



HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW

Tasmania Class 3 Bus Mass Exemption Notice 2023 (No.1)

1. Purpose

- 1) This Notice grants exemptions from the total vehicle mass requirement for specified class 3 buses in Tasmania.
- 2) This Notice revokes and replaces the *Tasmania Class 3 Heavy Vehicle Bus Mass Exemption Notice 2019 (No.1)*.

2. Authorising provision

- 1) This Notice is made under the following provision of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL):
 - a) section 117 – *Regulator’s power to exempt category of class 1 or 3 heavy vehicles from compliance with mass or dimension requirement.*
 - b) section 23 of Schedule 1 – *Regulator’s power to amend or repeal instrument.*

3. Title

This exemption Notice may be cited as the *Tasmania Class 3 Bus Mass Exemption Notice 2023 (No.1)*.

4. Commencement date

This Notice commences on 14 June 2023.

5. Expiry date

This Notice expires on 13 June 2028.

6. Definitions

- 1) Unless otherwise stated, words and expressions used in this Notice have the same meanings as those in the HVNL and its regulations.

7. Application

- 1) This exemption Notice applies to a Class 3 heavy vehicle that is a:
 - a) a two axle bus; or
 - b) a bus with a rear tandem rear axle group fitted with single tyres on one axle and dual tyres on the other; or
 - c) a bus with a rear tandem axle group fitted with dual tyres on both axles.
- 2) This Notice applies in Tasmania.
- 3) A bus to which this section applies and that complies with the conditions of this notice is an eligible vehicle.

8. Exemption – Prescribed mass requirements

- 1) An eligible vehicle is exempt from the following mass requirements under Schedule 1 of the *Heavy Vehicle (Mass Dimension and Loading) National Regulation* (MDL Regulation):
 - a) section 2 – *Mass limits for a single vehicle or combination*

Note: This exemption is from the total vehicle mass limits under section 2 of the MDL Regulation. An eligible vehicle must still comply with the axle mass limits specified in sections 3 to 5 of that Schedule.

9. Conditions – Areas and routes

- 1) An eligible vehicle complying with the conditions of this Notice is authorised to operate on all roads in Tasmania.
- 2) For the purposes of section 119(1)(a) of the HVNL, an area or route specified in this section is a stated area or route to which this Notice applies.

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