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Section 1 - How to use this handbook

The Heavy Vehicle Drivers' Handbook is an informative resource addressing the general rules and regulations that apply to heavy vehicles and the obligations of heavy vehicle drivers in the Northern Territory.

This handbook is divided into sections to make it easy to find what you need to know to operate a heavy vehicle safely and legally on the road.

You will need to refer to this handbook – in conjunction with the Road Users' Handbook – to prepare for the heavy vehicle drivers knowledge test. It is also helpful for experienced drivers who want to check current rules. The glossary of terms at Section 9 explains the meaning of words used in the heavy vehicle industry.

To make it easy to find what you want to know this handbook has been divided into the following sections:

- **Section 2 – Licences** provides licensing requirements for people wanting to obtain a licence to drive or ride on Northern Territory roads. It is also useful for drivers planning to upgrade a licence to drive a different vehicle, such as a truck.
- **Section 3 – Driver management** provides information on driver health, influences that can adversely affect a persons driving ability and legal responsibilities.
- **Section 4 – Safe driving** provides key safe driving techniques and behaviours for all drivers.
- **Section 5 – Heavy vehicle road rules** provides coverage of the main rules governing heavy vehicles and road users.
- **Section 6 – Knowing the vehicle**
- **Section 7 – Vehicle dimensions & loading**
- **Section 8 – Penalties** provides an overview of the penalties for traffic offences.
- **Section 9 – Glossary** provides definitions that you can refer to if you are unsure what a precise term means.
- **MVR Offices:** provides contact information for MVR offices.