

# Starting out?

## What you need to know before you hit the road.

Compliance can be complicated. This guide is intended to help new drivers get a good start in the industry.



### Maintenance

- Identify who in the business is responsible for maintenance
- Undertake thorough pre-start checks
- Record any issues and report them to the responsible person
- Do not drive a vehicle with faults which pose a significant safety risk

### Load restraint

- Determine who is taking primary responsibility for restraining the load
- If it is you, ensure your load restraint meets the Load Restraint Guide
- Even if it isn't you, inspect the load restraint and have any issues addressed

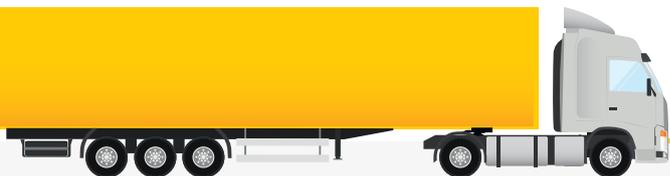
### Mass and dimension

- Know the tare mass and mass limits for your vehicle, including any applicable schemes (CML, HML etc.)
- Track the mass of the load to ensure you remain within applicable limits
- Know your dimensions. If you don't fit and comply, don't drive



### Fatigue management

- Confirm if your vehicle is fatigue regulated and which hour limit scheme you're operating under
- Determine if you're operating beyond the work diary exemption radius
- If you're fatigue regulated, but within the exemption radius, you still need to keep records, just not in a work diary
- Otherwise, complete your work diary and ensure you provide the paperwork to your record-keeper



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If you're unsure whether you meet your HVNL requirements or if you'd like more information, check with your team or visit the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator website [www.nhvr.gov.au](http://www.nhvr.gov.au).

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