

**ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINE:
PILOT AND ESCORT VEHICLE
DRIVER ACCREDITATION
PROCEDURES**

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Description of Purpose

The aim of administrative guidelines is to ensure that, as far as practicable, national road transport legislative provisions and reforms are implemented consistently, despite local conditions and different administrators. This administrative guideline seeks to ensure that the accreditation and mutual recognition of drivers of pilot and escort vehicles for oversize vehicles and combinations is consistent throughout Australia.

It has been developed from the report “Mutual Recognition Of Competency Based Training Courses - Pilot And Escort Vehicles” Austroads Internal Report IR-16/01, Sydney 2001.

Objectives and Necessity

The need for an administrative guideline was identified by transport authorities and heavy vehicle industry representatives seeking consistent application of the provisions of the Road Transport Reform (Oversize and Overmass Vehicles) Regulations 1995 (OSOMs) and equivalent State legislation. Pilot and Escort operations were included in the National Road Transport Commission’s Third Heavy Vehicle Reform Package in the Industry Initiatives group as Project 1.4(b).

Identification of Alternatives

This guideline provides for the optional accreditation of drivers of Pilot and Escort vehicles in accordance with the competencies identified by the Transport and Distribution Industry Training Board¹. An alternative would be to require accreditation. The use of accredited drivers has been used successfully in some jurisdictions to reduce the need for vehicles to be accompanied by Police Officers or other public sector authorised officers.

Consultation Undertaken in Development

This guideline has been developed in close consultation with State and Territory transport authorities and pilot and escort representative organisations. The business rules and performance guidelines from which it evolved² were the subject of extensive consultation over a period of two years.

Impact

By adopting this guideline, jurisdictions will ensure that conditions in relation to the accreditation of pilot and escort vehicle drivers is administered consistently across Australia.

¹ TDT Australia develops Training Packages for the Transport & Distribution Industry, with the assistance of Commonwealth Government funds through the Australian National Training Authority (ANTA). Extensive consultation takes place with all industry sectors.

These endorsed materials provide the key information required for a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) to deliver training, assess competencies and issue qualifications.

² “Mutual Recognition Of Competency Based Training Courses - Pilot And Escort Vehicles” Austroads Internal Report IR-16/01, Sydney 2001.

Summary

This guideline is intended to be used in conjunction with the Road Transport Reform (Oversize and Overmass Vehicles) Regulations 1995. It provides information for:

- pilot and escort vehicle usage in each jurisdiction;
- accreditation of pilot and escort vehicle drivers in jurisdictions where accreditation is applicable;
- accredited operator responsibilities;
- river identification;
- suspension, cancellation or surrender of accreditation;
- visiting drivers;
- fines and penalties; and
- accreditation fees and charges.

Implementation

Under the hierarchy for the development of administrative guidelines³ this guideline can be categorised as Type 1. It contains administrative detail essential for the consistent application of national reforms relating to the movement of Oversize and Overmass vehicles and the accreditation of pilot and escort vehicle drivers, where applicable.

This guideline is intended for use in association with administrative procedures already in use by road transport authorities including police services issuing permits for the movement of these vehicles. It also provides administrative details that would be used by road transport authorities in accrediting pilot and escort vehicle drivers.

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1. SCOPE

This guideline applies to the procedures for accrediting drivers of pilot and escort vehicles when they are used in the movement of oversize vehicles and combinations.

This guideline provides for the certification of drivers of pilot and escort vehicles in jurisdictions where certification is required and provides for the operation of pilots and escorts from one State or Territory in another State or Territory.

Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia and the Northern Territory already recognise the certification of pilots and escort vehicle drivers, while South Australia, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory provide for the operation of pilots/escorts but do not offer certification. New South Wales does not recognize pilot and escort vehicle operator certification.

This guideline proposes a consistent procedural process as a basis for facilitating the movement of oversize vehicles and combinations in relation to the various requirements in Australian jurisdictions for accredited pilots and escorts.

