

Fact sheet for Heavy Vehicle Industry

Closed and restricted state-controlled roads due to wet weather and flooding

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Transport Inspectors

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) Transport Inspectors can provide up-to-date information on road closures and provide advice about:

- alternative routes
- other temporary road closures and road signage education
- how to obtain approval/permits to move freight
- load restrictions on roads and bridges.

They also have the authority to perform the following:

- enforce temporary road closures and restricted road use notices for all classes of vehicles day and night
- request a driver to produce a licence.

Approval to drive past a Restricted Road Use Notice (sign) for heavy vehicle industry

- TMR and Queensland Police Service (QPS) authorised officers have the power to grant limited approval for drivers to travel past restricted road use notices (signs) on a state-controlled road, for example, the delivery of essential items such as food or medical supplies
- approvals will be considered on a case-by-case basis
- if an application for approval is refused, there is no opportunity for right of reply
- approvals apply to one (1) one-way trip only
- approval is separate to a Heavy Vehicle Permit - drivers will need to carry both
- drivers with an existing Heavy Vehicle Permit (excess mass and dimension), will need to first contact either 4931 1637 or 3066 5511 (heavy vehicle permit numbers), prior to applying for approval

- approval letters are driver and vehicle specific and cannot be transferred or shared
- if trucking operators are not owners/drivers, for the best results, the heavy vehicle company's administration (rather than the individual drivers) should contact regional TMR offices for restricted access
- individual heavy vehicle drivers can request approval at a state-controlled road closure if QPS or TMR officers are present at the scene
- these approvals will not attract a fee
- a fine applies if a person drives past a restricted road use notice without a written approval.

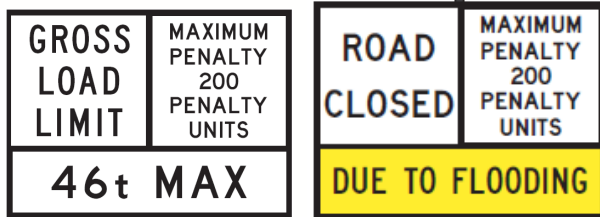
This request and approval process does NOT apply to NO ENTRY signs.

Heavy vehicle drivers are asked to report any road flooding to the local TMR regional office, police and/or regional councils to ensure road closure or restriction signage can be placed at the scene, and the 131940 website and phone service can be updated to provide current advice to the travelling public.

Steps in the process to obtain approval - a suggested scenario

- Heavy vehicle company phones regional TMR office
- Request made for approval to travel past a restricted road use notice for essential purposes
- TMR fills out application over the phone
- Application assessed by TMR officer/Senior Engineer
- Application approved by legally approving officer such as a TMR Regional Director
- Approval emailed to the company
- Company may choose to send approval via fax to a road house for collection by driver.

Signage enforceable under *Transport Infrastructure Act 1994*



Signage enforceable under *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995*– the signs below must not be passed in any circumstances.



Following contact with the heavy vehicle area, the numbers below can be contacted regarding approval to drive past a restricted road use notice.

| District | Office | Phone |
|----------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Central West | Barcaldine | 4651 2777 |
| Fitzroy | Rockhampton | 4931 1500 |
| Downs South West | Roma | 4622 9511 |
| Darling Downs | Toowoomba | 4639 0777 |
| Far North Queensland | Cairns | 4050 5444 |
| Mackay/Whitsunday | Mackay | 4951 8555 |
| Metropolitan | Brisbane | 3066 5499 |
| North Coast | Maroochydore | 5451 7055 |
| North West | Cloncurry | 4769 3200 |
| North Queensland | Townsville | 4421 8700 |
| South Coast | Gold Coast | 5563 6600 |
| Wide Bay/Burnett | Bundaberg | 4154 0200 |
| Wide Bay/Burnett | Gympie | 5482 0333 |

Contact information

The following TMR offices manage heavy vehicle permits (mass and dimension) for the whole state:

| District Office | Phone |
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| Rockhampton | 4931 1637 |
| Metropolitan | 3066 5511 |
| In critical times a hotline is set up for the Heavy Vehicle Industry - phone number 1300 105 647. This is not a general public number. | |