

# Applying for Higher Mass Limits in NSW



## OPERATOR FACT SHEET

This fact sheet provides transport operators with information on the access and operating conditions they must meet to operate their vehicles under Higher Mass Limits (HML) arrangements in NSW.

### What do I need to do before I can operate at HML?

Registered operators must ensure their vehicles meet the following conditions before operating at HML:

- Not exceed the manufacturer's Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) limit.
- Be fitted with road friendly suspension.
- Be accredited under the Mass Management Module of the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme (NHVAS) if the vehicle or combination has a tri-axle group.
- Comply with the maintenance requirements for road friendly suspension under current and future enhanced elements of the NHVAS.
- Be enrolled for HML under the Intelligent Access Program (IAP) with the RTA and obtain an Intelligent Access Permit.

### How do I know if my vehicle is fitted with road friendly suspension?

A listing of certified road friendly suspensions is available at the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government website at [www.infrastructure.gov.au/roads](http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/roads).

Registered operators must ensure that their vehicle is fitted with road friendly suspension, and check that a valid sticker, label or plate with the road friendly suspension certificate number is affixed to all trailers that will be used for HML.

### How do I become accredited under NHVAS?

To obtain accreditation under the Mass Management Module of the NHVAS contact one of the NHVAS units in NSW, VIC, QLD or SA and request an information pack.

Because the NHVAS is a national scheme, accreditation information is shared, and recognised in all other states.

### How do I enrol for HML under the IAP?

Enrolling for HML under the IAP consists of these 5 easy steps:

**STEP 1** Submit an application for HML under the IAP by accessing the online IAP enrolment facility available at [www.rta.nsw.gov.au/heavyvehicles](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/heavyvehicles). The online facility allows operators to enrol an unlimited number of vehicles in a single application.

**STEP 2** If your vehicle is eligible for HML, the RTA will issue you with an Intelligent Access Condition (IAC) form for the vehicle.

**STEP 3** Choose an IAP Service Provider. Only IAP Service Providers certified by Transport Certification Australia (TCA) can provide IAP monitoring services. Visit [www.iap.gov.au](http://www.iap.gov.au) for a list of IAP Service Providers.

**STEP 4** Your selected IAP Service Provider will install IAP equipment in the vehicle and advise the RTA of the fitment details.

**STEP 5** Once the RTA has received advice from your IAP Service Provider that IAP equipment has been installed in the vehicle, the RTA will issue an Intelligent Access Permit allowing the vehicle to legally operate under HML access arrangements in NSW.

# What roads are eligible for HML in NSW?

Vehicles fully enrolled in the IAP can access all approved state and local HML roads in NSW.

Further information on the roads currently approved for HML can be obtained by contacting the RTA by phone on 1300 364 847 or by emailing [intelligent\\_access\\_program@rta.nsw.gov.au](mailto:intelligent_access_program@rta.nsw.gov.au).

Operators can also request HML access on any road not yet approved for HML within the HML access zone set by the NSW Government. A map of the HML access zone is available on the RTA website.

# Do I have to obtain local council approval to operate at HML on local government roads?

Yes. If HML access is requested on a local road that has not yet been assessed for HML, written approval must be obtained from the relevant local government authority.

As part of the enrolment process, the RTA will advise you if there are any local government roads that form part of the requested route.

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For further enquiries

HML and IAP contacts:

**T 1300 364 847 | E [intelligent\\_access\\_program@rta.nsw.gov.au](mailto:intelligent_access_program@rta.nsw.gov.au) | [www.iap.gov.au](http://www.iap.gov.au)**

Road friendly suspension contacts:

**T 1300 137 302 | E [tech-enq@rta.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tech-enq@rta.nsw.gov.au) | [www.infrastructure.gov.au](http://www.infrastructure.gov.au)**

National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme contacts:

NSW: **T 1300 811 684 | F 1300 785 155**

VIC: **T 03 9881 8775 | F 03 0881 8854**

SA: **T 02 8260 0006 | F 08 8260 0268**

QLD: **T 07 3253 4204 | F 07 3253 4455 | [NHVAS@transport.qld.gov.au](mailto:NHVAS@transport.qld.gov.au)**

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