2. PILOT AND ESCORT VEHICLE USAGE

Pilot and escort vehicles are provided for in Part 5 of the Road Transport Reform (Oversize and Overmass Vehicles) Regulations 1995 (OSOMs) which allow authorities to exempt vehicles and combinations from the mass and dimensional limits in the Australian Vehicle Standards Rules 1999 and the Mass and Loading Regulations.

Clause 1.7 (1) (b) to Schedule 1 of the OSOMs specifically provides that a pilot vehicle is required to accompany a vehicle, or combination that together with any load is wider than 3.1m or longer than 22m that travels in an urban area at night.

The OSOMs do not otherwise specify when Pilot or Escort vehicles are to be used but assume that the use of these vehicles will be specified by an authority as a condition of a permit issued under Regulation 9 as provided for in Regulation 10 (d) which requires that a permit must specify “*the conditions under which the exemption is given*”.⁴

Each State has in place either legislation or relevant policy, which is designed to complement the OSOMs. These legislative provisions range from legislation that closely follows the OSOMs model to legislation that makes specific provision for the conditions under which pilot and escort vehicles are to be used. In the case of Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia this legislation/policy includes the accreditation of pilot and escort vehicle drivers. The Northern Territory (NT) does not provide for the accreditation of pilots and escorts in legislation. However, the requirement to use accredited pilots and escorts in the NT is a condition placed on the permit exemption.

⁴ When the national Road Transport Reform (Oversize and Overmass Vehicles) Regulations were approved in April 1995 by the Ministerial Council for Road Transport (now ATC), a non-mandatory supplementary document to the Regulations titled ‘Recommended Conditions for Permit Travel’ was also approved by Council. This document sets out recommendations to road transport authorities for conditions to impose on oversize and overmass vehicles and combinations travelling under permit.

This guideline establishes a framework for certification of Pilot and Escort Vehicle Drivers in those jurisdictions that require certification.

2.1 Definitions

The OSOMs (Part 8) define Pilot and Escort vehicles as follows

“Pilot vehicle” means a vehicle being used to warn other road users of the presence of an oversize vehicle or combination”

“Escort vehicle” means a vehicle that is being used:

- (a) to transport a police officer, or other person used to direct traffic; and
- (b) to warn other road users of the presence of an oversize vehicle or combination.”

3. PILOT DRIVER/ESCORT REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Background

This guideline describes the process for the recognition of drivers of pilot and escort vehicles. The terminology used in this guideline and the equivalent operational status in each jurisdiction is defined in Table 1.

3.2 Pilot Level 1

The first level of operation is that of Pilot Level 1. This level forms the base for the gaining of experience which may assist in the recognition of prior learning for drivers who wish to gain accreditation in some States and Territories for the other levels of operation. In some jurisdictions, a test of the knowledge of a Pilot Level 1 vehicle driver is administered and drivers are given accreditation.

The NT currently does not require a knowledge test, experience or any form of accreditation for persons to perform Pilot Level 1 functions. The only requirement is that the vehicle meets all the signage requirements.

3.3 Pilot Level 2

The next level is Pilot Level 2.

To be a Level 2 pilot vehicle driver, a driver is required, as a minimum, to undertake a competency-based assessment of their knowledge of pilot operations. Accreditation is required in some jurisdictions.

A Level 2 pilot vehicle driver may also use specified signs and gestures either in a stationary or mobile situation as specified in the legislation of a jurisdiction.

Assessment for Level 2 is based on a person meeting the competency requirements of the following Transport and Distribution Industry⁵ training modules for Pilot and Escort training:

- TDTC1097B Pilot or Escort Oversized and/or Overmassed Loads.
- TDTE997B Use Pilot and Escort Communication.
- TDTF1397B Coordinate Breakdowns and Emergencies.
- A National Unit of Competency for Traffic Control for Pilots and Escorts (under consideration by VicRoads and TDT).

