**HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW**

Victoria Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicle and Special Purpose Vehicle Mass and Dimension Exemption Notice 2024 (No.2)

PART 1: PRELIMINARY

**Purpose**

1. The purpose of this notice is to exempt the categories of Class 1 heavy vehicles specified in this notice from—
2. the prescribed mass requirements specified in the notice; and
3. the prescribed dimension requirements specified in the notice.
4. This notice revokes and replaces the *Victoria Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicle and Special Purpose Vehicle Mass And Dimension Exemption Notice 2024 (No.1)*.

**Authorising provisions**

1. This notice is made under the following provisions of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL):
   1. section 117 – Regulator’s power to exempt category of class 1 or 3 heavy vehicles from compliance with mass or dimension requirement; and
   2. section 23 of Schedule 1 – Regulator’s power to amend or repeal instrument.

**Title**

1. This notice may be cited as the *Victoria Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicle and Special Purpose Vehicle Mass and Dimension Exemption Notice 2024 (No.2).*

**Commencement**

1. This notice commences 29 November 2024.

**Expiry**

1. This notice expires on 9 February 2029.

**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,

***“Class 1 OSOM Route Access Lists”*** means the Victorian Class 1 Oversize and Overmass (OSOM) Route Access Lists referenced in Appendix 1*;*

***“Hume Freeway”*** means the Hume Freeway between Thomastown and the NSW border and includes the Hume Highway at Kalkallo;

***“main road”*** means a road described in the Victorian Class 1 OSOM Route Access Lists;

“***MDL Regulation***” means the *Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation*;

“***Port of Melbourne roads***” means Dock Link Road, those south of Footscray Road servicing Swanson Dock and Appleton Dock, and Dockside Road and Williamstown Road west of Todd Road in the Port of Melbourne;

**“Princes Freeway”** means the Princes Highway and Freeway between Officer and Traralgon and also between Laverton North and Corio;

***“prohibited bridge”*** means a bridge described in the Victorian Class 1 OSOM Route Access Lists;

***“prohibited road”*** means a road described in the Victorian Class 1 OSOM Route Access Lists;

***“restricted route”*** means the routes described in the Victorian Class 1 OSOM Route Access Lists;

***“rural area”*** means an area described in the Victorian Class 1 OSOM Route Access Lists;

***“tollways”*** means:

1. CityLink, being all roads declared under section 61 or 93H of the *Melbourne City Link Act 1995 (Vic)*; and
2. EastLink, being all roads declared under sections 143 and 144 of the *Eastlink Project Act 2004 (Vic)***;**

***“Western Freeway”*** includes the Western Highway and Freeway between Deer Park and Ballarat.

**Application**

1. This notice applies to Class 1 Heavy Vehicles in Victoria.
2. Part 2 of this notice applies to all Class 1 heavy vehicles.
3. Part 3 of this notice applies to load carrying vehicles.
4. Part 4 of this notice applies to special purpose vehicles.

**PART 2: EXEMPTION FROM PRESCRIBED MASS AND DIMENSION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL CLASS 1 HEAVY VEHICLES**

Application of this Part

1. Subject to sections 14 and 15, this Part applies to all class 1 heavy vehicles.
2. If a mass or dimension requirement is set out in Part 3 or 4 of this notice in relation to acategory of vehicle, that requirement applies to that category of vehicle instead of the relevant requirement set out in this Part.
3. If a condition set out in Part 3 or 4 of this notice in relation to a category of vehicle conflicts with a condition set out in this Part, that condition applies to that vehicle instead of the condition set out in this Part.

Exemption from prescribed mass requirements – axles relating to tyre width

1. A class 1 heavy vehicle described in sections 17 to 19 is exempt from the mass requirements in section 4 and Table 1 (Axle mass limits table) of Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the MDL Regulation.

Mass requirement – Condition

1. The mass on the single axle of a class 1 heavy vehicle must not be more than the mass limit stated in relation to the single axle in Table 1 of this notice as set out in sections 18 and 19.
2. If a class 1 vehicle that has an axle fitted with 2 tyres, the mass limit for the axle in relation to the narrowest tyre on that axle as specified in Column 1 of Table 1, is the limit set out opposite that axle in Column 2 of that Table.
3. If a class 1 heavy vehicle has an axle fitted with 4 tyres, the mass limit for the axle in relation to the narrowest tyre on that axle as specified in Column 1 of Table 1 is the limit set out opposite that axle in Column 3 of that Table.

