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Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) Amendments – 6 February 2016

From 6 February 2016, a series of amendments to the HVNL and Regulations will take effect. Key changes include:

- new penalty amounts for some offences, consistent across all HVNL jurisdictions alignment of vehicle standards for new and in-service vehicles
- formal recognition of [electronic work diaries](#) under the Heavy Vehicle National Law, paving the way for their rollout in 2017

Changes relating to electronic work diaries will have no immediate impact. The adoption of electronic work diaries is voluntary and is currently planned for late 2017.

Why are these changes being made?

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator works with the [National Transport Commission](#) to periodically review and amend the national law to ensure consistent application across borders and support required operational changes.

Why have some penalty amounts changed?

The National Transport Commission reviewed and adjusted some HVNL penalty amounts to ensure they were more consistent and comparable across a range of similar offences.

Where can I get more information?

<https://www.nhvr.gov.au/law-policies/heavy-vehicle-national-law-and-regulations>

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