3.4 Escort

An Escort is generally a Police Officer or an Authorised Officer of a Transport or Road Authority. A Level 2 pilot vehicle driver who has undertaken additional training⁶ in traffic control can be appointed by a jurisdiction (WA and NT at this stage) as an Authorised Officer or Authorised Person⁷. As an authorised officer/person the escort driver may also direct traffic in both a stationary and mobile situation and may authorise a vehicle to contravene traffic regulations (not in NT). Different rules may apply in some jurisdictions so local jurisdiction legislation and requirements should be checked.

An authorised officer/person given powers in a particular jurisdiction is restricted to using those powers in that jurisdiction.

3.5 Assessment

An assessment instrument (Assessment Guideline) based upon the Transport and Distribution Modules is currently being developed and will be made available nationally to registered training providers.

4. VISITING PILOT VEHICLE AND ESCORT VEHICLE DRIVERS

Pilot or escort vehicle drivers may operate in another State or Territory under the following conditions:

4.1 Operate at Certified Level

The driver is restricted to the level of authority for which they are permitted to operate in accordance with the operating conditions applying in the jurisdiction through which the oversize vehicle or combination is being moved (refer Table 1).

⁵ TDT Australia develops Training Packages for the Transport & Distribution Industry, with the assistance of Commonwealth Government funds through the Australian National Training Authority (ANTA).

⁶ As specified by the jurisdiction or by the 'National Unit of Competency for Traffic Control for Pilots and Escorts' when developed.

⁷ Pilot and Escort vehicle requirements are detailed in the Road Transport Reform (Oversize and Overmass Vehicles) Regulations 1995

4.2 Local Conditions Apply

Operations are to be carried out in accordance with the guidelines or other conditions that apply in the State or Territory (jurisdiction) they are visiting. The current operational requirements, i.e. number of Pilot and Escort vehicles required for specific loads (dimensions) in the various jurisdictions are summarised in Attachment 1.

Table 1. Level of Authority

	NSW & ACT	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	NT	Tas
Pilot Level 1	Title - Pilot Accreditation - Nil Qualification - No	Title - Pilot Accreditation - Nil Qualification - No	Title - Pilot Accreditation - Yes Qualification - Knowledge Test	Title - General Pilot vehicle Accreditation - Nil Qualification - No	Title - Accredited Pilot Accreditation - Yes Qualification - Pilot & Escort Competencies Plus Traffic Control Module	Title - Pilot Accreditation - No Qualification No However, vehicle used must meet all the signage requirements.	Title - Pilot Accreditation - Nil Qualification - No
Pilot Level 2	N/A	Title - Certified Pilot Accreditation - Yes Qualification - Pilot & Escort experience	Title - Escort Accreditation - Yes Qualification - Pilot & Escort Competencies and Experience	N/A	Title - Accredited Pilot Accreditation - Yes Qualification - Pilot & Escort Competencies Plus Traffic Control Module	Title – Accredited Pilot Accreditation - Yes Qualification – Complete Pilot training course and demonstrate competencies.	N/A
Escort	Police	Vicroads	Police	Police	Police* *Permit issuing authority may substitute an accredited pilot where circumstances dictate.	Title – Accredited Escort Accreditation - Yes Qualification – Complete Escort training course including Police module and demonstrate competencies.	DIER Transport Inspectors

5. PILOT, ESCORT VEHICLE AND AUTHORISED ESCORTS DRIVERS CERTIFICATE/CERTIFICATION IDENTITY CARD

A Transport/Road Authority may issue a pilot vehicle driver's Certificate/Certification Identity Card (CIC) or an escort vehicle driver's Certificate/CIC.

5.1 Application

If a person applies for a Pilot or Escort Vehicle Drivers Certificate/CIC, a Transport/Road Authority may issue a Certificate/CIC for the appropriate class of Certificate/CIC provided the applicant meets the requirements of the certification procedures in Section 6.

