h outside built up areas, except where official traffic signs indicate a lower speed limit, when required to travel with a pilot or escort vehicle.

2. Damage caused by an oversize vehicle

All persons involved in the operation of an oversize vehicle or combination and any other entity associated with the movement must ensure they have the appropriate equipment to maintain two-way radio communication between all pilots, level 2 escorts, police officers and the oversize vehicle.

2.1

The driver of a pilot or escort vehicle accompanying an oversize vehicle or combination who is aware of any damage an oversize vehicle or combination has caused, must as soon as practical, notify the driver of the oversize vehicle or combination.

2.2

The driver of an oversize vehicle or combination must immediately report any damage caused by an oversize vehicle or combination to the asset owner/s, and if the damage presents a dangerous situation, the local police.

3. Conditions for travel on critical Type A and major Type B roads and roads in critical areas¹

Note¹: A copy of the Critical Areas and Roads in Queensland map is available by visiting the Department of Transport and Main Roads website <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/search-results.aspx?query=critical+area+map> (2 pdf documents – front and back).

3.1

The operator of an oversize heavy vehicle or combination which exceeds 4.5m in width up to a maximum of 5.5m in width and intending to travel in a critical area or on Type A or Type B road must apply to the NHVR for a permit (period or single trip) at least 5 days prior to travel. The NHVR will gather the required approvals (from road managers and the QPS) and include the pilot and escort vehicle requirements as determined by the QPS within the permit.

3.2

The NHVR will issue the permit (including conditions and pilot and escort requirements²) to the operator and a copy of this permit must be carried in the vehicle and produced when requested by an authorised officer.

Note²: QPS will assess each movement on an individual basis and determine pilot and escort vehicle requirements based on identified risks and available resources. Table A provides the escort vehicle requirements as a baseline for assessment but may be varied at QPS discretion.

Table A – Requirement for travel on critical roads or roads in a critical area

| Critical Roads or Critical Areas | Baseline pilot and escort requirement |
|--|--|
| Type A roads (marked red on the Critical Areas and Roads in Queensland map) | 1 police escort vehicle and 2 escort vehicles |
| Critical areas (areas coloured in green on the Critical Areas and Roads in Queensland map) | 1 police escort vehicle and 2 escort vehicles |
| Type B roads (marked blue on the Critical Areas and Roads in Queensland map) | 3 escort vehicles |

4. Pilot and escort vehicle requirements for night time travel

4.1

Unless otherwise restricted in a Notice, permit or guideline, an oversize truck, a truck hauling a pig/dog/tag trailer or a prime mover semi-trailer combination that does not exceed 3.1m in width and/or 25m in length³ is permitted to travel at night-time.

4.2

Transportation of indivisible items on road trains or B-double combinations wider than 2.5m is not permitted at night-time unless operating under provisions of the *Queensland Class 3 Heavy Vehicle (Indivisible Item) Dimension Exemption Notice 2019*.

4.3

Unless otherwise restricted in a Notice, permit or guideline, an oversize vehicle or combination exceeding 3.1m in width and/or 25m in length³ is permitted to travel up to 7.00pm provided:

- a) the oversize vehicle or combination is being escorted by pilot or escort vehicles as required for daytime travel; and
- b) the journey commences in daytime; and
- c) the journey being undertaken can be completed by 7.00pm; and
- d) the level 1 pilot or level 2 escort driver reasonably considers that to do so would be safe, having regard to road and traffic conditions, and would not unreasonably inconvenience the public.

4.4

An oversize vehicle or combination exceeding 3.1m in width and/or 25m in length³ is permitted to travel within the boundary of the city of Brisbane or within the boundary of any other city⁴ from 12.00am provided:

- a) the oversize vehicle or combination is being escorted by pilot or escort vehicles as required for daytime travel; and

- b) the level 1 pilot or level 2 escort driver responsible, considers that it is necessary to do so to complete the journey being undertaken on that day, or to be out of the city boundary by 7.00am; and
- c) the oversize vehicle or combination is being escorted by at least 1 pilot or escort vehicle driving in front, and 1 pilot or escort vehicle driving behind.

