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TOP 5 BEFORE YOU DRIVE

HEAVY VEHICLE COMPLIANCE TIPS



To help keep you moving, here are the top 5 things you should do before you start to drive, every time you drive, to make sure your heavy vehicle is compliant on the road.

- 1 CHECK** – that the vehicle you're driving and any trailers you're towing are registered by using the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR), Service NSW or one of the other interstate registering authority's apps
- 2 BE AWARE** – of any special exemptions, permits or approvals relating to the mass or dimension of your vehicle which will affect the route of your journey
- 3 COMPLETE** – your work diary and give your yellow duplicate pages to your record keeper within 21 days of the date on those pages
- 4 CARRY** – your required documentation at all times, including NHVAS intercept book
- 5 PRODUCE** – your PBS approval or access permit when requested and know your conditions

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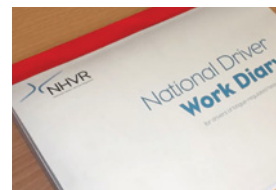
Before every journey, you should be aware of any special exemptions, permits or approvals relating to the mass or dimension of your vehicle which will affect the route of your journey, including:

- Conditions of travel
- Journey and loading requirements
- Times and areas of travel (including checking livetraffic.com)
- Required safety devices
- Other information to ensure you're compliant.

3 COMPLETE your work diary

In relation to your work diary you must:

- Only use your own personally issued work diary
- Fill your personally issued work diary out correctly
- Know who your record keeper is for the purposes of record keeping, for both 100km and over 100km work
- Give your yellow duplicate pages to your record keeper within 21 days of the date on those pages
- Comply with the work and rest hour requirements of the fatigue scheme you're operating under
- If operating under Basic Fatigue Management (BFM) or Advanced Fatigue Management (AFM), complete your work diary for all journeys.



4 CARRY your required documentation at all times

If you're driving a National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme (NHVAS) nominated vehicle, you must:

- Have your intercept book with you and available for inspection
- Ensure your NHVAS label is fitted so that it can be read from the outside of the vehicle and is not obscured or defaced in any way. The suggested position is near the driver's side door, at eye level.



If operating under BFM or AFM, have:

- A copy of the operator's BFM/AFM accreditation certificate
- Your letter of induction into the operator's fatigue management system.

5 PRODUCE your Performance Based Standards (PBS) approval or access permit when requested and know your conditions

You must always be able to produce your PBS approval or access permit when requested.

This is essential if you're driving a truck and dog combination exceeding 19 metres and/or 50 tonne, which is one of the most common combinations on NSW roads.

If you're a driver with a PBS approval or permit, you also need to check all necessary travel/vehicle conditions provided under the approval/permit, including:

- That it is the correct vehicle
- Your mass and dimension limits
- Your travel and use conditions
- Which routes you are permitted to use.

To view the PBS map, go to rms.nsw.gov.au and search *PBS map*.