5.2 Period of Certificate/CIC

A Certificate/CIC should be issued for a period of up to 5 years.

5.3 Certificate/CIC Fee

A Transport/Road Authority may charge an annual fee for a pilot or an escort driver's Certificate/CIC.

6. CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES / REQUIREMENTS

6.1 Application Requirements

A person applying to operate as a pilot or escort vehicle driver is required to:

- complete an application form; and
- have the necessary expertise for certification described in Sections 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4.

6.2 Pilot Level 1 Vehicle Driver Qualifications

An applicant for accreditation⁸ as a Level 1 pilot vehicle driver is required to either:

- pass a written competency test for pilot vehicle drivers; or
- have other qualifications that are equivalent to and are acceptable to the issuing authority.

6.3 Pilot Level 2 Vehicle Driver Qualifications

An applicant for accreditation⁹ as a Level 2 pilot driver's licence is required to:

- demonstrate competencies for pilot vehicle drivers based on the National Core Competencies for the Road Transport Industry for pilot and escort vehicle drivers, or present other equivalent qualifications that are acceptable to the Issuing Authority.

⁸ For those jurisdictions that require accreditation and/or qualification.

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6.4 Escort Driver Qualifications

An applicant for Authorisation as an Escort Vehicle Driver (WA and NT at this stage) other than a Police Officer or Transport/Road Authority Officer must:

- be accredited as a Level 2 Pilot vehicle driver; and
- demonstrate competencies for escort vehicle drivers based upon competencies for the Control of Traffic (refer Section 3.3 and 3.4).

6.5 Driver Licence

An applicant for accreditation as a pilot or escort vehicle driver must hold a driver licence necessary for the operation of a motor vehicle 4.5 tonne gross vehicle mass or less (i.e. C licence). Some jurisdictions may require that an applicant for accreditation as a pilot or escort driver must hold and have held, at a minimum, a provisional or C class licence for a period of 3 years.

6.6 Fee

An applicant must pay the prescribed fee for processing the application.

6.7 Appropriate Person

An applicant must be considered an appropriate person, ie the applicant has not been convicted of a disqualifying offence or been charged with a disqualifying offence which has not been finalized. Also, a case by case assessment may be considered.

NOTE: *Disqualifying Offence:*

Each jurisdiction or issuing authority may prescribe a list of disqualifying offences. Generally these would be serious offences under Criminal Legislation.

6.8 Data

The data required to complete an application include:

- applicant's name;
- applicant's usual residential address;
- preferred service address;
- driver licence number;
- driver licence class;
- date of driver licence expiry;
- record of disqualifying offences (Y/N) (If applicable); and
- details of competency achieved.

7. UPGRADING FROM PILOT LEVEL 1 TO PILOT LEVEL 2

A pilot may apply for certification as a Pilot Level 2.

7.1 Application

A pilot may apply to a Transport/Road Authority for recognition as a Pilot Level 2 (Also refer to Section 3.3).

7.2 Qualification

A person applying to operate as a Pilot Level 2 driver must meet the requirements as required for Pilot Level 2 in Section 3.3 and Section 6.

Some jurisdictions may require a minimum number of trips as a Level 1 Pilot, e.g. 12 trips before applying to become a Level 2 Pilot.

8. UPGRADING FROM PILOT LEVEL 2 TO ESCORT VEHICLE DRIVER

8.1 Application

An accredited Pilot Level 2 driver may apply to a Transport/Road Authority for authorisation as an Escort Vehicle driver.

NOTE: *Applicants should note that not all Transport/Road Authorities have pilot/escort accreditation schemes available at this stage.*

8.2 Qualification

A person applying to operate as an escort vehicle driver must meet the requirements as required for an escort in Section 3.4 and Section 6.