Note³: For subsections 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 - a prime mover towing a low loader with or without a low loader dolly only requires a pilot or escort if dimension is in excess of 26m in length.

Note⁴: Appendix A lists relevant cities in Queensland.

4.5

NHVR permits are required for all other night-time movements. The permit will specify the required number of level 1 pilot and/or level 2 escorts and any operating conditions.

5. Conditions for vehicles required under a Notice, Permit or other authority

The following conditions apply in addition to the requirements under Schedule 8 of the HV(MDL)NR.

5.1

In addition to complying with warning device specifications and provisions under Schedule 8 of the *Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation*, oversize vehicles or combinations operating in Queensland must comply with any additional requirements of a Notice, Permit or other authority and this Guide.

5.2

Where additional vehicles are required to accompany an oversize vehicle or combination under requirements or conditions of permit or any other authority (TMR, Rail, Telstra etc.), the additional vehicle will be required to travel behind the oversize vehicle or combination and in front of the rear pilot or escort until they are to be used to assist in the movement of the oversize vehicle or combination as determined by the lead pilot or escort.

6. Third Party approvals and assistance

6.1

The driver of an oversize vehicle or combination has the overall responsibility to:

- a) organise any required permits/authorisations; and for the loading of the oversize vehicle to comply with any permits/authorisations issued; and
- b) ensure the routes to be used comply with any permits/authorisations issued; and
- c) ensure compliance with all conditions contained in any Notice, Permits or authorisation.

6.2

The driver of an oversize vehicle or combination must:

- a) comply with any lawful direction or signal given by the level 1 pilot or level 2 escort driver, in relation to the movement of the oversize vehicle, and
- b) carry any document (or a copy) issued by a relevant authority, which sets out the obligation imposed under a notice or permit. This must be produced when requested by an authorised officer.

6.3

Where the height dimension of an oversize vehicle or combination is likely to interfere with overhead wires or falls within the exclusion zone specified for overhead wires, approval to operate must be obtained from the relevant authority.

6.4

Where the width and/or length dimension of an oversize vehicle or combination exceeds specified dimensions, approval to operate must be obtained from the relevant authority.

6.5

The person responsible for moving the load must contact the authority who owns or is in charge of assets when any miscellaneous major risk factor applies. Such contact must be prior to the commencement of the journey, or otherwise the Queensland Police Service must be contacted.

6.6

Additional vehicles required to accompany an oversize vehicle or combination as a result of requirements from permits and other authorities (for example, railway, Telstra etc.) should travel where appropriate behind the oversize vehicle or combination and in front of the rear pilot or escort vehicles until they are to be used to assist in the movement of the oversize or combination as determined by the level 1 pilot or level 2 escort operator.

7. Road Closures/restrictions

7.1

The driver of an oversize vehicle or combination must ensure they are aware of, and comply with, any temporary road closure/restrictions so described at the proposed time. In the event of heavy or prolonged rain affecting the route, movements may be deferred until such day and time as may be determined by a representative of the Chief Executive of the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads.

7.2

Current conditions of operation for excess dimension vehicles can be obtained from the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads website www.tmr.qld.gov.au.

Select – Business and industry – Heavy vehicles – Excess mass and dimensions – Excess mass and dimensions conditions, then use the link to “Conditions of Operations Database.”

7.3

Additional information on current road closures and current roadwork's are available on the following website:
<https://qldtraffic.qld.gov.au/>.

8. Travel restrictions

8.1 State-wide restrictions

The operator of an oversize vehicle or combination operating under this Schedule is not permitted to operate on restricted roads in contravention of dimensions limits which exceed those specified for particular roads or areas under the conditions of a Notice, Guideline, Permit or the Conditions of Operations Database.

8.2 Christmas and New Year Restrictions

8.2.1

An oversize heavy vehicle or combination is not permitted to travel throughout Queensland from 24 December to 02 January of the following year inclusive.

8.2.2

An oversize vehicle or combination which requires more than one pilot or escort vehicle is not permitted to travel throughout Queensland from 19 December to 02 January of the following year inclusive.