**Table 1: Single axle**

|  | *Column 1* | | *Column 2* | *Column 3* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Item No.* | *Tyre width of the narrowest tyre on the axle* | | *Mass limit (t), if the axle has* ***2 tyres*** | *Mass limit (t), if the axle has* ***4 tyres*** |
| at least  (mm) | but less than  (mm) |
| 1 | 190 | 228 | 4⋅5 | 9 |
| 2 | 228 | 254 | 5 | 9⋅5 |
| 3 | 254 | 279 | 6 | 10 |
| 4 | 279 | 305 | 6⋅5 | 11 |
| 5 | 305 | 330 | 7 | 12 |
| 6 | 330 | 356 | 7⋅5 | 13 |
| 7 | 356 | 381 | 8 | 14 |
| 8 | 381 | 406 | 9 | 14 |
| 9 | 406 | 458 | 10 | 14 |
| 10 | 458 | 508 | 11 | 14 |
| 11 | 508 | — | 12 | 14 |

Exemption from prescribed mass requirements - axle groups relating to tyre width

1. A class 1 heavy vehicle described in section 21 is exempt from the mass requirements in section 4 and Table 1 (Axle mass limits table) of Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the MDL Regulation.

Mass requirement - condition

1. The mass on the axle groups of a class 1 heavy vehicle must not be more than the mass limit stated in relation to the axle group in Table 2 of this notice as set out in sections 22 and 23.
2. If a class 1 heavy vehicle has a tandem axle fitted with 4 tyres, the mass limit for the axle as specified in Column 1 of Table 2 in relation to the narrowest tyre on that tandem axle is the limit set out opposite that axle in Column 2 of that Table.
3. If a class 1 heavy vehicle has a tri-axle group fitted with 6 tyres, the mass limit in relation to the narrowest tyre as specified in Column 1 of Table 2 on that tri‑axle group is the mass limit set out opposite that axle in Column 3 of that Table.

**Table 2: Axle group**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | *Column 1* | | | *Column 2* | | *Column 3* |
| *Item No.* | | *Tyre width of the narrowest tyre in the group* | | | *Mass limit (t) for a* ***tandem axle*** *group with* ***4 tyres*** | | *Mass limit (t) for a* ***tri‑axle*** *group with* ***6 tyres*** |
| at least  (mm) | but less than  (mm) | |
| 1 | 381 | | 406 | | 16⋅5 | 22 | | |
| 2 | 406 | | 431 |  | 17 | 23 | | |
| 3 | 431 | | 458 | | 17⋅5 | 24 | | |
| 4 | 458 | | 482 | | 18 | 25 | | |
| 5 | 482 | | 508 | | 18⋅5 | 26 | | |
| 6 | 508 | | — | | 19 | 27 | | |

Exemptions from prescribed dimension requirements

1. A class 1 heavy vehicle of the category set out in Column 1 of Table 3 of this notice is exempt from the dimension requirement of the MDL Regulation that is specified in Column 2 of the Table.

Dimension requirement - condition

1. The dimension set out in Column 3 of Table 3 for a category of vehicle set out in Column 2 of that Table must not be more than the dimension limit set out in Column 4 of the Table opposite that category of vehicle.

*Note: If a dimension limit is not specified in Table 3 in relation to a class 1 heavy vehicle, the relevant dimension limit is the limit specified for that vehicle in Schedule 6 of the MDL Regulation.*

**Table 3: Dimension limits**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Column 1* | *Column 2* | *Column 3* | *Column 4* |
| *Item No.* | *Category of vehicle* | *Provision of MDL Regulation exempted from* | *Dimension* | *Limit* |
| 1 | Any vehicle except an agricultural vehicle | Section 7(1) of Schedule 6 | Width | 3⋅5m |
| 2 | Any vehicle except an agricultural vehicle | Section 8 of Schedule 6 | Height | 4⋅6m |
| 3 | Any combination except an agricultural combination | Section 3 of Schedule 6 | Length | 25m |
| 4 | Special purpose vehicle | Section 3 of Schedule 6 | Length | 14⋅5m |
| 5 | Special purpose vehicle | Section 5 of Schedule 6 | Length from the rear overhang | Lesser of 4m or 90% of the wheelbase |
| 6 | Semi-trailer | Sections 5 and 12(1) of Schedule 6 | Length from the rear overhang | Lesser of 5⋅5m or 25% of the overall length of the laden combination |
| 7 | Special purpose vehicle | Section 13 of Schedule 6 | Projection in front of the centre of the steering wheel | 3⋅5m |

Illustration of rigid mobile crane, showing dimension limits.