9. ESTABLISHING AN APPROPRIATE PERSON

An applicant for certification as a pilot or escort vehicle driver shall be an appropriate person.

The application may be refused if the applicant has been:

- convicted of a disqualifying offence; or
- charged with a disqualifying offence and the charge has not been finally resolved.

10. CERTIFICATION RENEWAL

A pilot or escort vehicle driver certification may be renewed.

10.1 Renewal Procedures

A person applying to renew certification as a pilot or escort vehicle driver must complete the following procedures:

- complete an appropriate application form;
- hold a current driver licence for the appropriate vehicle;
- be an appropriate person; and
- pay the prescribed fee.

The application for renewal is to:

- provide documentary evidence of the appropriate qualification requirements.

The applicant may be required to provide documentary evidence demonstrating continuity of involvement in the piloting task.

11. GRANTING APPLICATION FOR PILOT OR ESCORT VEHICLE DRIVER'S CERTIFICATE/CERTIFICATION IDENTITY CARD

11.1 Assessment

Upon receipt of an application for pilot or escort vehicle driver, the application is to be assessed in relation to the requirements established in Section 3.

11.2 Time Limit

A decision must be made concerning the results of the application within 28 days of the receipt of all necessary information relevant to the application.

11.3 Notification

Notification of the result must be given within 14 days after making the decision.

11.4 Records

A record of the decision is to be maintained by the Transport/Road Authority.

12. REFUSING APPLICATION FOR PILOT OR ESCORT VEHICLE DRIVER'S CERTIFICATE/ CERTIFICATION IDENTITY CARD

A Transport/Road Authority may refuse to issue a Certificate/CIC.

12.1 Application Requirements

If an application does not meet the requirements established in Section 3, the applicant is to be notified accordingly.

12.2 Time Limit

A decision must be made concerning the results of the application within 28 days of the receipt of all necessary information relevant to the application. Notification of the result must be given within 14 days after making the decision.

13. REVIEWING A DECISION

An applicant refused a pilot vehicle or escort vehicle driver's Certificate/CIC may apply for a review of a decision by a Transport/Road Authority to refuse that applicant a Certificate/CIC. Existing procedures as applicable for review of decisions in the relevant jurisdiction are to be followed.

13.1 Time Limit

An applicant for a pilot or escort vehicle driver's Certificate/CIC who has been given a notice of refusal may, within 28 days, apply in writing for a review of the decision.

13.2 Refused Pilot Driver Level 2 May be Eligible for Pilot Level 1 Certificate/CIC

An applicant for a pilot vehicle driver's Level 2 Certificate/CIC, refused on the grounds that they failed to demonstrate the necessary competencies, may be eligible to operate as a pilot if they complete the pilot vehicle driver's Level 1 application process.

The applicant may still apply for a review of the decision to refuse in writing within a 28-day period of the notification.

13.3 Reason for Review

An application for review must include the following information:

- notification of the result of the application; and
- an explanation of why the applicant considers they should be considered in the light of the disqualifying offence.

14. PROOF OF IDENTITY

A Transport/Road Authority shall ensure the identity of an applicant.

Proof of identity of the person applying to operate as a pilot or escort vehicle driver must be established in accordance with the National Road Transport Commission (NRTC) Administrative Guideline "*Proof of Identity Requirements*", August 1999 as amended from time to time.

15. PILOT OR ESCORT VEHICLE DRIVER CERTIFICATES/ CERTIFICATION IDENTITY CARDS

Each applicant approved as a Level 1 or 2 pilot or escort vehicle driver is to be issued with a Certificate/CIC document.

15.1 Certificate/CIC Data

A pilot or escort vehicle driver Certificate/CIC shall contain the following information:

- unique identification number;
- driver's full name;
- usual residential address;
- driver licence number;
- date of issue;
- date of expiry; and
- certification level.

16. INFORMATION SECURITY

Information held by a Transport/Road Authority that is of a personal or commercially sensitive nature must not be released without authority.

