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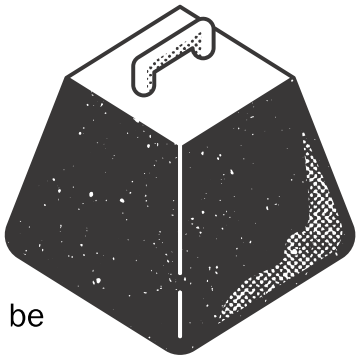
THERE ARE A FEW THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ↓

LOAD RESTRAINT

You must ensure that your load is secured within the legal requirements. This is managed by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR).
Refer to the Load Restraint Guide.

TRUCK WEIGHTS



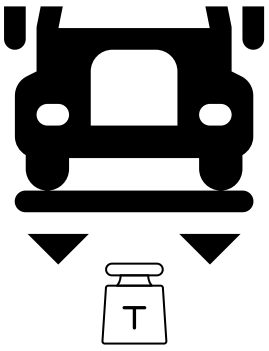
The key weights are

-*Gross Vehicle Mass* ***(GVM)*** – Applies to a Rigid Vehicle
-*Gross Combination Mass* ***(GCM)*** – Applies to a Truck and Trailer
-*Axle Weights* – While you may be under your **GVM** or **GCM** you could still be over an individual **axle weight**

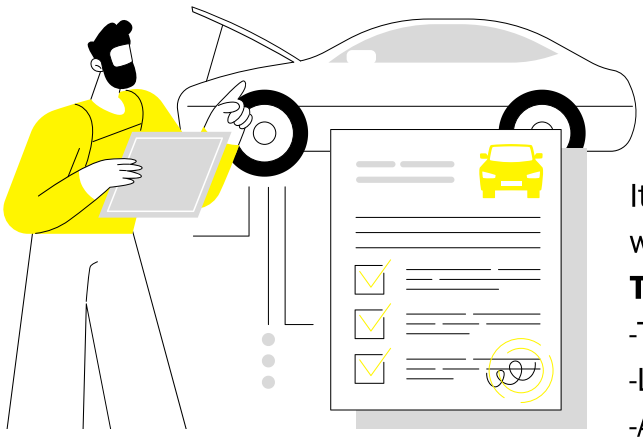
Ensure that your vehicle is loaded within its specifications. I.e. not over-weight.
Refer to both the National Heavy Vehicle Mass and Dimension Limits and the vehicle specifications.

If there is a conflict between the regulation and the vehicle specifications the limit will always be the ***lower*** *of the two numbers.*

WEIGH BRIDGES



You need to be aware of the requirement to pull into **weigh bridges** when directed to do so. There will be ample signage indicating the presence of the weigh bridge with digital signs indicating if you need to pull in. They will be checking **road worthiness of the vehicle, security of the load and the log book where applicable.**



VEHICLE ROAD WORTHINESS

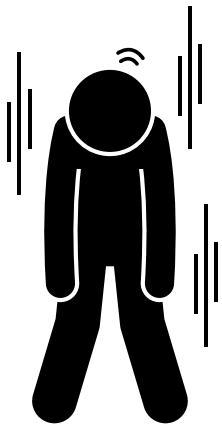
It is your responsibility to ensure the vehicle is road worthy and safe to drive.

Things to consider are:

-Tyres
-Lights and Indicators
-Air Leaks
-Fluid Leaks

NATIONAL DRIVER WORK DIARY 'LOGBOOK' AND FATIGUE MANAGEMENT

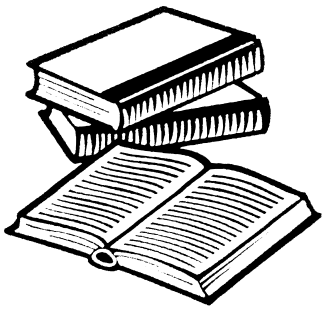
You **must not** operate a fatigue-regulated heavy vehicle if you are impaired by fatigue. Even if you comply with work and rest requirements, *you may still feel too tired to drive*, so it's important to be aware of the signs of fatigue.



DEFINITION OF A FATIGUE REGULATED HEAVY VEHICLE

National heavy vehicle driver fatigue laws apply to fatigue-regulated heavy vehicles, which are:

- a vehicle with a Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) of over 12t
- a combination when the total of the GVM is over 12t
- buses with a GVM over 4.5t fitted to carry more than 12 adults (including the driver)
- a truck, or a combination including a truck, with a GVM of over 12t with a machine or implement attached.



WHEN DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NATIONAL DRIVER WORK DIARY?(LOG BOOK)

All drivers of a **fatigue regulated heavy vehicle** must comply with the *fatigue law* even if doing local work. However, if you are traveling outside of 100 km radius of your nominated base you must log your work in the National Driver Work Diary. **You can obtain one of these from your states transport office.**

VARIANCE OF ROAD RULES BETWEEN STATES

While the road rules between the Australian States and Territories are very similar there are some differences. If traveling interstate, please ensure you familiarise yourself with the different rules.
For example, **QLD** and **NSW** have different **speed limits** for heavy vehicles.

QLD – 100 kph speed limit applies for ***regulated heavy vehicles***. For non- regulated heavy vehicles you are able to do the posted speed limit such as 110 kph on the M1

NSW – 100 kph speed limit applies for ***all heavy vehicles***. For any vehicle with a GVM over 4.5 tonne your speed limit is 100 kph *even* in a 110 kph speed zone.