

Background

Permits are required to operate certain types of Restricted Access Vehicles (RAVs) in WA and are an instrument issued by the Commissioner of Main Roads Western Australia to grant access to these vehicles to certain parts of the road network under specific operating conditions, details of which can be found on the Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) website.

All RAVs require a permit, unless they are already authorised under a class of notice issued by either the Commissioner of Main Roads or the Director General, Transport. Roads have the potential to be conditional or unconditional and some will not require Shire input. This data is updated regularly on the MRWA website and is subject to change.

Any vehicle that is not a Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) is commonly known as a General Access Vehicle or "as of right" vehicle. For example, rigid trucks and semi trailers generally do not require any permits or exemptions from regulatory requirements.

Area of Application

All of Shire

Policy Measures

General access vehicles or "as of right" may operate state-wide provided they are (source <https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/UsingRoads/HeavyVehicles>)

- not a road train or b-double;
- within regulation axle mass limits;
- 19 meters or less in combination length (or a maximum 12.5m for rigid vehicles);
- total combination mass less than 42.5 tonnes;
- width less than 2.5m (excluding mirrors and lights); and
- Height less than 4.3m.

A vehicle is classed as a Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) if that vehicle alone or together with any load, exceeds one or more of the following limits:

- mass limit prescribed in Part 8 of the Road Traffic (Vehicle) Regulations 2014; or
- one of the following dimension limits:
 - a width of 2.5m
 - a height of 4.3m
 - a length of 12.5m in the case of a motor vehicle that is not part of a combination;
 - a length of 19m in the case of a combination;
 - any other dimensions specified in the "Road Traffic (Vehicles) Regulations 2014.

Some roads with or without conditions, do not require Shire input. Any applicant that requires the use of a local access road is asked to contact the Shire of Manjimup for



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clarification. A desk top analysis will be conducted to confirm what Network the road applies to and what conditions exist (this can be found on the MRWA website). If a road is on the RAV network, the Shire of Manjimup will provide the applicant with an endorsement letter confirming the above and the road can then be used provided the applicant complies to Shire of Manjimup conditions attached to this policy (Attachment 1).

The following Route Assessment Process will be followed.

1. The following form “Application and Road Owner Support to Add or Amend a Road on a RAV Network” is to be sent to Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Services
2. Application to be forwarded to specific Main Roads Region for assessment of road under their jurisdiction.
3. The South West Region are to assess the road and provide a recommendation, with endorsement from the MRWA Regional Manager
4. Recommendations to be forwarded to Main Roads Heavy Vehicle access Planning for review and approval.
5. Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Access Planning to inform the applicant, Main Roads Region and road owner of the assessment outcomes.

An administration fee as reviewed and set by Council each year in the Schedule of Fees and Charges is applicable to all successful applicants.

Administration

The administration of this policy will be by Technical Services.

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Attachment 1

All applicants must comply with the following conditions:

1. Signs conforming to Australian Standards AS1742.3 are to be displayed within 500m of the actual entrance/exit point from the property and at all intersections and approaches during this operation, within 500m of the actual entrance/exit point from a public road. Signs to be removed when vehicles not operating.
2. A copy of the permit is to be carried in vehicles at all times.
3. All landowners within the vicinity to be notified of the operation.
4. Where the route is a School bus route contact is to be made with the bus contractor to confirm times; no trucks are to travel on the school bus route during school bus times.
5. Maximum speed on gravel roads to be 40km/h and maximum speed on sealed roads to be 50km/h for < 6m seal and 70km/h for road 6m seal or greater.
6. Vehicle headlights to be illuminated at all times whilst travelling on gravel roads.
7. Roads to remain trafficable at all times, Shire staff reserve the right to suspend any permit at any time should road conditions or unsafe practices by cartage companies make it necessary.
8. The recipient of the permit shall be responsible for any damage to infrastructure resulting from the operation (including road 'blow-outs', guide posts and kerbs, among other things). The Contractor is to immediately report any damage and to arrange for any repairs to the satisfaction of the Shire's Manager of Technical Services. Failure to report any damage, or to make good any damage in a reasonable time, could be grounds for suspending or cancelation of this permit. Furthermore, a failure to make good damage to infrastructure may prejudice any further permit application that might be made.
9. Please notify the Shire's Technical Services Department of commencement and completion dates for hauling. Phone 9771 7742 or email info@manjimup.wa.gov.au.