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## **NHVR Updates Over 80 Transitional Notices**

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The NHVR has updated more than 80 national and multi-state transitional access notices which are due to expire on 9 February.

NHVR Freight and Supply Chain Productivity Executive Director Peter Caprioli said all expiring transitional notices have been reviewed and updated, however operators should be aware that the notice under which they are operating may be renamed or amended.

“We’ve conducted an extensive review of more than 80 notices in consultation with the states and territories which has allowed us to consolidate many into national or multistate notices or incorporated into State HVNL notices,” Mr Caprioli said.

“Importantly, there will be no changes to their current operating conditions, exemptions or access under the new notices.

“I would encourage all operators to continue to ensure they are familiar with the content of their notice or notices and comply with the conditions when operating under that notice.”

A transitional notice is a gazetted notice with guidelines, exemptions and other legal instruments that were made under state and territory legislation prior to the start of the Heavy Vehicle National Law in 2014.

The new notices will take effect from 10 February. A list of the expiring notices and their replacement is available on the NHVR website at [www.nhvr.gov.au/files/201902-0984-transitional-and-expiring-notices.pdf](http://www.nhvr.gov.au/files/201902-0984-transitional-and-expiring-notices.pdf).

A list of national and multi-state notices is available on the NHVR website at [www.nhvr.gov.au/files/201902-0985-transitional-and-expiring-notices.pdf](http://www.nhvr.gov.au/files/201902-0985-transitional-and-expiring-notices.pdf).

A list of notices applicable to NSW is available on the NHVR website at [www.nhvr.gov.au/files/201902-0987-transitional-and-exprig-notices.pdf](http://www.nhvr.gov.au/files/201902-0987-transitional-and-exprig-notices.pdf)

A list of notices applicable to the ACT is available on the NHVR website at [www.nhvr.gov.au/files/201902-0986-transitional-and-exprig-notices.pdf](http://www.nhvr.gov.au/files/201902-0986-transitional-and-exprig-notices.pdf)

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## NHVR Issues New B-Double Notice

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***Adapted from media release, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator, 1 February, 2019***

NHVR Freight and Supply Chain Productivity Executive Director Peter Caprioli said the *National Class 2 Heavy Vehicle B-double Notice* would align B-double requirements across states and territories, including general access for 50-tonne, 19-metre vehicles.

Mr Caprioli said the Notice is particularly important for the transport of fuel as it has reduced the number of conditions imposed by jurisdictions and creates a national B-double network.

“This means an increase in mass for general access in South Australia from 42.5 tonnes to 50 tonnes and general access network across the ACT, while general access in Tasmania will remain for 21-metre B-doubles,” he said

He said that the Notice will align B-double access with a three-axle rigid trucks towing a four-axle trailer, which has had general access at 50 tonnes for several years.

“The new Notice also provides general access bridge formulae for all general access B-double operations as well as clearly outlined axle group mass limits and axle group spacing limits.”

The access conditions for a B-double are outlined in the *National Class 2 B-double Operator’s Guide*.

The new Notice is part of the current round of the NHVR’s National Harmonisation Program.

For more information visit [www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/national-harmonisation-program/national-class-2-b-double-notice](http://www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/national-harmonisation-program/national-class-2-b-double-notice).

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## North Queensland Floods

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A dedicated hotline, telephone, 1300 105 647, and email address, [floodrecovery\\_roadaccess@tmr.qld.gov.au](mailto:floodrecovery_roadaccess@tmr.qld.gov.au), have been established by the Queensland Department of Main Roads to provide information and advice on emergency access to transport operators and their customers affected by flooding in north Queensland.

Operators can access specific information on alternative routes and apply for heavy vehicle emergency permits.

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## NHVR Introduces New Modification Code for Non-Standard Rear Wheel Components

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***Adapted from media release, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator, 4 February, 2019***

The NHVR has introduced a new modification code to fit non-standard rear wheel components on heavy vehicles as part of the latest updated to Vehicle Standards Bulletin 6 (VSB6), according to Manager Vehicle Safety and Performance Peter Austin.

“The *Modification Code D3 – Fitting of non-standard rear wheel components* simplifies the certification process and allows Approved Vehicle Examiners to certify the modification without the need for applying to the NHVR, as was previously necessary,” Mr Austin said.

“It was developed in response to an increase in the number of modification applications for the fitting of non-standard rear wheels to heavy vehicles.

“It covers the fitting of non-standard tyres and rims to heavy motor vehicle rear axles and heavy trailer rear axles.”

Mr Austin said the update to VSB6 also includes a new emissions testing procedure for engines.

“The *Simplified Emissions Test Procedure – Portable Emissions Measurement System* also offers an alternative, realistic approach to emissions testing which significantly reduces the time and cost associated with this type of testing,” he said.

*Vehicle Standards Bulletin 6 (VSB6): National Code of Practice Heavy Vehicle Modifications* is the national standard for the most common modifications made to heavy vehicles.

More information on the changes to sections A and D of VSB6 check out [www.nhvr.gov.au/vsb6](http://www.nhvr.gov.au/vsb6).

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## **Ten Minute Grace Period for Parking Fines Now in Place**

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***Adapted from media release, Hon Dominic Perottet MP, Treasurer, 30 January, 2019***

The NSW government’s ten-minute grace period on parking fines is now in place, according to Treasurer, Dominic Perottet.

Mr Perottet said the “saving grace” measure is part of a package of reforms designed to introduce a fairer approach to parking fines.

Anyone who has paid for ticketed parking for at least an hour, will not be penalised if they over stay their parking limit by a few minutes.