***Example: Illustration of rigid mobile crane, showing dimension limits.***

1. The centre-lines of adjacent axles in an axle group on a class 1 heavy vehicle must be at least 1⋅2m apart.

Other conditions of exemptions

1. The exemptions in this notice are subject to the conditions set out in *Schedule 8* of the MDL Regulation and to any conditions specified in this notice.

PART 3: EXEMPTION FROM PRESCRIBED MASS AND DIMENSION REQUIREMENTS FOR CLASS 1 HEAVY VEHICLES THAT ARE LOAD-CARRYING VEHICLES

Application of this Part

1. This Part applies to class 1 heavy vehicles that are load-carrying vehicles.

Exemption from prescribed mass requirements

1. A class 1 heavy vehicle described in section 32 is exempt from the following mass requirements set out in Schedule 1 to the MDL Regulation—
   1. Section 2(1)(a)(iv) and (b); and
   2. Section 4 (Mass limits for a single axle or axle group) and Table 1 (Axle mass limits table).

Mass requirements - condition

1. The mass of a class 1 heavy vehicle described in section 30 must not be more than the mass limits set out in section 31 and 32 for that type of vehicle.
2. If a load-carrying vehicle consisting of a tandem drive prime mover is towing—
   1. a low loader; or
   2. a low loader dolly and a low loader; or
   3. a jinker; or
   4. a low loader dolly and a jinker—

the mass on that class 1 heavy vehicle's single axle or axle group (as the case may be and as described in Column 1 of Table 4) must not be more than the mass limit specified in Column 2.

**Table 4: Mass Requirements**

|  | *Column 1* | *Column 2* |
| --- | --- | --- |
| *Item No.* | *Single axle or axle group* | *Mass limit (t)* |
| 1 | Steer axle with 2 tyres | 6 |
| 2 | Twinsteer axle group without a load-sharing suspension system | 10 |
| 3 | Twinsteer axle group with a load-sharing suspension system | 11 |
| 4 | Single axle with 8 tyres | 12 |
| 5 | Tandem axle group with 8 tyres | 18⋅5 |
| 6 | Tandem axle group with 16 or more tyres, on a trailer | 21 |
| 7 | Tri-axle group with 12 or more tyres | 25 |
| 8 | Oversize tri-axle group with 12 or more tyres or quad-axle group with 16 or more tyres | 27 |

Illustration of distance for the purpose of clause 32.

**Figure 3: Illustration of distance for the purpose of section 33.**

1. The mass of a load-carrying vehicle described in section 31, when carrying a large indivisible item, must not be more than the lower of the following masses—
   1. either—
      1. 49.5t if the distance between the centre-line of the rearmost axle of the towing vehicle and the centre-line of the foremost axle of the combination’s rear axle group is at least 6m; or
      2. 49.5t minus 1t for every 0.3m by which the distance referred to in subparagraph (i) is less than 6m;
   2. the mass that is the sum of the mass limits stated in Table 4 in relation to each of the axle groups and single axles of the vehicle.
2. The mass requirements set out in this Division do not apply to a load-carrying vehicle that—
   1. is not described in section 31; or
   2. has a single axle or an axle group that is not described in Column 1 of Table 4.

*Note: If a load-carrying vehicle is not described in section 32, or is described in section 31 but does not have a single axle or axle group described in Column 1 of Table 4, the relevant mass limits for that class 1 heavy vehicle are the mass limits specified for that vehicle in the MDL Regulation.*

Dimension requirements - condition

1. A class 1 heavy vehicle that is an unladen low loader, low loader dolly or jinker, with 4 tyres on each axle must not be wider than 2.5m.
2. A class 1 heavy vehicle that is an unladen low loader, low loader dolly or jinker, with 8 tyres on each axle must not be wider than 2.7m.

Other condition

1. If a load on a class 1 heavy vehicle can be safely loaded in more than one way, it must be loaded in a way that minimises the width of the vehicle and its load.

