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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							
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

Telephone: 1300 077 020

Email: HVRPOPO@police.qld.gov.au

Appendix A – Cities in Queensland that restrictions apply

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	