16.1 Information Management Guideline

The NRTC Administrative Guideline "*Management, Use and Release of Information*", September 1998 as amended from time to time is to be used when considering the release of information of a personal or commercially sensitive nature.

17. APPLICATIONS FROM RESIDENTS OF ANOTHER STATE OR TERRITORY

An applicant who normally resides in a State or Territory may apply as a pilot or escort vehicle driver in another State or Territory if the Transport/Road Authority is satisfied that there is no provision for the applicant to apply for an equivalent Certificate/CIC in the State or Territory in which the applicant normally resides.

17.1 Home State or Territory to be Notified

If an application from a resident of another jurisdiction is approved, details of that approval is to be provided to the Transport/Road Authority in the jurisdiction in which the applicant normally resides.

17.2 Out of State or Territory Certificate/CIC to be surrendered

If an applicant with accreditation from one jurisdiction takes up permanent residence in another jurisdiction, the pilot vehicle driver identity document is to be surrendered to the Transport/Road Authority in which certification is being sought. This documentation must be returned to the issuing authority.

18. DRIVER RESPONSIBILITIES

The holder of a pilot or escort vehicle driver's Certificate/CIC is required to keep the issuing authority advised of information relative to a Certificate/CIC.

18.1 Driver Licence to be Maintained

A pilot, or escort vehicle driver must advise the issuing Transport/Road Authority within 14 days if they have been advised that their driver licence is to be suspended, cancelled or modified.

18.2 Disqualifying Offence

A pilot or escort vehicle driver must advise the issuing Transport/Road Authority within 14 days if they have been charged with a disqualifying offence. (Note: refer Section 6 appropriate person.)

18.3 Change of Name

A pilot or escort vehicle driver must notify the issuing Transport/Road Authority of any change of name within 14 days and must provide proof of change of name in accordance with the NRTC Administrative Guideline "*Proof of Identity Requirements*", August 1999, as amended from time to time.

18.4 Change of Address

A pilot or escort vehicle driver must notify the issuing Transport/Road Authority of any change of address within 14 days.

18.5 Permanent Residency

If a pilot or escort vehicle driver from a jurisdiction changes address to permanently reside in another State or Territory, application is to be made for certification by the Transport/Road Authority in that jurisdiction (if that jurisdiction has an accreditation system).

19. SERVICE OF NOTIFICATIONS

Notifications required by Sections 11 and 12 must be served to the applicant's usual residential address.

20. SURRENDER

A pilot or escort vehicle driver may surrender any pilot or escort vehicle driver identification document, and a Transport/Road Authority may make a refund based on a month or part thereof calculation, less any applicable administration fees.

21. SUSPENSION OR CANCELLATION

A pilot or escort vehicle driver certification may be suspended or cancelled by the issuing authority, if the holder:

- is convicted of any offence relating to the movement of oversize vehicles and combinations in any jurisdiction such as breach of permit conditions, off route of travel, unapproved travel at night or exceeding dimensional limits;
- is convicted of a disqualifying offence (refer Section 6.7);
- has provided false or fraudulent information to the Transport/Road Authority in relation to an application;
- fails to carry and or produce a driver identification document; or
- fails to pay fees or charges or a payment has been dishonoured;

If a certification is suspended it must be returned to the issuing Transport/Road Authority and returned to the driver by the Authority at the completion of the suspension period. The suspension period is to commence from the date of surrender.

Any certification and retention of certification is conditional upon the holding of a current driver licence for the class of vehicle originally advised upon application.

If a driver licence is cancelled or disqualified, any certification is cancelled forthwith and the driver identification document is to be surrendered to the issuing Transport/Road Authority.

If a driver licence is suspended, the certification is suspended accordingly.

22. REPLACEMENT OF A CERTIFICATE/ CERTIFICATION IDENTITY CARD

A replacement Certificate/CIC may be issued if an applicant certifies that an original document has been lost, stolen or destroyed. A fee may be charged for a replacement certificate.

