



HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW

Queensland Class 3 B-Double and Road Train (Carriage of Large Indivisible Items) Dimension Exemption Notice 2024 (No.1)

1. Purpose

This notice grants exemptions from dimension requirements for a class 3 heavy vehicle that is a b-double or a road train combination transporting a large indivisible item.

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 exemption notice may be cited as the *Queensland Class 3 B-Double and Road Train (Carriage of Large Indivisible Items) 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, definitions from the following notices apply:
 - a) *National Class 2 B-Double Authorisation Notice*, as amended from time to time; and
 - b) *National Class 2 Road Train Authorisation Notice*, as amended from time to time.

- 3) In this Notice:

Guide means the *Queensland Class 3 B-Double and Road Train (Carriage of Indivisible Items) Dimension Exemption Notice Operator's Guide*, published by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.

7. Application

- 1) This exemption notice applies to a class 3 heavy vehicle that meets all the requirements in this section.
- 2) This exemption notice applies to a heavy vehicle that is:
 - a) a B-double; or
 - b) a type 1 or type 2 road train.
- 3) This notice only applies to a heavy vehicle specified in 1) if that vehicle is transporting a large indivisible item.
- 4) This notice applies in Queensland.
- 5) 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 7 – Width
 - b) section 8 – Height
- 2) An exemption in 1) only applies to the extent that specific conditional dimension limits are provided in section 9 and 10 of this notice.

- 3) The exemptions under this section only apply to the extent that any dimension exceeding prescribed dimension requirements is caused by a large indivisible item.
- 4) In relation to a particular vehicle or component, if this notice provides for more than one dimension limit to apply in the same circumstances, the more restrictive dimension limit applies.

9. Condition – Dimension limits (heights for given widths)

- 1) This section applies to an eligible vehicle operating on any road under this notice except those set out in section 10.
- 2) An eligible vehicle that is up to 2.5m in width must not exceed 4.8m in height.
- 3) An eligible vehicle that is up to 3.2m in width must not exceed 4.6m in height.
- 4) For this section, the width of a heavy vehicle must be measured in the same manner as in section 8 of the *Heavy Vehicle (Vehicle Standards) National Regulation*.

10. Conditions – Dimension limits (heights and widths for road trains on the Barkley Highway)

- 1) This section applies to eligible vehicles that are road trains operating on the Barkley Highway between the Queensland and Northern Territory border and Camooweal.
- 2) A type 1 road train must not exceed 3.5m in width or 4.85m in height.
- 3) A type 2 road train must not exceed 3.2m in width or 4.85m in height.
- 4) For this section, the width of a heavy vehicle must be measured in the same manner as in section 8 of the *Heavy Vehicle (Vehicle Standards) National Regulation*.

11. Condition – loading large indivisible items

- 1) An eligible vehicle may carry one or more large indivisible items up to the dimension limits set out in section 9 and 10.
- 2) On an eligible vehicle complying with section 9(2) a large indivisible item may be loaded on any trailer in the combination.
- 3) On an eligible vehicle complying with section 9(3) a combination described in column 1 of Table 1 may only load a large indivisible item on a trailer or truck as described in column 2.

Table 1: Loading locations for large individual items

Column 1	Column 2
Combination	Allowed loading locations for large indivisible items
B-double combination	Any trailer of the combination
Type 1 road train combination with a prime mover	
Type 2 road train combination with a prime mover	First and second trailer
Type 2 road train combination with a rigid truck	Truck and first trailer

12. Conditions – Drive group restriction

- 1) An eligible vehicle must not have a drive axle group with more than two axles in contact with the ground.
- 2) In this section drive axle group means an axle group that has one or more driving axles.

13. Conditions – Quad axle group restriction

An eligible vehicle that is a road train or a B-double may not have a quad axle group on any its components when operating on a State controlled road.

14. Application of Schedule 8 of the MDL Regulation

- 1) The following sections of Schedule 8 of the MDL Regulation apply to eligible vehicles as though the vehicle were a class 1 vehicle pursuant to section 39 of the MDL Regulation:
 - a) Part 1 Division 1 General conditions
 - b) Part 1 Division 2 Load-carrying vehicles:
 - i. section 13 – Carrying goods in addition to a large indivisible item

15. Condition – Stated areas or routes

- 1) An eligible vehicle complying with the conditions of this notice is authorised to operate on the areas and routes specified in this section.
- 2) An eligible vehicle described in column 1 of Table 2 may operate on the networks specified in column 2.

Table 2: Networks

Column 1	Column 2
Eligible vehicle	Network
B-double combination	Type 1 Road Train and PBS 3A Route
Type 1 road train	Type 2 Road Train and PBS 4A Route
Type 2 road train	Type 2 Road Train and PBS 4A Route

- 3) For the purposes of section 119(1)(a) of the HVNL, an area or route specified in this section is a stated area or route to which this notice applies.
- 4) In addition to any conditions set out in the networks under table 2, an eligible vehicle must comply with any relevant conditions in the *Queensland Access Conditions Guide*.

Note: The Queensland Access Conditions Guide – Route and operational access conditions, as published by the Queensland Government Department of Transport and Main Roads.

- 5) An eligible vehicle must not exceed 90kph.
- 6) An eligible vehicle operating on an area or route specified in this section must comply with the following conditions:
 - 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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