

Farm Gate Access Project permit application fee waiver – Information Sheet

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The Farm Gate Access project provides councils and industry with an effective way to support access-related decision making on low volume council roads. On 1 June 2019, Transport for NSW launched a 12 month pilot of the Farm Gate Access Project. The pilot will test the use, acceptance and benefits of the decision making framework to approve access for higher productivity vehicles.

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) coordinates the Farm Gate Access applications from start to finish. This involves liaising directly with Road Managers, both state and territory road authorities and local governments, to manage applications and issue permits.

This document provides information about the permit fee waiver for eligible Farm Gate Access applications.

Background

As the freight task continues to increase we are delivering solutions to overcome barriers in network connectivity, maximise productivity and support the local economy in regional NSW. The Farm Gate Access Project has been developed to improve the permit application process and assist councils in making timely decisions regarding safe and legal access for heavy vehicles on lower risks roads.

This provides a benefit to local farmers, participating councils and the community more broadly. The project introduces a road assessment framework, including a third party risk assessment tool. The checklist is completed and attached to the permit application and submitted through the NHVR Road Access Portal.

Eligibility

This fee waiver applies to operators accessing farms that have limited connectivity to the broader road network. These roads are generally low

volume local roads with no more than 200 vehicles per day.

This project aims to achieve better access outcomes for:

- restricted access vehicles up to and including 26m B-doubles
- vehicle combinations that are up to 4.6 metres high
- vehicles operating at Higher Mass Limits or
- vehicles travelling under productivity schemes such as the Grain Harvest Management Scheme or the Livestock Loading Scheme.

Road Trains are not included in this exemption.

Required documentation

When submitting an application through the NHVR portal, the operator must identify the permit as a 'Farm Gate Access' application and attach a copy of the completed Farm Gate Access - Checklist.

How do I get my payment exemption?

Manual Payment Exemption

1. Go to <https://www.service.nhvr.gov.au> and if not already registered, follow the prompts to set up an account.
2. Once registered, from the home screen, click on the 'Application Tracker' tile.
3. Select the 'New Application' button and enter the following customer reference "**Farm Gate Access**".
4. Select the applicable configuration set and complete all required fields.
5. Select 'Freight' option and select 'Other'.
6. Under 'Description of load' include load type which complies with this document.
Attach all required documentation (checklist should be attached here).
8. Complete and save the application as a draft by selecting the 'save' button.
9. Contact our team on (07) 3309 8794 and we will manually exempt payment and submit application.

Frequently Asked Questions

When does this fee waiver become effective?

The payment exemption will be effective as of the Monday 6 January 2020.

I am transporting fodder to supply food for stock, am I able to get a payment exemption?

Please refer to the Drought Relief Permit Payment Exemption guide on the NHVR webpage www.nhvr.gov.au

I have already applied for Farm Gate Access permits earlier this year, will I be refunded?

Unfortunately any permits issued prior will not be reimbursed; the exemption will only apply to applications submitted after this date.

Where can I find maps to show what Councils are participating in the Farm Gate Access Project?

New South Wales

[Councils participating in the Farm Gate Access Project](#)

Can I get help to submit my NHVR Portal applications?

Yes, the NHVR offers a tailored service for those who need help or support using the NHVR Portal.

The NHVR can assist you in setting up your account as well as step by-step support for submitting applications. Applicants can call 1300 MYNHVR (1300 696 487) during business hours for this service.

What State is this information sheet applicable to?

This information sheet applies to New South Wales.

Will the Farm Gate Access be added to my current permit?

No, we will be creating a new permit library for the Farm Gate Access permits and a separate permit will be issued. This will ensure that your current access is not affected.

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