Areas or routes for load-carrying vehicles

1. Subject to sections 39 to 41, a load-carrying vehicle that complies with the prescribed mass requirements may be used on all roads in Victoria.
2. Subject to sections 39 to 41, a load-carrying vehicle that does not comply with the prescribed mass requirements may be used on all roads in Victoria other than prohibited bridges.
3. A load-carrying vehicle that is not wider than 2.5m or longer than 19m may be used on all roads in Victoria other than restricted routes.
4. A load-carrying vehicle that is wider than 2.5m or longer than 19m but not wider than 3m or longer than 22m may be used on—
5. all roads in the Gippsland Ranges Area;
6. all roads in the Colac–Surf Coast Area; and
7. all other roads in Victoria other than—
   * 1. roads in the Mountainous Area and the Otway Area; or
     2. restricted routes.
8. A load-carrying vehicle that is wider than 3m or longer than 22m but not wider than 3.5m or longer than 25m may be used on—
9. exempt roads in the Gippsland Ranges Area;
10. exempt roads in the Mountainous Area;
11. all roads in the Melbourne and Geelong Urban Area; and
12. all roads in and the Rural Area; —

but may not be used on restricted routes.

Travel conditions

1. Where a load- carrying vehicle is permitted to be used in an area or route under sections 37 to 41 that is specified in column 1 and the vehicle is referred to in column 2 or 3 of Table 5, the vehicle may only be used in the area or route and on the days specified in column 1 of the Table at the times (if any) specified in column 2 or 3 for that vehicle.

**Table 5: Table of travel conditions**

| *Column 1*  *Areas or routes/Days* | *Column 2*  *Travel times*  *Wider than 2.5 m but not wider than 3.1m wide and* | | *Column 3*  *Travel times*  *Wider than 3.1m but not wider than 3.5m wide or longer than 22m but not longer than 25m* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *no longer than 19 m* | *longer than 19m but not longer than 22m* |
| Rural Area | No travel restrictions | No travel restrictions | No travel between Sunset – Sunrise |
| Melbourne and Geelong Urban Area  Monday – Friday  (not public holidays) | No travel restrictions | No travel restrictions | No travel between:  6.00 am – 9.00 am;  4.00 pm – 6.30 pm;  Sunset – 10.00 pm |
| Melbourne and Geelong Urban Area  Saturday, Sunday  and public holidays | No travel restrictions | No travel between Sunset – 10.00 pm | No travel between  Sunset – 10.00 pm |

For the purposes of this section—

1. the Melbourne and Geelong Urban Area does not include the Port of Melbourne Roads or the sections of the Hume Freeway, the Princes Freeway and the Western Freeway that are within the Melbourne and Geelong Urban Area;
2. the Rural Area does not include the sections of the Hume Freeway, the Princes Freeway and the Western Freeway that are within the Rural Area.
3. The travel restrictions referred to in section 42 do not apply to a load-carrying vehicle that is an unladen low loader or a house boat that is—
4. no longer than 25m; and
5. no wider than—
6. for a vehicle with 4 tyres per axle - 2.5m ; or
7. for a vehicle with 8 tyres per axle - 2.7m.

For the purposes of this section, an unladen low loader includes a low loader that is carrying a pilot vehicle, a low loader dolly or a jinker.

Pilots and escorts

1. The operator of a load-carrying vehicle must comply with the *Pilot and escort vehicles in mountainous areas* web page published by Transport Victoria and amended from time to time.

Conditions applying to particular routes

1. The operator of a load-carrying vehicle must obtain permission from the City of Melbourne before the vehicle is used in the area of the City of Melbourne that is bounded by and includes Spring Street, Victoria Street, Peel Street, Dudley Street, Spencer Street and Flinders Street.
2. A load-carrying vehicle operating on the following tollways must contact the tollway operator as soon as practicable on knowing the travel is required, and then at least 30 minutes in advance of travel:
3. Citylink; and
4. Eastlink

*Note: The purpose of this requirement is to provide the tollway operator in advance of the vehicle movement, and then to confirm access and traffic conditions immediately before travel.*

1. If a load-carrying vehicle does not comply with the prescribed mass requirements and is used on the West Gate Bridge—
2. the vehicle must travel in one of the two right hand lanes nearest the centre median; and
3. if it is not capable of maintaining a speed of at least 65 km/hr travelling over the bridge—
4. two rotating yellow warning lights must be affixed to the rear of the vehicle; or
5. a pilot vehicle must travel at the rear of the vehicle within a distance of 50m.
6. Where practical and safe to do so, a load-carrying vehicle must avoid being on a bridge at the same time as a B-double or another class 1 heavy vehicle or a class 3 heavy vehicle.

