

HVRAS Information Sheet

Implementation of Version 2.1 of the National Heavy Vehicle Inspection Manual

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Purpose

The purpose of this Information Sheet is to advise the Heavy Vehicle Registration Assessment Scheme (HVRAS) accredited persons of the adoption of the National Heavy Vehicle Inspection Manual (NHVIM) Version 2.1 into the Queensland heavy vehicle inspection scheme from **1 July 2016**.

The NHVIM Version 2.1 is the foundation for a consistent national approach to heavy vehicle inspections and the improvement of safety across the Australian heavy vehicle industry through the National Heavy Vehicle Roadworthiness Program.

Introduction

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) is Australia's independent regulator for all vehicles over 4.5 tonnes gross vehicle mass. In February 2014, the NHVR introduced a national consolidated inspection manual, the NHVIM Version 1.

As part of the National Heavy Vehicle Roadworthiness Program, the NHVR completed a review of the NHVIM Version 1. The review of the manual focused on ensuring:

1. the technical content reflected the *Heavy Vehicle (Vehicle Standards) National Regulation* and relevant ADRs
2. the manual was user-friendly, with updated tables, graphics and images.

The NHVR published the updated NHVIM Version 2.1 on 15 December 2015.

All participating state and territory transport authorities have agreed to adopt the NHVIM Version 2.1 into their inspection regimes by 1 July 2016.

The implementation of NHVIM Version 2.1 is not expected to have a major impact on HVRAS accredited persons, however the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) and the NHVR are providing this information sheet to ensure HVRAS accredited persons are kept up-to-date of the changes made and the impact on their role.

Implementation

In partnership with the NHVR, TMR will adopt the NHVIM Version 2.1 as the inspection standard for heavy vehicle inspections from 1 July 2016.

From this date, approved examiners will be required to use the NHVIM Version 2.1 when conducting heavy vehicle inspections, replacing the former NHVIM Version 1.

The NHVIM Version 2.1 is available on the NHVR's website at www.nhvr.gov.au/nhvim and can be downloaded as a complete document or as individual sections, including separate inspection checklists for both heavy vehicles and trailers.

Differences between NHVIM Version 2.1 and Version 1

The NHVIM Version 2.1 uses a similar layout and structure as the previous version and will be very familiar to approved examiners.

The main differences between the manuals are minor technical changes that ensure the reasons for rejection are clear and reflect advances in vehicle design and construction. In addition, most of the appendices have been incorporated directly into the relevant sections and all graphics have been redrawn to ensure ease-of-use.

In particular, approved examiners will now be required to inspect motorhomes, caravans and campervans as outlined in Section 15 of the manual. The criteria in Section 15 of the manual have not been previously assessed by approved examiners in Queensland. HVRAS accredited persons will no longer be required to complete the checks detailed in Section 15 of the manual.

NHVIM Version 2.1 also includes Vehicle Dimensions (Section 16). In Queensland, approved examiners are not required to undertake a dimension inspection. These inspections will continue to be performed by HVRAS accredited persons and at TMR Customer Service Centres during pre-registration inspections.

Four Inspections Sheets will be amended as a consequence of the introduction of the NHVIM Version 2.1. TMR will provide these amended forms to HVRAS accredited persons closer to the implementation date.

Feedback

The NHVR seeks to continually update and improve the NHVIM. Contributions and feedback may be made by completing the [NHVIM Feedback Form](#) and sending it to vehiclestandards@nhvr.gov.au

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