

Changes to the National Heavy Vehicle Registration Scheme

Queensland will be adopting National Heavy Vehicle Registration Scheme changes from 1 July 2018. The NHVRS package aims to ensure that heavy vehicle registration functions are aligned across Australia.

What changes will heavy vehicle operators see?

From 1 July 2018, a number of initiatives will be implemented to assist heavy vehicle registration efficiency, including:

National heavy vehicle number plates

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) will issue an optional new national heavy a vehicle number plate to heavy vehicle operators at a nationally agreed price of \$25.00.

New heavy vehicle registrations will be issued with the new national plates. The national plate will also be issued upon application for replacement of a standard number plate.

Existing heavy vehicle number plates will not be required to be changed to the national heavy vehicle number plate until there is a need, or desire, for the operator to do so.

Heavy vehicle operators will also have the flexibility to use customised or personalised plates on their heavy vehicles.

The new plate will reduce administrative burden on operators by allowing heavy vehicles to retain their national heavy vehicle number plates if the registered operator moves to another jurisdiction.

Registration Labels

There will no longer be a requirement for operators to issue, or display, labels on heavy vehicles. This will provide a consistent approach across all jurisdictions, as some jurisdictions have already removed the requirement for registration labels for heavy vehicles.

An online tool and Queensland Rego Check mobile app provides up-to-date information to check a vehicle's registration status. These provide an easy and fast way for operators to check the registration details of any vehicle.

Queensland's on-line rego check tool is available at:

<https://www.service.transport.qld.gov.au/checkrego/application/VehicleSearch.xhtml?dswid=7749>

More flexible registration due dates

Operators of heavy vehicles will have more control over the registration expiry date of their vehicles, with operators having two, or more, heavy vehicles registered in their name being able to choose a common expiry date for these registrations. This will provide operators with more flexibility and control of registration payments.

Closure of Federal and Interstate Registration Scheme (FIRS)

The Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities (DIRDAC) has recently advised that FIRS Scheme will transition to closure from 1 July 2018 through to 30 June 2019.

TMR will work with customers to transition FIRS registered vehicles to the NHVRS, which will include the requirement for operators to attach a new national heavy vehicle number plate to their vehicle. The new plate will be provided to FIRS operators by TMR, free of charge. This will occur as FIRS vehicle registrations expire between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019.

Although standard heavy vehicle registration renewal fees will apply, FIRS operators will be provided with a one-off stamp duty exemption.

More information about FIRS can be found at:

<https://infrastructure.gov.au/roads/firs/closure.aspx>