8.2.3

Despite subsections 8.2.1 and 8.2.2, when Christmas Day falls on a Sunday or a Monday, restrictions applying to oversize heavy vehicles and combinations commencing on the 24 December, will be extended to commence from 12 noon on the Friday prior to Christmas Day.

8.2.4

Despite subsections 8.2.1 and 8.2.2, when 01 January falls on a Friday, restrictions applying to oversize heavy vehicles and combinations will be extended to 11.59pm on 03 January.

8.3 Easter restrictions

No movement throughout Queensland, of an oversize heavy vehicle or combination, from Thursday before Easter to the Tuesday after Easter inclusive.

Location and specified road restrictions

8.4 Brisbane and other cities

8.4.1

An oversize vehicle or combination is not permitted on the following roads or areas:

- a) Pacific Motorway (South East Freeway and Riverside Expressway) north of its intersection with the Gateway Arterial Road; or
- b) Western Arterial Road from Miskin Street, Toowong to Stafford Road, Everton Park (Frederick Street, Rouen Street, Boundary Street, Kaye Street, MacGregor Terrace, Jubilee Terrace, Elimatta Drive, Stewart Road, Wardell Street, up to Lloyd St; or
- c) Houghton Highway Bridge and Ted Smout Bridge; or
- d) Clem 7 (North-South bypass) Tunnel; or
- e) Airport Link Tunnel; or
- f) Legacy Way Tunnel.

8.4.2

A person must not drive an oversize vehicle or combination in Brisbane City, Gold Coast City, or Central Business District of any other city between 7.00am and 9.00am and or between 4.00pm and 6.00pm on business days.

This restriction does not apply to:

- a) vehicle combinations no longer than 25m and no wider than 2.5m, operating on authorised B-double routes; or
- b) vehicle combinations no longer than 25m and no wider than 3.2m, operating on road train routes.

8.4.3

An oversize vehicle or combination more than 30m long or 4.6m wide is not permitted to operate between 9.00am and 4.00pm on a business day within the City of Brisbane.

8.4.4

An oversize vehicle or combinations more than 25m long or 3.5m wide are not permitted to operate in the Brisbane Central Traffic Area between 7.00am and 6.00pm on a business day.

Notes for section 8.4: The boundaries for this section are detailed on the following websites:

- Gold Coast City - <http://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/council/council-divisions-426.html>.
- Brisbane City (Local Government Area) - https://results.ecq.qld.gov.au/local_area_maps/.
- Brisbane Central Traffic area – <https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/traffic-transport/parking-permits/parking-brisbane-cbd/brisbane-central-traffic-area>.

8.5 Queensland – south east corner

8.5.1

An oversize vehicle or combination wider than 3.1m and/or longer than 25m is not permitted to travel on the roads within the south east corner between:

- a) 7.00am to sunset on Saturdays, Sundays and a state-wide public holiday which falls on a weekday; or
- b) midday to sunset, the day prior to a state-wide long weekend and 7.00am to sunset on each day of the long weekend.
- c) Despite subsection (a) an oversize vehicle or combination exceeding 3.1m and up to 4.5m and no longer than 30m is permitted to travel on the roads within the south east corner, except the roads within the Brisbane Central Business District and the Brisbane Urban Corridor, between:
 - i. 7.00am to 10.00am on Saturdays, Sundays and state-wide public holidays which fall on a weekday: or
 - ii. 7.00am to 10.00am on each day of a long weekend.

8.6 Toowoomba to Ipswich (Warrego Highway and Ipswich Road)

8.6.1

Despite subsections 8.5.1 (a) and (b), an oversize vehicle or combination exceeding 3.1m in width is permitted to travel on the Warrego Highway and Ipswich Road between Toowoomba and Rocklea (radius of 500m from Ipswich Road, Rocklea) from 10.00am - 4.00pm on Sundays and 10.00am (12:00pm if the oversize vehicle or combination exceeds 3.5m in width) to sunset on a Saturday or a public holiday.

