



Federal Interstate Registration Scheme (FIRS) Closure

Question	Answer
When is FIRS closing?	<p>FIRS is now closed to new entrants and renewals.</p> <p>Between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019 inclusive, heavy vehicles registered under FIRS will move to an alternative registration scheme upon expiry of FIRS registration. Your local road agency will send out a notification about what to do before your FIRS registration expires.</p> <p>From 1 July 2019, FIRS will be closed to all operators and no FIRS registrations will be valid.</p>
What is changing?	<p>On 1 July 2018, FIRS commenced transitional closure, with FIRS registered vehicles garaged in NSW, QLD, South Australia, Tasmania and the ACT able to change to a National Heavy Vehicle registration plate.</p> <p>If you have a FIRS vehicle garaged in Victoria, you can access the National Heavy Vehicle plate from 1 October 2018.</p> <p>If you have a FIRS vehicle garaged in WA or the NT, you will move on to the WA or NT registration plate as these jurisdictions will not be rolling out the National Heavy Vehicle plate.</p> <p>Further information on registration is available on your local road agency's website.</p> <p>Further information on the national heavy vehicle arrangements will be available on the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator's website at https://www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/registration</p>
Will my FIRS vehicle registration continue to be valid?	<p>Your FIRS registration rights and responsibilities will continue to be recognised by road authorities over the life of your valid FIRS registration period.</p>
When will I have to change over registration?	<p>You will need to change your registration when your FIRS registration is about to expire.</p> <p>If you have a FIRS registration that expires after 1 July 2018, you will be notified by your local road agency of what to do in the lead up to your expiry. Should you wish to change registration early, you should contact your local road agency.</p>

Will my FIRS vehicle still require a registration label after 1 July 2018?	Yes. FIRS vehicles will be required to display registration labels until expiry or until 30 June 2019.
What happens if I lose or damage my FIRS identifiers (i.e. registration label or plates) in the transition period?	You will need to contact your local road agency to request a replacement. Lost or damaged registration labels for FIRS vehicles will be replaced by road agencies up until 30 June 2019 (as per current practise). The usual processes for lost or damaged identifiers will still apply, and you still risk an infringement for not displaying the appropriate registration label or plates.
Will I have to hand in my FIRS registration plates when I transition to another registration system?	Yes. You will have to surrender your expired FIRS plates to your local road agency. You should contact your local road agency to discuss registration plate arrangements.
Will FIRS registration plates still be valid from 30 June 2019?	No. As of 1 July 2019 all FIRS registration plates will be invalid.
When I move my vehicle off FIRS will I have to go through a heavy vehicle inspection or get a roadworthy certificate?	Generally no, if your garaging address under FIRS is the same as the state or territory registration system you are moving to. However, if your vehicle is due for an inspection anyway, or you are moving your vehicle to a new registration system (i.e. with a new garaging address), then you may be subject to an inspection. The best way to find out is to contact your local road agency.
If I decide to move my FIRS vehicle to another registration scheme before expiry, will I be refunded the balance?	Yes. If you cancel your FIRS registration and move to another registration system, you are entitled to a refund of the remaining balance of the FIRS registration.
What happens if I am selling or buying a FIRS-registered heavy vehicle?	It is the responsibility of the buyer to check the registration expiry date of a second-hand vehicle prior to purchase. The buyer should ask to see the registration certificate, which the seller is required to provide. If you are buying a heavy vehicle still registered under FIRS you will need to change over to an alternative registration scheme when that FIRS registration expires. If it is within the transition period (1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 inclusive) then you will not have to pay stamp duty when you change over.
I am a heavy vehicle dealer – what do I need to know?	You can no longer register a heavy vehicle under FIRS. Your local road agency will issue you with either a national heavy vehicle registration plate or a state plate (depending on your location). Please contact your local road agency for further information.
Are the new national heavy vehicle registration arrangements simply replicating FIRS?	No. The new national heavy vehicle registration arrangements will provide national plates to update the state registration schemes, and allow flexibility by allowing both intrastate and interstate trade. FIRS, which was established 30 years ago to facilitate interstate trade, is now closed to new entrants.

<p>Where can I find more information about the FIRS closure?</p>	<p>For further information on the FIRS closure see the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities website at: https://infrastructure.gov.au/roads/firs/index.aspx</p> <p>Alternatively, you can email: FIRS@infrastructure.gov.au</p> <p>The FIRS phone line on 1800 026 170 during business hours (or leave a message with contact details).</p>
<p>What is meant by 'national registration' for heavy vehicles?</p>	<p>National arrangements for the registration of heavy vehicles is the ongoing process of implementing greater consistency and support for heavy vehicle operators, through better alignment of heavy vehicle registration functions.</p> <p>This first phase of the national arrangements—rolled out from 1 July 2018—includes availability of a new national heavy vehicle plate (except in Northern Territory or Western Australia), removing outdated requirements for heavy vehicle registration labels and the implementation of consistent registration due date arrangements.</p> <p>From 1 October 2018 operators will have free read-only access to fleet registration details on the new Registration Module of the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator Portal. Australian, state, and territory governments have delivered the first stage of heavy vehicle registration reforms, and will continue to progress further industry-benefiting reforms during 2018-19.</p>
<p>Where can I find out more about heavy vehicle registration arrangements that commenced on 1 July 2018?</p>	<p>The following websites provide more information:</p> <p>NSW: : http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/heavy-vehicles/registration/federal-interstate-registration-scheme.html Ph: 13 22 13</p> <p>QLD: https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/registration/register/heavy/registration-scheme Ph: 13 23 80 (When prompted, say 'Rego')</p> <p>SA: www.sa.gov.au/topics/driving-and-transport/heavy-vehicles/registering-a-heavy-vehicle/heavy-vehicle-registration-scheme Ph: 13 10 84</p> <p>TAS: www.transport.tas.gov.au/registration/options/heavy_vehicles Ph: 1300 135 513</p> <p>ACT: www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/2950 Ph: 13 22 81</p> <p>VIC: www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/registration - Ph: 13 11 71</p> <p>WA: https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/licensing/federal-interstate-registration-scheme-firs.asp Ph: 13 11 56</p> <p>NT: nt.gov.au/driving/heavy Ph: 08 8951 5298</p> <p>NHVR: https://www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/registration Ph: 1300 MYNHVR (1300 696 487)</p>