

Pilot and Escort Requirements

Changes to Pilot and Escort Requirements for Oversize Loads in South Australia

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Pilot and police escort vehicles are essential in preserving road safety when large oversize loads are moved on the road. Pilot vehicles with appropriate signage provide advance warning to approaching traffic. For larger oversize loads police escorts are required for the safe movement of other traffic.

The pilot and escort charts published by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) have recently been updated, as well as the requirements for convoy and night travel.

South Australia is divided into three areas for the purpose of determining escort requirements:

- Adelaide Area
- Adelaide Hills Area and
- SA Country Area.

The escort changes only affect the Adelaide Metropolitan Area and the SA Country Area. There are no changes to the Adelaide Hills Area.

Situational Factors

The pilot and escort requirements described are the **minimum** level. There may be situations or factors such as traffic volumes, terrain, or accident history, where additional pilot and/or police escorts may be required. This will be assessed on an individual basis. The DPTI Road Manager or SA Police Escort Section may apply additional escorts if necessary to ensure the safety of other road users.

Exclusion Times

Where a police escort is required, no oversize travel will be permitted:

- on South Australian public holidays
- during public holiday periods or
- during major events (e.g. Tour Down Under)

A public holiday period means a period of three or more consecutive days covering a declared SA public holiday and adjacent weekend days (*for example Easter and every long weekend*); and the period between 23 December and 3 January (inclusive).

Convoy Travel

Vehicles travelling in convoy will be escorted from their origin to destination. Previously convoy travel was limited to specific times and days of the week, these conditions have been removed to allow convoy travel at police discretion, which is designed to increase flexibility for operators transporting oversize loads. The requirements have been amended to the condition below:

Two pilots and a minimum of two (2) escorts and up to four (4) escorts to accompany the permit vehicles, with the time and days of travel at the discretion of the SA Police Escort Section.



Night Travel

The *Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation* provides for night travel for vehicles up to 3.1m and 22m in length.

Night travel will be considered within South Australia (excluding the Adelaide Hills Area) taking into account safety implications, the size and nature of the load and route characteristics with the pilot and escort requirements. The policy for night travel has been amended accordingly and is reflected in the table below:

Adelaide Metropolitan Area

| Escort Requirements for Night Travel for Class 1 and 3 Vehicles and Loads in the Adelaide Metropolitan Area | | |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Dimensions of Vehicle including load | Minimum Number of Pilot Vehicles | Escort Vehicles |
| Width >3.1 and <4.0m and/or Length >22m and <30m | 2 pilot vehicles required | nil |
| Width > 4.0m and/or Length >30m | 2 pilot vehicles required | Up to 3 escorts required |

Note: The Adelaide Metropolitan Area curfew times remain unchanged.

SA Country Area

Night travel in the SA Country Area will be considered on a special assessment.

Areas of the state where additional escorts are required

Additional escorts may be required in areas to ensure the safe movement of the oversize load. Refer to [Oversize and overmass vehicles](#) for more details.

Escort pick up/drop off locations

Outline below are preferred escort pick up locations, with locations identified as part of the escort condition:

Prior to Adelaide Metropolitan Area

- **Shea-Oak Log:** The parking bay 2.3km south-west of Daveyston Road, Sturt Highway; previously recorded as the parking bay north east of Shea-Oak Log on the Sturt Highway
- **Mount Barker Summit:** The rest area 17kms north-west of Callington exit on the South Eastern Freeway.
- **Sellicks Hill:** The parking bay at the intersection of Main South Road and Country Road, Sellicks Beach
- **Currency Creek:** The junction of Goolwa Road and Alexandrina Road, Currency Creek
- **Lower Light:** The parking bay at Port Wakefield Road, Lower Light
- **Bolivar:** First parking bay north of the Caltex service station on Port Wakefield Road, Bolivar
- **Accommodation Hill:** First parking bay east of Truro (approximately 8km) on top of Accommodation Hill
- **Glen Osmond:** The intersection of Portrush Road and South Eastern Freeway, Glen Osmond (travelling east bound)
- **Athelstone:** the intersection of Ryan Avenue and Gorge Road, Athelstone
- **Tea Tree Gully:** the intersection of Haines Road and North East Road, Tea Tree Gully

