



## HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW

### National Class 3 Bus Rear Overhang Dimension Exemption Notice 2024 (No.1)

#### 1. Purpose

This notice grants an exemption from rear overhang dimension requirements for class 3 buses, other than articulated buses, that are longer than 12.5m but are not longer than 14.5m.

#### 2. Authorising provision

- 1) This Notice is made under the following provision of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL):
  - a) section 117 – *Regulator’s power to exempt category of class 1 or 3 heavy vehicles from compliance with mass or dimension requirement.*

#### 3. Title

This notice may be cited as the *National Class 3 Bus Rear Overhang Dimension Exemption Notice 2024 (No.1)*.

#### 4. Commencement date

This Notice commences on 10 February 2024.

#### 5. Expiry date

This Notice expires on 9 February 2029.

#### 6. Definitions

- 1) Unless otherwise stated, words and expressions used in this notice have the same meanings as those in the HVNL and its regulations.
- 2) In this notice:

**Guide** means the *National Controlled Access Bus Operator’s Guide*, as amended from time to time.

## **7. Application**

- 1) This exemption notice applies to a class 3 heavy vehicle that is a bus, other than an articulated bus, that is longer than 12.5m but is not longer than 14.5m.
- 2) This notice applies in all participating jurisdictions.
- 3) This notice applies in a participating jurisdiction subject to the conditions provided in the body of this notice and the conditions of the Schedule relevant to that jurisdiction.
- 4) A heavy vehicle to which this section applies and that complies with the conditions of this notice is an eligible vehicle.

## **8. Exemption – Prescribed dimension requirements**

- 1) An eligible vehicle is exempt from the following dimension requirements under Schedule 6 of the *Heavy Vehicle (Mass Dimension and Loading) National Regulation* (MDL Regulation):
  - a) section 5 – Length (rear overhang)
- 2) An exemption in 1) only applies to the extent that specific conditional dimension limits are provided in the Schedule for a participating jurisdiction.

## **9. Conditions – Areas and routes**

- 1) An eligible vehicle complying with the conditions of this notice is authorised to operate on the areas and routes specified in a Schedule of this notice.
- 2) For the purposes of section 119(1)(a) of the HVNL, an area or route specified in a Schedule of this Notice is a stated area or route to which this Notice applies.
- 3) An eligible vehicle operating on an area or route specified in this notice or its Schedules must comply with the following conditions as specified for that area or route:
  - a) Road conditions pursuant to section 160 of the HVNL; and
  - b) Travel conditions pursuant to section 161 of the HVNL; and
  - c) Vehicle conditions pursuant to section 162 of the HVNL.

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## **Schedule 1 Australian Capital territory**

### **1. Application**

This Schedule applies in the Australian Capital Territory.

### **2. Condition – Stated routes and areas (Networks)**

- 1) Pursuant to the authorisation granted in section 9 of this notice, an eligible vehicle meeting the requirements of this notice and this Schedule may operate on the routes and areas specified in the following network:

*Approved routes for 14.5m Controlled Access Bus*

- 2) Regardless of any access granted under this section, an eligible vehicle must comply with any conditions or restrictions applied to a stated area or route in the *Specified Road Manager Network Requirements* in the Guide.

### **3. Condition – Rear Overhang Dimension Requirement**

- 1) An eligible vehicle operating under this Schedule must not exceed the lesser of:
  - a) 4.9m; or
  - b) 70% of the distance between the centre-line of the front axle and the rear overhang line.

## Schedule 2 New South Wales

### 1. Application

This Schedule applies in New South Wales.

### 2. Condition – Stated routes and areas (Networks)

- 1) Pursuant to the authorisation granted in section 9 of this Notice, an eligible vehicle meeting the requirements of this notice and this schedule may operate on the routes and areas specified in the following network:

*New South Wales Controlled Access Bus (CAB) Network Map*

- 2) Regardless of any access granted under this section, an eligible vehicle must comply with any conditions or restrictions applied to a stated area or route in the *Specified Road Manager Network* Requirements in the Guide.

### 3. Condition – Rear Overhang Dimension Requirement

- 1) An eligible vehicle operating under this Schedule must not exceed the lesser of:
  - a) 4.9m; or
  - b) 70% of the distance between the centre-line of the front axle and the rear overhang line.

## Schedule 3 Queensland

### 1. Application

This Schedule applies in Queensland.

### 2. Condition – Stated routes and areas

- 1) Pursuant to the authorisation granted in section 9 of this Notice, an eligible vehicle may operate on:
  - a) All State controlled roads except those restricted by the *Specified Road Manager Network Requirements* published in the Guide; and
  - b) Local government roads set out in the *Specified Road Manager Network Requirements* published in the Guide.

### 3. Condition – Rear Overhang Dimension Requirement

- 1) An eligible vehicle operating under this Schedule must not exceed the lesser of:
  - a) 4.7m; or
  - b) 70% of the distance between the centre-line of the front axle and the rear overhang line.

## Schedule 4 South Australia

### 1. Application

This Schedule applies in South Australia.

### 2. Condition – Stated routes and areas (Networks)

- 1) Pursuant to the authorisation granted in section 9 of this notice, an eligible vehicle may operate in the areas and on the routes specified in this section.
- 2) An eligible vehicle that does not exceed 13.7m in length has general access.
- 3) An eligible vehicle exceeding 13.7m in length may operate on the routes and areas specified in the following network:

*Controlled Access Bus up to 14.5m*

- 4) Regardless of any access granted under this section, an eligible vehicle must comply with any conditions or restrictions applied to a stated area or route in the *Specified Road Manager Network Requirements* in the Guide.
- 5) In this section, **general access** means access to all roads except as restricted by the *Specified Road Manager Network Requirements* in the Guide.

### 3. Condition – Rear Overhang Dimension Requirement

- 1) An eligible vehicle operating under this Schedule must not exceed the lesser of:
  - a) 4.3m; or
  - b) 60% of the distance between the centre-line of the front axle and the rear overhang line.

## Schedule 5 Tasmania

### 1. Application

This Schedule applies in Tasmania.

### 2. Condition – Stated routes and areas (Networks)

- 1) Pursuant to the authorisation granted in section 9 of this Notice, an eligible vehicle meeting the requirements of this Notice and this Schedule may operate on the routes and areas specified in the following network:

*Tasmanian 14.5m Long Controlled Access Buses Network*

- 2) Regardless of any access granted under this section, an eligible vehicle must comply with any conditions or restrictions applied to a stated area or route in the *Specified Road Manager Network Requirements* in the Guide.

### 3. Condition – Rear Overhang Dimension Requirement

- 1) An eligible vehicle operating under this Schedule must not exceed the lesser of:
  - a) 4.3m; or
  - b) 60% of the distance between the centre-line of the front axle and the rear overhang line.

## Schedule 6 Victoria

### 1. Application

This Schedule applies in Victoria.

### 2. Condition – Stated routes and areas (Networks)

- 1) Pursuant to the authorisation granted in section 9 of this notice, an eligible vehicle meeting the requirements of this Notice and this Schedule may operate on the routes and areas specified in the following network:

*Victoria Controlled Access Bus Network*

- 2) Regardless of any access granted under this section, an eligible vehicle must comply with any conditions or restrictions applied to a stated area or route in the *Specified Road Manager Network Requirements* in the Guide.

### 3. Condition – Rear Overhang Dimension Requirement

- 1) An eligible vehicle operating under this Schedule must not exceed the lesser of:
  - a) 4.3m; or
  - b) 60% of the distance between the centre-line of the front axle and the rear overhang line.