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# NEW SAFETY SIGNAGE FOR ROAD TRAINS

**BEGINS 1 JULY 2024**

• **Effective 1 January 2025**

## SUMMARY

Western Australia will become the first state to implement new pictorial length signage on road trains which aim to enhance road safety by providing clearer visual cues to other road users, starting from 1 July 2024. The W.A. transport industry will have a six-month transition period from 1 July 2024 to comply with the new regulatory signs, ensuring a smooth changeover to this improved safety system. All signs must be updated by 1st January 2025.

Designed to improve road safety, these new signs provide clearer visual information to other drivers to better gauge the length of the road trains in front of them, aiding in safer decision-making & overtaking.

## WHAT STATES ARE IMPACTED?

**The legislation is specifically for Western Australia.**

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) and Northern Territory (NT) Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics have agreed to recognise the WA 'long vehicle' and 'road train' signage crossing borders.

Interstate Heavy Vehicle Operators travelling into W.A. will not face penalties under the new regulations, as existing warning signage will still be recognised and accepted.

## WHAT ARE THE NEW SIGNS?

The new signage will replace the existing 'ROAD TRAIN' or 'LONG VEHICLE' signs, which currently cover vehicle combinations ranging from 22 metres to 60 metres in length.



This new range will indicate the number of trailers and the total length of the vehicle, depicted as an equivalent number of car lengths. This visual representation offers a more accurate understanding of road train size, promoting safer road sharing. See examples below:

27.5m Long Road Train Warning Sign:



36.5m Long Road Train Warning Sign:



53.5m Long Road Train Warning Sign:



- **NEW SIGNS ARE THE SAME SIZE AND MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS AS THE EXISTING SIGNS IN OUR RANGE** •
- **NO EXTRA SIGNS ARE REQUIRED TO BE CARRIED** • **NEW SIGNS ARE FOR REAR OF THE VEHICLE ONLY** •

**You have until 1 January 2025 to comply with the new signage requirements for road trains.**

**A breach of permit is a minimum penalty of \$600 and up to \$5,000 for an individual.**

This is a summary only. We recommend reviewing the legislation in full, which can be found on [www.mainroads.wa.gov.au](http://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au)

**The new signs can be customised to suit specific mounting requirements for fleet or volume purchases.**

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Sources: Mainroad Western Australia, National Heavy Vehicle Regulation.

