

Hahndorf Truck Restriction

Fact Sheet

Effective Monday, 30 October 2023, trucks over 15m are no longer permitted to drive through the township of Hahndorf.

Signs have been installed on major entry points to Hahndorf to alert truck drivers.



What is a truck?

The Australian Road Rules defines a truck as a motor vehicle with a Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) over 4.5 tonnes, except a bus, tram or tractor.

What type of trucks does the restriction apply to?

All semi-trailers and truck/trailer combinations of over 15 metres in length will need to abide by the Hahndorf township restrictions. Buses will not be impacted by this change.

Will some trucks still be allowed into Hahndorf?

Trucks whose main destination is Hahndorf will still be permitted – for example deliveries to local businesses. The restrictions only apply to trucks that are passing through the town.

If the truck's main destination lies outside the Hahndorf Township, the driver is not allowed to drive past a "No Trucks" sign that has information in it indicating the size of a vehicle, if the vehicle they're driving is longer than that length (not including a bus). They will need to use a different route to reach their destination.

What do the signs look like?

The signs look like this.



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What routes will trucks now be required to use?

There are multiple alternative routes for truck drivers to use depending on their origin and destination. Truck drivers may choose to go around Hahndorf via Strathalbyn Road, Onkaparinga Valley Road, Flaxley Road, Junction Road, River Road, Mount Barker Road or via the South Eastern Freeway, for example.

These roads are already general access routes allowing for trucks up to 19m in length, and heavy vehicle movements are already being undertaken safely.

Is the Department changing the road classifications in the area with the introduction of new truck routes?

The Department is not changing the classification of any roads, other than updating the PBS1A classification in Hahndorf, to include a note on the new restriction.

This has been reflected on RAVNET, the on-line tool used by Heavy Vehicle Operators to plan their route.

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What are the benefits of removing the trucks from Hahndorf?

The removal of trucks is part of the overall revitalisation of the Hahndorf Main Street. This upgrade aims to improve the amenity, safety and experience for the people using Main Street, supporting Hahndorf to remain a thriving Adelaide Hills community and one of South Australia's most loved tourism destinations.