Night travel

1. Section 7 of Schedule 8 of the MDL Regulation does not apply to a load-carrying vehicle.
2. A load-carrying vehicle that, together with any load, is wider than 3.1m or longer than 22m, must not, while being used at night, travel without being accompanied by a pilot vehicle.

PART 4: EXEMPTION FROM PRESCRIBED MASS REQUIREMENTS FOR CLASS 1 HEAVY VEHICLES THAT ARE SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES

Application of this Part

1. This Part applies to class 1 heavy vehicles that are special purpose vehicles.

Exemption from prescribed mass requirements - axles and axle groups

1. A class 1 heavy vehicle to which this part applies is exempt from the following mass requirements in Schedule 1 to the MDL Regulation—
2. section 2(1)(a)(iv) and 2(b);
3. section 4 and Table 1 (Axle mass limits table); and
4. section 5(1) and Table 2 (Axle spacing mass limits general table).

Mass requirements (axles and axle groups) – condition

1. For a special purpose vehicle, the mass on a single axle or axle group described in Column 1 of Table 6 of this notice must not be more than the mass limit set out in Column 2 of that Table opposite the description.

**Table 6: Axle mass limits (special purpose vehicles)**

| *Item No.* | *Column 1*  *Type of axle or axle group* | *Column 2*  *Mass limits(t)* |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | Single axle or single axle group fitted with—  (a) single tyres  (b) dual tyres | 7  10 |
| 2 | Twinsteer axle group—  (a) without a load-sharing suspension system  (b) with a load-sharing suspension system | 10  14 |
| 3 | Tandem axle group fitted with single tyres | 14 |
| 4 | Tri-axle group fitted with single tyres | 18 |

1. For a special purpose vehicle, the mass on a tandem axle group fitted with dual tyres, where the centre-lines of the axles are less than 1·35m apart must not be more than—
2. 20t; or
3. 20t minus one tonne for each 100mm by which the axle group's ground contact width is less than 2·4m; or
4. 20t plus one tonne for each 100mm by which the axle group's ground contact width exceeds 2·5m, but not exceeding 27t in total.
5. For a special purpose vehicle, the mass on a tandem axle group fitted with dual tyres, where the centre-lines of the axles are at least 1·35m apart must not be more than—
6. 23t; or
7. 23t minus one tonne for each 100mm by which the axle group's ground contact width is less than 2·4m; or
8. 23t plus one tonne for each 100mm by which the axle group's ground contact width exceeds 2·5m, but not exceeding 27t in total.
9. For a special purpose vehicle, the mass on a tri-axle group fitted with dual tyres, where the centre-lines of the axles are less than 1·35m apart, must not be more than—
10. 25t; or
11. 25t minus one tonne for each 100mm by which the axle group's ground contact width is less than 2·4m.
12. For a special purpose vehicle, the mass on a tri-axle group fitted with dual tyres, where the centre-lines of the axles are at least 1·35m apart, must not be more than—
13. 27t; or
14. 27t minus one tonne for each 100mm by which the axle group's ground contact width is less than 2·4m.

Mass requirements condition – total mass limits and axle spacing mass limits

1. The mass of a special purpose vehicle must not be more than the lowest of the following masses—
2. the mass that is the sum of the mass limits allowed for each single axle and axle group on the vehicle under sections 52 to 56; or
3. 40t; or
4. the mass limit as determined by the following formula—

Mass in t = (3 × L) + 15 ± G

where—

"L" is the distance in m between the centre-lines of the vehicle's foremost and rearmost axles; and

"± G" is a number of t—

1. to be added at the rate of one tonne for each 100mm by which the ground contact width of the rearmost axle exceeds 2·5m; or
2. to be subtracted at the rate of one tonne for each 100mm by which the ground contact width of the rearmost axle is less than 2·4m.