Borders

- **South Australia / Victoria**
 - **Bordertown:**
 - BP Service Station, Bordertown, or
 - Rest stop on the Dukes Highway, Serviceton
 - **Yamba:**
 - Fruit fly inspection point, Sturt Highway, Yamba; or
 - Service Station, Yamba
 - **Mumbannar**
 - The parking bay 6km south east of the border on the Princes Highway, Mumbannar
 - **Pinnaroo**
 - BP Service Station on the Mallee Highway, Pinnaroo
- **South Australia / Northern Territory**
 - The Stuart Highway, Kulgera (the service station or border park)
- **South Australia / New South Wales**
 - The parking bay at the Barrier Highway, Cockburn
- **South Australia / Western Australia**
 - Opposite the BP Service Station on the Eyre Highway, Border Village.

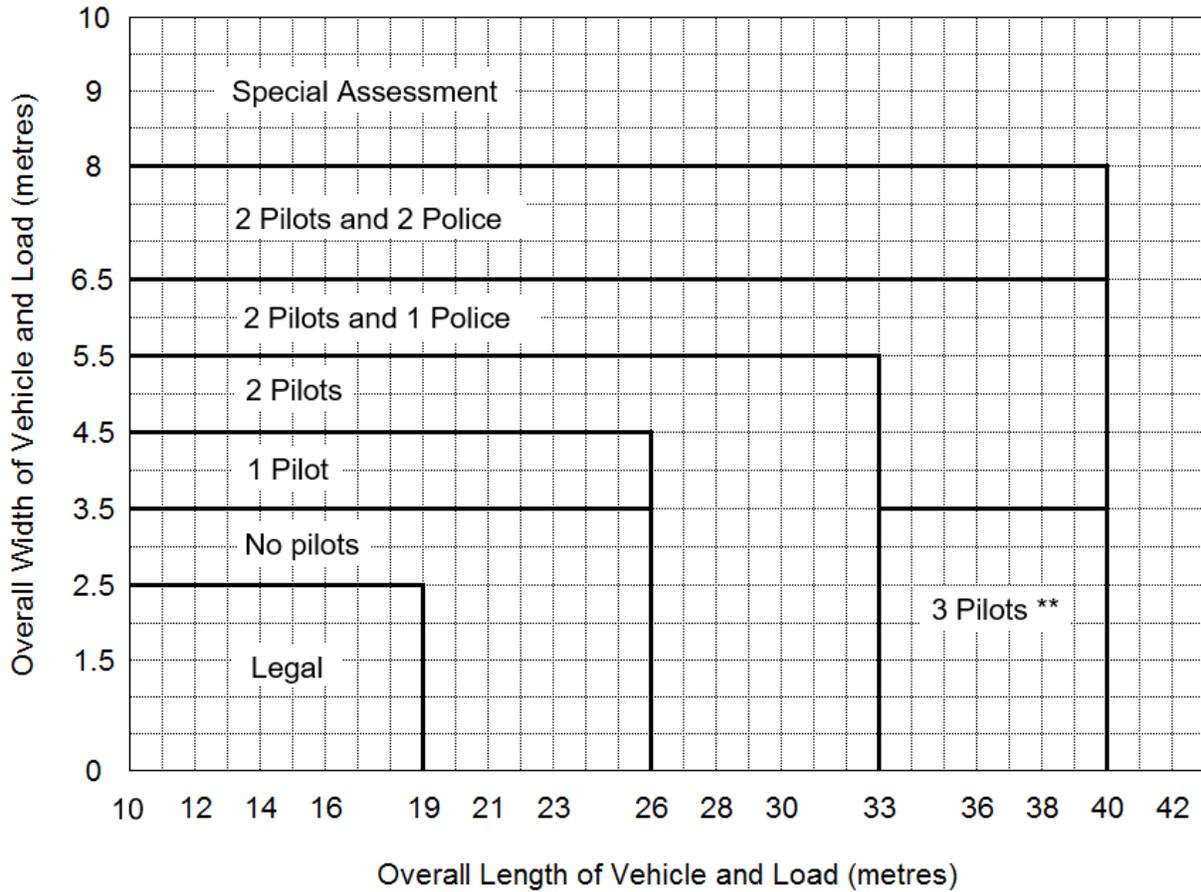
Other locations:

