

# Vehicle Inspectors Bulletin No. 15

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## Steer Axle Mass Permit – Revised Fees

### Policy

Permits of exemption are available for road train rated prime movers where the mass on a single steer axle exceeds the regulatory limit.

**Note:**

Heavy vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) of 15 tonnes or over which meet the requirements of the 2007 steer axle gazette notice may operate up to 6.5 tonnes steer axle mass without a permit - refer to **VIB 12 “6.5 Tonne Steer Axle Mass”**.

### Requirement

Effective from 22 December 2008 revised fees apply to the issue of steer axle permits for **Road Train Rated** prime movers.

### Period Permits

Where a steer axle exemption is requested in addition to other exemptions, a separate steer axle permit may be issued in accordance with **Table 1**.

### Single Trip Permits

Where a steer axle exemption is requested in addition to other exemptions, a separate steer axle period permit may be issued in accordance with **Table 1**.

**Note:**

The steer axle period permit will generally be issued as a separate permit to any other permit.

Where a period permit is issued for an overmass steer axle and other exemptions, each applicable fee will be added to give a total permit fee.

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## Livestock Loading Period Permits

Where a steer axle exemption is requested in addition to a permit for **Livestock Loading**, the steer axle exemption shall be inclusive of the Livestock Loading Permit fee (i.e. \$126.00 for a triple road train with trailers up to 13 tonnes tare mass) - Tyre size requirements as per **Table 1** are applicable.

### Note:

A manufacturer's rating letter is required for all new applications to verify that the front axle, suspension and tyre ratings are acceptable for the requested mass. Manufacturer's component ratings must not be exceeded and permits may only be issued if the prime mover is fitted with the appropriate tyres - refer **Table 1**.

**Table 1: Fee and Tyre Section Width for an Overmass Steer Axle Permit**

Measured Mass	Fee	Tyre Section Width (minimum)
6.0 tonne to 6.5 tonne	\$100.00	295mm
>6.5 tonne to 6.6 tonne	\$200.00	375mm
>6.6 tonne to 6.7 tonne	\$300.00	375mm
>6.7 tonne to 6.8 tonne	\$400.00	375mm
>6.8 tonne to 6.9 tonne	\$500.00	375mm
>6.9 tonne to 7.0 tonne	\$600.00	375mm

## Action

For the purposes of enforcement, where the **assessed** axle mass is recorded as exceeding 6.0 tonnes and **no** permit of exemption is carried, breaching may occur. A single trip permit (\$18.00) may be issued provided no manufacturer's limit is exceeded or the axle mass must be legalised to allow the vehicle to proceed.

For the purposes of enforcement, where the **assessed** axle mass is recorded as exceeding a permit limit, breaching may occur. Revocation of the permit carried is not required however, the operator will need to comply with the permit limits before proceeding.