

## Information sheet #3

# Transport and Main Roads road closure due to wet weather and flooding – heavy vehicle industry

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This information sheet has been developed to assist the heavy vehicle industry during circumstances where temporary restrictions are applied on Queensland state-controlled roads (SCRs) due to unplanned events such as flooding and wet weather.

## Traveller information

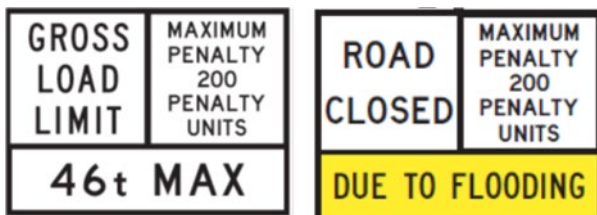
Transport and Main Roads provides a range of traveller information, primarily via the [QLDTraffic website](#) but also across the [QLDTraffic app](#), 13 19 40 telephone service and social media channels. For the heavy vehicle industry, this includes

- information sheet regarding applications to drive past restricted road use notice (road closure signs) approval
- heavy vehicle industry road report
- state-controlled road freight network
- Queensland Government rest areas
- excess mass and dimension guidelines, and
- M1 truck lane restrictions.

## Exemption

### Application to drive past a Restricted Road Use Notice approval

The following signs are examples of Restricted Road Use Notice (RRUN) signs. Operators must not drive past RRUNs without an exemption. RRUNs are enforceable under section 46(4) [Transport Infrastructure Act 1994](#).



If it is safe to do so, Transport and Main Roads' legal delegates have the power to grant limited approval for operators to drive past RRUNs on an SCR; for example, for the delivery of essential items (food, water, medical supplies) to isolated areas.

Queensland Police Service (QPS) also has power to grant approval, but applications should be made first to Transport and Main Roads wherever possible.

### No exemption available to drive past NO ENTRY sign

Operators must not drive past NO ENTRY signs under any circumstances. Examples of NO ENTRY signs, including light-emitting diode (LED) signs follow.



## Applications to drive past a Restricted Road Use Notice approval requirements and process

The following requirements apply to applications to drive past RRUN approvals:

1. Applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis
2. if an application for approval is rejected, there is no opportunity for right of reply
3. approvals apply to single trip access (one-way trip only)
4. operators need a permit, where they are required to hold one, to move on SCRs initially based on mass and dimension requirements and so on, the prequalify to submit an application to drive past a RRUN approval – those operators with a permit should contact Transport and Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Operations office in the first instance on telephone 07 3066 5511 between 8.30 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday or email [QLDAccess\\_HVROPO@tmr.qld.gov.au](mailto:QLDAccess_HVROPO@tmr.qld.gov.au)
5. approval to drive past a RRUN is separate to other permits – drivers will need to carry both where required to hold a permit

6. approval letters are driver and vehicle specific and non-transferrable
7. for best results, the heavy vehicle company's administration (rather than the individual drivers or owner) should contact the local Transport and Main Roads office for restricted access
8. individual heavy vehicle drivers can request approval at an SCR closure if Transport and Main Roads or Police officers are present at the scene
9. approvals do not attract a fee, and
10. a fine may apply if a person drives past a RRUN without a written approval.

## Process

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2. Where operators do not require a permit in accordance with guidelines or National Heavy Vehicle National Law, they should contact a [Transport and Main Roads office](#) directly.
3. A request is first made for approval to travel past a RRUN – essential purposes.
4. Transport and Main Roads may complete an application over the telephone in some instances.
5. The application is assessed by Transport and Main Roads legal delegate.
6. Where an application approved, it will be approved by a Transport and Main Roads legal delegate.
7. Approval is emailed to the heavy vehicle company.
8. The company may choose to send approval to the driver electronically, or to a roadhouse for driver collection, where suitable.

## Operators encouraged to report wet weather and flooding impacting state-controlled roads

Where operators become aware of wet weather and flooding impacting SCRs, they should report the impact to their local Transport and Main Roads office, QPS and/or local government authorities to ensure 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.

## Transport Inspectors

Transport and Main Roads Transport Inspectors can provide up-to-date information on temporary restrictions on SCRs due to wet weather and flooding and provide advice about:

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

They also have the authority to perform the following activities:

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

## Contact information

Transport and Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Operations can be contacted on telephone 07 3066 5511 or email [QLDAccess\\_HVROPO@tmr.qld.gov.au](mailto:QLDAccess_HVROPO@tmr.qld.gov.au).

In critical times, a hotline is set up for the Heavy Vehicle Industry – telephone number 1300 105 647. This number is specifically for operators.

For enquiries regarding approval to drive past a RRUN, telephone the relevant local [Transport and Main Roads office](#).