8.7 Port of Brisbane derestriction

8.7.1

Despite the restrictions under sections 8.2 and 8.3, Christmas to New Year and Easter travel may be undertaken by eligible vehicles travelling from the Port of Brisbane to a depot under the *Queensland Class 1 Heavy Vehicle Port of Brisbane Derestriction Dimension Exemption Amendment (Notice) 2014*.

8.8 Cooper Basin derestriction

8.8.1

Despite the restrictions under sections 8.2 and 8.3, eligible vehicles in the Cooper Basin may travel under the *Queensland Class 1 Heavy Vehicle Christmas and Easter Derestriction Exemption (Notice) 2016*.

9. Pilot and escort operational requirements drivers should be aware of

9.1

Level 2 escort operations can only be conducted by police officers and accredited level 2 escort vehicle drivers appointed by the Chief Executive of the Department of Transport and Main Roads under the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995, section 21 (Appointment of accredited persons).

9.2

Level 1 pilot operations can be conducted by accredited level 1 pilot vehicle drivers and accredited level 2 escort vehicle drivers appointed by the Chief Executive of the Department of Transport and Main Roads under the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995, section 21 (Appointment of accredited persons).

9.3

Secondary pilot vehicles greater than 4.5 tonne but not more than 6.5 tonne gross vehicle mass (GVM) assisting with vehicle movements under a Heavy Vehicle Notice must also comply with the requirements of the *Guideline for Pilot and Escort Operations in Queensland*.

10. General requirements for day time travel (depicted in Graph A)

10.1

An oversize vehicle or combination which exceeds 3.5m in width or 25m in length, but does not exceed 4.5m in width, 5.0m in height or 30m in length must be accompanied by at least one pilot or escort.

10.2

For a non-critical road or road in a non-critical area - any oversize vehicle or combination which exceeds 4.5m in width or 30m length, but does not exceed 5.5m in width, 5.0m in height or 35m in length must be accompanied by at least two escorts. The rear escort vehicle may be a Level 1 pilot vehicle unless otherwise specified in a permit.

10.3

For Critical roads or roads in a Critical Area - any oversize vehicle or combination which exceeds 4.5m in width or 30m length, but does not exceed 5.5m in width, 5.0m in height or 35m in length must be accompanied by at least two escorts. The rear escort vehicle may be a Level 1 pilot vehicle unless otherwise specified in a permit (also refer to section 3).

10.4

All roads in Queensland - an oversize vehicle or combination which exceeds 5.5m in width 5.0m in height or 35m length requires a permit for travel.

Graph A: Day time travel – General requirements

| Width (in metres) | 0 | 19 | ≤ 25 | ≤ 30 | ≤ 35 | 40 | 45+ |
|----------------------|--|---------------------------|------|------|------|----|-----|
| | > 5.5m wide, > 35m long or > 5m high Permit required (refer subsection 10.4) (travel under permit conditions – at least 2 Escorts and Police unless otherwise specified in a permit) | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| ≤ 5.5 | | | | | | | |
| | Critical areas, Type A and Type B Roads Permit required (refer section 10.3) <i>Note: For travel under permit conditions: Critical areas and Type A roads - at least 2 Escorts and Police; and Type B roads – at least 3 Escorts (unless otherwise specified in a permit)</i> | | | | | | |
| | Non-critical areas and roads other than Type A and Type B roads At least 2 Escorts (refer subsection 10.2) <i>Note: A rear escort may be level 1 Pilot unless otherwise specified</i> | | | | | | |
| ≤ 4.5 | | | | | | | |
| | 1 Pilot or Escort (refer subsection 10.1) | | | | | | |
| ≤ 3.5 | | | | | | | |
| | | No Pilot or Escort | | | | | |
| 2.5 | | No Pilot or Escort | | | | | |
| 0 | | | | | | | |

Note: It is a requirement under s11 of Schedule 8 of the HV(MDL)NR that the operator assesses the route and obtains any consents or third-party approvals required before commencing a journey.

11. Contact details for Queensland Police Service

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| Rockhampton | Toowoomba | Townsville | |