

Information Sheet

Heavy vehicle industry – Restricted state-controlled roads during wet weather and flooding

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QLDTraffic traffic information website

The following documents relating to heavy vehicle information can be accessed on the *QLDTraffic* website:

- information sheet regarding approval to drive past road closure signs
- heavy vehicle industry road report
- state-controlled road freight network
- Queensland Government rest areas
- excess mass and dimension conditions of operations
- M1 truck lane restrictions.

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

Transport and Main Roads-authorized officers have the power to grant limited approval for drivers to travel past Restricted Road Use Notices (RRUNs) on a state-controlled road (SCR); for example, for the delivery of essential items (food, water, medical supplies) to isolated areas. Queensland Police Service (QPS) also has this power but applications should be made firstly to Transport and Main Roads wherever possible.

The following conditions apply:

- 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 x one-way trip only
- drivers with an existing Heavy Vehicle Permit (excess mass and dimension) will need to first contact 3066 5511 (heavy vehicle permit number) prior to applying for approval to drive past a RRUN
- approval is separate to a Heavy Vehicle Permit – drivers will need to carry both
- approval letters are driver- and vehicle- specific and cannot be transferred or shared

- if trucking operators are not owners / drivers, for best results, the heavy vehicle company's administration (rather than the individual drivers) should contact regional Transport and Main Roads offices for restricted access
- individual heavy vehicle drivers can request approval at a SCR closure if Transport and Main Roads or Police officers are present at the scene
- approvals will not attract a fee
- a fine applies if a person drives past a RRUN without a written approval.

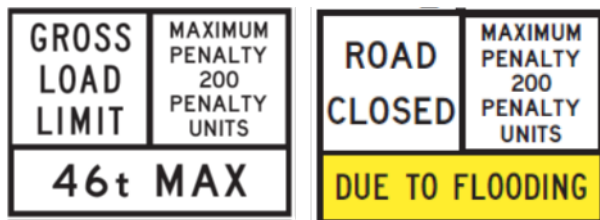
This request and approval process **do not apply** to 'NO ENTRY' signs.

Heavy vehicle drivers are asked to report any road flooding to the local Transport and Main Roads regional office, Police and/or Regional Councils to ensure road closure or restriction signage can be placed at the scene (where possible), and the *QLDTraffic* website and 13 19 40 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 telephones regional Transport and Main Roads office
- Request made for approval to travel past a RRUN – essential purposes
- Transport and Main Roads fills out application over the phone
- Application assessed by Transport and Main Roads officer / Senior Engineer
- Application approved by an authorised officer such as a Transport and Main Roads Regional Director or District Director
- Approval emailed to the company
- Company may choose to send approval to a roadhouse for driver collection, where suitable.

Signage enforceable under the *Transport Infrastructure Act 1994*



Signage enforceable under the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995*

The signs following **must not be passed** in any circumstances by motorists. The white on black is a Light Emitting Diode (LED) sign.



Transport Inspectors

Transport and Main Roads 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 activities:

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

Contact information

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

District Office	Phone
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.	

Following contact with the heavy vehicle area, the numbers in the website address following can be contacted regarding approval to drive past a RRUN:

<http://tmr.qld.gov.au/About-us/Contact-us/In-person/Roads-offices>.