

Agricultural Vehicle Guide

Before moving you may wish to read the Department of Transport's "Agricultural Vehicle Guide".

This handbook is for Western Australian farmers and is a guide to the safe movement of agricultural vehicles.

For more information visit the Department of Transport website www.transport.wa.gov.au

Bridge Crossings

Main Roads is responsible for assessing bridges to ensure they are safe for an over-mass vehicle to cross and ensure the over-mass vehicle does not cause damage.

When operating under a Main Roads Period Permit or Order you must observe the relevant restricted bridge list.

If you need to cross a restricted bridge that is listed, you must apply for a "Bridge Crossing Permit".

A Bridge Crossing Permit may allow multiple crossings under a Period Permit or may allow only a single crossing under a Single Trip Permit.

Oversize Agricultural Vehicles Checklist

- My agricultural vehicle is roadworthy.
- My towing vehicle is suitable for the mass I am towing.
- My towing apparatus is suitably rated.
- I have a current Main Roads Permit or there is an Order for the agricultural vehicle I am moving.
- I am familiar with the Operating Conditions for the Order or Permit I am operating under.
- I have fitted adequate warning devices.
- I have reviewed my pilot requirements.
- I have checked the restricted bridges list.

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Guide to Moving Oversize Agricultural Vehicles on Public Roads



Do you Know...

The requirements for moving your agricultural vehicle?

LIMIT
2.5

A vehicle in excess of 2.5 metres in width, requires a Permit or Order to travel on a public road.

PILOTS

Ensure the vehicle is accompanied by the required number of pilots as specified in the Main Roads Permit or Order.

SPEED

A vehicle over 3.5 metres in width has a maximum operating speed of 80km/h, unless a lesser speed is specified as a licensing condition.

BRIDGES

Ensure you have a bridge crossing permit to cross any restricted bridges.

NIGHT

When travelling at night ensure you comply with the additional warning device requirements as outlined in the operating conditions.

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When do I need approval from Main Roads?

A Permit or Order is required from Main Roads when driving an agricultural vehicle, including machines, towed implements and combinations, in excess of the mass and/or dimension limits specified below:

- 2.5m in width
- 4.3m in height
- 12.5m in length for a rigid vehicle
- 19m in length for a combination
- 42.5t gross mass
- 6t on a single steer axle
- 10t on a twin steer axle group (non load sharing suspensions)
- 11t on a twin steer axle group (load sharing suspensions)
- 9t on a single axle
- 16.5t on a tandem axle group
- 20t on a tri or quad axle group

If my agricultural vehicle is not covered by an order, how do I obtain a permit?

Follow these four simple steps:

1. Complete a "Restricted Access Vehicle Operator" registration form if this is the first time you have applied for a permit.
2. Complete an "Application to List or Update Vehicle Information" form to register your agricultural machine or towing vehicle.
3. Complete the relevant permit application form.
4. Submit completed forms with your payment details to permit.applications@mainroads.wa.gov.au

The costs of the permits are \$25 for 12 month permits or \$50 for 3 years.

For further details go to www.mainroads.wa.gov.au or contact the Heavy Vehicle Help Desk on 138 486.

Additional Requirements

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An Agricultural Vehicle in excess of 2.5 metres in width must clearly display "Oversize" warning signs at the front and rear of the vehicles.



You must display a warning flag on side projections greater than 150mm and front and rear projection greater than 1.2 metres.



An Agricultural Vehicle in excess of 2.5 metres in width must display at least one amber warning light.



Warning devices must comply with the requirements set out in the "Oversize Vehicle & Pilot Vehicle General Requirements", available on our website.

For full details please refer to the operating conditions for your permit type or the order, available on our website.