- **Lyndhurst**



Daytime Escort Charts for Oversize Vehicles and Loads

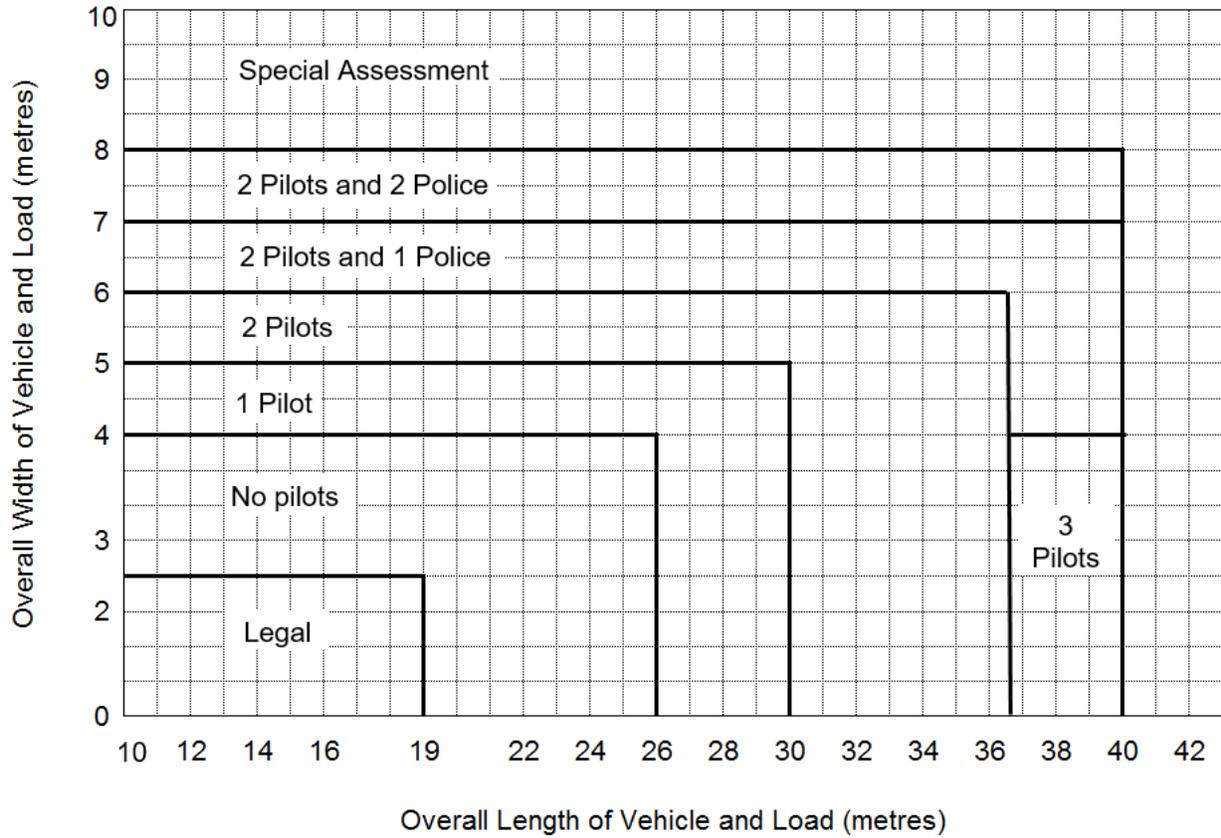
Minimum Pilot and Escort Requirements – Adelaide Metropolitan Area



Note: ** an escort(s) may be required and will be assessed on a case by case basis using the following criteria - time and date of movement, traffic volumes, requested route, number of turn movements, and road geometry



Minimum Pilot and Escort Requirements – SA Country Area



Minimum Pilot and Escort Requirements – Adelaide Hills Area

