

**Reference No:** MD 13/P

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**TO ALL: TRANSPORT CONSULTANTS AND HAULIERS IN THE RSA  
PROVINCIAL ABNORMAL LOAD PERMIT OFFICES  
WESTERN CAPE MUNICIPAL TRAFFIC DEPARTMENTS AND THE PROVINCIAL  
TRAFFIC SERVICE**

Dear Sir / Madam

1. In terms of the provisions of standard condition 9(a) of the abnormal load/vehicle exemption permit policy the transportation of abnormal loads and movement of abnormal vehicles are restricted on public roads during weekends and public holidays (including certain days near the public holidays).
2. As school terms are also taken into consideration the terms for 2025 are also reflected below for your information. The Department will in due course issue another circular indicating how the restrictions will be applied during the December 2025/January 2026 holiday period. Such circular will be forwarded to all role-players in advance of the commencement of the said holiday period.
3. As the Department is committed to promoting and enhancing road safety you are, hereby, advised of the following restriction periods that will apply during 2025 (including January 2026).

<b>WEEKENDS</b>	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAYS</b>	<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>	<b>EMBARGO PERIOD</b>
<b>ALL</b>	21 MARCH	28 MARCH – 08 APRIL	<b>20 MARCH 2025</b> (13h00 - LONG WEEKEND) <b>28 MARCH 2025</b> (13:00 – SCHOOL CLOSE)
	18 April 21 April 27 April 28 April	29, 30 APRIL	<b>17 APRIL 2025</b> (13H00 – EASTER WEEKEND) <b>25 APRIL 2025</b> (13H00 – LONG WEEKEND) <b>30 APRIL 2025</b> (13H00 – LONG WEEKEND)
	01 May	02 MAY	<b>01 MAY 2025</b> <b>02 MAY 2025</b>
	16 June	27 JUNE – 22 JULY	<b>13 JUNE 2025</b> (13H00 – LONG WEEKEND) <b>27 JUNE 2025</b> (13:00 SCHOOL CLOSURE)
	09 AUGUST 2024		<b>08 AUGUST 2024</b> (13h00)
	24 SEPTEMBER		<b>24 September 2025</b>

		06 OCT - 10 OCT	<b>03 Oct</b> (13h00 School Closure)
	16 DECEMBER 25 - 26 December 01 JANUARY 2026	12 December 2025 – 15 January 2026	<b>DECEMBER/JANUARY HOLIDAY PERIOD</b>

4. During the embargo period, an application that is deemed to be an **emergency or essential** may be submitted, provided that:
  - 4.1 A motivation for the necessity of the movement of the load/vehicle is submitted. This motivation must be uploaded to the Western Cape online abnormal permit application system at the same time that the application is submitted.
  - 4.2 The route that is being considered must be acceptable to all role-players. This specific route and its traffic conditions must be able to accommodate such movement during the required period.
  - 4.3 However, a prerequisite for such an application to be considered is the availability of provincial traffic officers in the case where traffic escort is required. Where such an application will also entail travel within the boundaries of the City of Cape Town, the City must also confirm the availability of their traffic officers for escort.
5. Your customary cooperation, with submitting timely, correct, and complete applications on the WCG online system, will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

**RW BARREIRO**  
**DIRECTOR: TRANSPORT ADMINISTRATION AND LICENSING**

**Date:** 21 January 2025