Illustration of distance "L" distance

**Illustration of distance "L".**

Areas or routes for special purpose vehicles

1. Subject to sections 60 to 62, a special purpose vehicle that complies with the prescribed mass requirements may be used on all roads in Victoria.
2. Subject to sections 60 to 62, a special purpose vehicle that does not comply with the prescribed mass requirements may be used on all roads in Victoria other than prohibited bridges.
3. A special purpose vehicle that is not wider than 2.5m may be used on all roads in Victoria other than restricted routes.
4. A special purpose vehicle that is wider than 2.5m but not wider than 3m may be used on—
5. all roads in the Gippsland Ranges Area;
6. all roads in the Colac-Surf Coast Area; and
7. all other roads in Victoria other than—
8. roads in the Mountainous Area and the Otway Area; or
9. restricted routes.
10. A special purpose vehicle that is wider than 3m but not wider than 3.5m may be used on—
11. exempt roads in the Gippsland Ranges Area;
12. exempt roads in the Mountainous Area;
13. all roads in the Melbourne and Geelong Urban Area; and
14. all roads in the Rural Area;—

but may not be used on restricted routes.

Travel conditions

1. Where a special purpose vehicle is permitted to be used in an area or route under section 62 and the vehicle is not wider than 3.1m, the vehicle may be used in that area or route at any time.
2. Where a special purpose vehicle is permitted to be used in an area or route under section 62 that is specified in column 1 of Table 7 and the vehicle is wider than 3.1m but not wider than 3.5m, the vehicle may only be used in that area or route on the days specified in column 1 of Table 7 at the times specified in column 2 of the Table.

**Table 7: Travel Conditions**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| *Column 1*  *Areas or routes/Days* | *Column 2*  *Wider than 3.1m but not wider than 3.5m* |
| Rural Area | No travel from sunset to sunrise |
| Melbourne and Geelong Urban Area  Monday–Friday (not public holidays) | No travel between:   * 6.00 am to 9.00 am * 4.00 pm to 6.30 pm * Sunset to 11.00 pm |
| Melbourne and Geelong Urban Area  Saturday, Sunday and public holidays | No travel from Sunset until 11.00 pm |

For the purposes of this section—

1. the Melbourne and Geelong Urban Area does not include the Port of Melbourne Roads or the sections of the Hume Freeway, the Princes Freeway and the Western Freeway that are within the Melbourne and Geelong Urban Area;
2. the Rural Area does not include the sections of the Hume Freeway, the Princes Freeway and the Western Freeway that are within the Rural Area.

Pilots and escorts

1. The operator of a special purpose vehicle must comply with the *Pilot and escort vehicles in mountainous areas* web page published by Transport Victoria and amended from time to time.

Conditions applying to particular routes

1. The operator of a special purpose vehicle must obtain permission from the City of Melbourne before the vehicle is used in the area of the City of Melbourne that is bounded by and includes Spring Street, Victoria Street, Peel Street, Dudley Street, Spencer Street and Flinders Street.
2. A load-carrying vehicle operating on the following tollways must contact the tollway operator as soon as practicable on knowing the travel is required, and then at least 30 minutes in advance of travel:
3. Citylink; and
4. Eastlink

*Note: The purpose of this requirement is to provide the tollway operator in advance of the vehicle movement, and then to confirm access and traffic conditions immediately before travel.*

1. If a special purpose vehicle does not comply with the prescribed mass requirements and is used on the West Gate Bridge—
2. the vehicle must travel in one of the two right hand lanes nearest the centre median; and
3. if it is not capable of maintaining a speed of at least 65 km/hr travelling over the bridge—
4. two rotating yellow warning lights must be affixed to the rear of the vehicle; or
5. a pilot vehicle must travel at the rear of the permit vehicle within a distance of 50m.
6. Where practical and safe to do so, a special purpose vehicle must avoid being on a bridge at the same time as a B-double or another class 1 heavy vehicle or a class 3 heavy vehicle.
7. The following restrictions apply to a special purpose vehicle that is a crane being used on a freeway or tollway—
8. a crane with a maximum speed capability of 91km/h or more may use all freeways and tollways;
9. a crane with a maximum speed capability more than 61 km/h but not more than 90km/h may use all freeways and tollways other than—
10. the West Gate Bridge;
11. the section of the Western Ring Road with the steep gradients between Pascoe Vale Road and Tullamarine Freeway; and
12. all tunnels;
13. a crane with a maximum speed capability not more than 60 km/h may not be used on any freeway or tollway.

For the purposes of this section, ‘maximum speed capability of a crane’ is the maximum speed the crane is able to reach on a horizontal surface, as determined by the crane manufacturer.

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**Appendix 1**

Victorian Class 1 Oversize and Overmass (OSOM) Route Access Lists

*Note: The Victorian Class 1 Oversize and Overmass (OSOM) Route Access Lists are maintained by Vic Roads, and are published on its website.*