23. FINES AND PENALTIES

Under Regulation 14 of the OSOMs, a pilot vehicle driver is punishable on conviction by a penalty not exceeding \$2,000 if the driver accompanies a vehicle:

- on a route other than a route permitted under a notice or permit; or
- at a time other than a time which is permitted under a notice or permit; or

- accompanied by fewer than the number of pilot or escort vehicles required under a notice or permit; or
- does not comply with a requirement of Part 5 of the OSOMs which specifies the requirements for a pilot or escort vehicle including the type of vehicle, warning signs, warning lights and the positioning of vehicles.

Regulation 14 of the OSOMs provides for a similar penalty for the driver of an escort vehicle who does not comply with the provisions of Part 5.

Please note that police officers operating as pilots/escorts may be exempt from these offences.

24. FEES AND CHARGES

A Transport/Road Authority shall charge a fee for a pilot or escort vehicle driver Certificate/CIC.

24.1 Payment in Advance

Fees are to be paid in advance for the required period of certification.

24.2 Administrative Fees

A Transport/Road Authority may charge an administration fee for the replacement of documentation/certificate, information requests, etc. Such fees are to be based on the cost of providing these services in each State or Territory.

24.3 Dishonoured Payment

If a non-cash payment is dishonoured the certification may be cancelled or suspended in accordance with Section 21.

Attachment 1: Pilot and Escort Requirements by Jurisdiction

Pilot/Escort Requirements by Jurisdiction				
Dimensions	New South Wales & ACT	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia
< 3.5m width < 25m length	No Pilot	No Pilot	No Pilot	No Pilot*
3.5m - 4.5m width 25m-30m length	1 Level 1 Pilot	1 Level 1 Pilot	1 Level 1 Pilot	1 Level 1 Pilot (length to 21m only @4.5 width*
4.5m - 5.5m width 30-35m length	2 Level 1 Pilots	2 Level 2 Pilots*	2 Level 2 Pilots	2 Level 1 pilots (length to 22m only @ 5.5m width*
>5.5m width >35m length	2 Level One Pilots & contact Police	2 Level 2 Pilots and 1 Escort	2 Level 2 Pilots and Police	2 Level 1 Pilots & Police (to 25m length only @ 6.5m width)*
NOTES		Certification required to pilot loads exceeding 4.5m width and 30m length. Accreditation based on Accredited Training and experience	Pilot Accreditation based on Knowledge Test. Level 2 Pilot Accreditation based on Accredited Training and experience	<i>*Applies to Adelaide. Separate standards apply for Adelaide Hills and South Australia Country areas</i>

Pilot/Escort Requirements by Jurisdiction				
Dimensions	Western Australia	Northern Territory	Tasmania	
			Selected Torturous Routes	Major Roads
< 3.5m width < 25m length	No Pilot	No Pilot	1 Pilot >3.2 wide No Pilot <25 m long	No Pilot
3.5m - 4.5m width 25m-30m length	1 Level 2 Pilot	1 Level 1 Pilot	2 Pilot <4.0m wide 1Pilot and 1 Escort >4.0m wide 1 Pilot >28m long 2 Pilot <30m long	1 pilot
4.5m - 5.5m width 30-35m length	2 Level 2 Pilots*	2 Level 2 Pilots	1 Pilot and 1 Escort 1 Pilot and 1 Escort	1 Pilot and 1 Escort 2 Pilots
>5.5m width >35m length	2 Level 2 Pilots and Escort	2 Level 2 Pilots & 1 Escort > 6.5m width & 40 m length Police Escort also required	1 Pilot and 2 Escort 1 Pilot and 1 Escort	1 Pilot and 2 Escort 1 Pilot and 1 Escort
NOTES	<i>* Restricted to 30m length in Urban areas</i>			