Mr Perottet said this common-sense approach to parking penalties will not impact on road safety.

The grace period applies to ticketed or couponed parking, which forms the majority of overstay parking offences but does not apply to private car parks, to meters which do not issue parking tickets and in areas such as bus lanes, clearways, transit lanes, mail zones and special event parking.

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## **CPI Drifts Lower in December 2108 Quarter**

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The Consumer Price Index for Australia’s eight capital cities rose by 0.5 per cent in the three months ending 31 December and by 1.8 per cent over the year ending 31 December. The annual increase compares to an increase of 1.9 per cent for the year ending 30 September.

Transport costs fell 0.7 per cent in the three months ending 31 December, however, they rose by 2.7 per cent in the year ending 31 December.

The Reserve Bank of Australia has an inflation target of between 2 and 3 per cent which means the CPI continues to sit under their target range.

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## **TCA Publishes First Instalment of Consolidated Heavy Vehicle Rest Area Information**

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***Adapted from media release, Transport Certification Australia, 25 January, 2019***

Transport Certification Australia has announced that it has published the first instalment of consolidated rest area location and amenity information.

TCA CEO, Chris Koniditsiotis, said "the consolidation of heavy vehicle rest area information, incorporating both formal and informal rest area locations, is long overdue. Despite general rest area information being offered through consumer navigation devices, heavy vehicle drivers face difficulties in finding in-cab devices and services which meet their specific needs."

Mr Koniditsiotis said TCA has taken rest area location data currently available from Australia's road and transport agencies and translated it into a standardised form which can be readily used by technology providers.

He said the first instalment of heavy vehicle rest area information relates to Queensland and SA.

Mr Koniditsiotis said standardised heavy vehicle rest area information can now be accessed at no cost through the Traveller Information Exchange (TIX).

He said that TIX serves a diverse range of user needs, including those who purchase telematics services from providers, have their own systems or just want the data in a standardised form.

Information on heavy vehicle rest areas through TIX on the TCA website, [www.tca.gov.au](http://www.tca.gov.au).

## Road Works, New England Highway, Bolivia Hill

A reminder that RMS has advised that from 4 February the New England Highway at Bolivia Hill will be reduced to one lane between 6am and 6pm, Monday to Saturday, to allow for work to be carried on the eastern slope adjoining the highway. This work is expected to take three months, weather depending.

Delays of between 10 to 15 minutes may be experienced.

The highway will be fully open to traffic from 6pm each day.

## Road Works Update

The following new road work alerts may impact your operations. Please refer to earlier editions of *The Courier* for other current road works.

Suburb/Town	Road	Date/s	Work Times
Berkshire Park	Richmond Rd from The Northern Rd to Sanctuary Dr	10/3-31/5/19	8pm-5am Sun-Fri
Eastern Creek	Great Western Hwy from Westlink M7 to Doonside Rd	12/2-18/4/19	9pm-5am Sun-Fri
Hartley Vale to Mt Victoria	Darling Causeway from Hartley Vale Rd to Montgomery St	13/2-12/4/19	7am-5pm Mon-Fri 8am-1pm Sat
Jamisontown to St Marys	M4 Motorway from Mulgoa Rd to Mamre Rd	To 30/4/19	7am-6pm Mon-Fri 8am-1pm Sat 6pm-7am Sun-Fri
Kyeemagh	General Holmes Dr from Tancred Ave to O'Dea Ave	3/3-31/5/19	8pm-5am Sun-Fri
Mascot	General Holmes Dr, Mascot Tunnel	3/2-30/6/19	9pm-5am Sun-Thu
Menai	Alfords Point Rd north of Old Illawarra Rd northbound	Mar 2019-Feb 2020	7am-6pm Mon-Fri 8pm-5am Sun-Thu
Pymble/Gordon	Eastbound on-ramp to Mona Vale Rd from the Pacific Hwy and westbound on-ramp to the Pacific Hwy from Mona Vale Rd	17/2-25/2/19	

## Economic and Industry Indicators

Indicator/Source <sup>1</sup>	As at	Unit of Measure	Quantity	Annual % Variation
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<sup>1</sup> ABS – Australian Bureau of Statistics; RBA – Reserve Bank of Australia; AIP – Australian Institute of Petroleum; FCAI – Federated Chamber of Automotive Industries.

GDP latest quarter (ABS)	Sep Qtr 2018	\$m	461,647	3.0
CPI (ABS)	Dec Qtr 2018	Per cent		1.8
Cash rate (RBA)	Current	Per cent	1.5	
Estimated residential population (ABS)	8 Feb 2019	Million	25,249	1.9
Retail turnover (ABS)	Dec 2018	\$m	27,068	3.2
Actual new capital expenditure (ABS)	Sep Qtr 2018	\$m	29,434	0.1
Inventories held by private business (ABS)	Sep 2018	\$m	161,858	1.7
Dwelling unit approvals (ABS)	Dec 2018	Number	14,875	-24.7
Manufacturers Income (ABS)	Sep 2018	\$m	83,802	0.5
TEUs Port Botany (NSW Ports)	6 months to Dec 2018	Number	1,378,482	2.6
Employed persons (ABS)	Dec 2018	Million	12.712	2.3
Unemployment rate(ABS)	Dec 2018	Per cent	5.0	-0.5
Wage price Index (ABS)	Sep Qtr 2018	Per cent		
All employees				2.3
Transport, postal and warehousing				2.5
New motor vehicle sales (FCAI)	Jan 2019	Number	81,994	-7.1
AIP Terminal Gate Price-Diesel-Sydney	8 Feb 2019	Cents/litre incl. GST	129.4	2.4

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