

# Guide to Towing Oversize Boats on Public Roads

## Oversize boat requirements to travel on public roads

### Do you know?



A boat trailer carrying a boat in excess of 2.5 metres in width, requires a permit to travel on the public road network.



Permits are issued to the boat trailer not the towing vehicle; the trailer registration should be listed on your permit application form.



Boats exceeding 2.7 metres in width are prohibited from travelling at night time, during public holidays and peak traffic periods.



Boats exceeding 2.5 metres in width are prohibited from travelling on all Freeways.



In WA, the maximum speed for a vehicle towing a trailer is 100km/h.



### Why do I need a permit?



Any vehicle that exceeds the dimensions outlined in the table below are referred to as Restricted Access Vehicles (RAVs). Main Roads is responsible for managing RAVs that travel on the public road network.

Standard Dimension Limits	
Length	19 m
Width	2.5 m
Height	4.3 m

### How do I obtain a permit?

Follow these four simple steps.

1. Complete a registration form if this is the first time you have applied for a permit.
2. Complete an application form to register your trailer.
3. Complete the permit application form.
4. Return the completed forms to [permit.applications@mainroads.wa.gov.au](mailto:permit.applications@mainroads.wa.gov.au) with your payment details.



You will then be issued a Class 1 RAV Oversize Boat Transport Period Permit. The cost of the permit is \$50 which is valid for 3 years.

For further details go to [www.mainroads.wa.gov.au](http://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au) or contact the Heavy Vehicle Helpdesk on 138 486.

### Additional Requirements

If your boat exceeds 2.5 metres in width you must clearly display:



"Oversize" warning signs visible from the front and rear of the vehicle, amber flashing warning light.



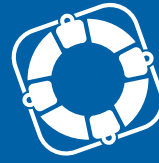
Four (4) brightly coloured red, yellow, or red and yellow flags, at least 450mm long and 450mm wide.



If your boat exceeds 3 metres in width you must display at least one rotating, amber flashing warning light.

## Oversize Boat Towing Checklist

- My vehicle and trailer are roadworthy.
- My vehicle and trailer are suitable for the mass I am towing.
- My tow bar is suitably rated.
- I have a current Main Roads permit for the trailer I am towing.
- My boat is adequately secure.
- Adequate signage is in place.
- I am allowed to travel on my planned route.
- I have checked the Class 1 Oversize Operating Conditions for conditions relating to traveling at night, during public holidays and peak traffic periods.



## Safe Towing Requirements

Before travelling on the public road network, owners need to understand their vehicle towing capabilities to prevent costly damage and accidents.

Owners also need to know how to equip their vehicles and how to load and secure what they intend to tow. Vehicles and trailers must meet registration standards and must be roadworthy.

For more information visit the Department of Transport website [www.transport.wa.gov.au](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au)



## WA Accreditation

You may hear that you need to be accredited to be issued with a Permit in WA.

Accreditation is only required if the transport task is being conducted in connection with a business and the vehicle GVM is greater than 8 tonnes.

Therefore, you do not need to be accredited to be issued a Class 1 RAV Oversized Boat Transport Period Permit if your boat is for recreational purposes.