



Code of Conduct

Heavy Vehicle Pilot Licence

Heavy Vehicle Pilots perform an essential safety and support role on the road, by facilitating the safe and efficient movement of oversize and/or overmass vehicles.

Heavy Vehicle Pilot Responsibilities

A Heavy Vehicle Pilot must:

- Hold a current and valid Motor Drivers Licence and Heavy Vehicle Pilot Licence.
- Be physically fit to engage safely in piloting duties.

Recommended:

Hold a current and valid basic first aid qualification

A Heavy Vehicle Pilot:

- May only direct road users while engaged in piloting duties associated with oversize and/or overmass vehicle movements
- Cannot perform piloting duties except when a dimension or mass requirement has been modified under an order or permit
- Must operate their vehicle in a safe and professional manner, with consideration for other road users, and abide by all Western Australian road rules.

A Heavy Vehicle Pilot will not engage in unprofessional behaviour towards other road users, such as:

- Acting in a discriminatory, threatening or intimidating manner
- Using rude, aggressive or offensive language or gestures
- Attempting to damage equipment or assault a person
- Driving in an illegal, dangerous or reckless manner

A Heavy Vehicle Pilot must always remain alert when driving and not be under the influence of or affected by alcohol, drugs or fatigue.

Heavy Vehicle Pilot Requirements

The driver of a pilot vehicles must keep a “record of movement” for each journey undertaken as a pilot for an oversize vehicle and/or overmass vehicle.

A driver of a pilot vehicle must commence a Record of Movement prior to departure of any journey and must produce a copy when requested by a police officer, transport inspector warden, transport investigation warden or traffic escort warden.

The record of movement must contain the following:

- a) Name(s) and HVPL Number(s) of the pilot(s) involved in the Movement;
- b) Date, time and address of departure;

- c) Registration number(s) of oversize vehicle(s) being piloted;
- d) Permit number or exemption travelling under;
- e) Name of Traffic Escort Warden(s) if applicable;
- f) Load description;
- g) Vehicle and load dimensions, including total width, height, length and any other measurement specified within the order or permit that has to be met;
- h) Dimension of the vehicle (where no load is carried);
- i) Intended route (if the route is not stipulated on the permit or order);
- j) Details of bridges to be crossed under supervision;
- k) Destination address;
- l) Date, time of arrival; and
- m) Details of any incident resulting in damage to a vehicle(s) or property

Where applicable (a) to (k) must be completed and a pre-briefing should be conducted by the lead pilot, prior to commencing the movement.

Record of movement details must be kept for 12 months by the Heavy Vehicle Pilot. A suggested Record of Movement form is located on the Heavy Vehicle Pilot website under www.mainroads.wa.gov.au

A Heavy Vehicle Pilot must ensure the OSOM vehicle(s) to be piloted complies with the dimensions and conditions of the permit or order before commencing the movement

If a Heavy Vehicle Pilot is required to leave the vehicle to direct road users, the driver must use a hand held 2-way radio

Communications between drivers engaged in an oversize and/or overmass movement must be conducted on UHF channel 40. If radio congestion occurs, the convoy may use another UHF channel provided a driver within the convoy monitors UHF channel 40.

When piloting an oversize and/or overmass vehicle, the lead Heavy Vehicle Pilot must ensure regular transmissions to warn other road users of the size and location of the oversize and/or overmass vehicle.

Approved reflective apparel must be worn at all times, kept in good clean condition and clearly visible during both day and night time and worn as an outer garment (not covered by any other garment or article)

Heavy Vehicle Pilots must wear safety footwear in compliance with AS/NZS 2210 Safety, Protective and Occupational Footwear (closed in shoes).

Pilot Vehicle Requirements

To accompany an oversize and/or overmass vehicle, a pilot vehicle must:

- Comply with sections 1, 2, 3 and 5 of the Oversize Vehicle & Pilot Vehicle General Requirements <https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au>
- Be equipped with a two-way radio, capable of transmitting on UHF with a minimum of 40 channels.

Further information can be found on the Main Roads website including:

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Heavy Vehicle Pilot Business Rules
- Assessment of Fitness to Drive for Commercial Drivers and Application Forms
- Record of Movement form

Please go to: <http://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au> or call Heavy Vehicle Services on 138 486

This code applies to a person who is required to accompany a restricted Access Vehicle to perform a "pilot operation" in accordance with authority granted under provisions of the Western Australian Road Traffic (Vehicles) Regulations 2014 and Road Traffic Code 2000. Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct may result in a penalty or suspension/cancellation of the WA pilot vehicle drivers licence.

* This document may be amended from time to time.