

Module	<b>TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS</b>
Jurisdictions	<b>CTH, NSW, VIC, SA, TAS, WA, NT, QLD, ACT</b>
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## Module Scope

Is your organisation a road transport operator required to gain and maintain its accreditation for road operations, and comply with its obligations under the road safety laws?

Does your organisation have heavy vehicles within its road transport fleet that are involved in the transportation of goods throughout the supply chain?

Is your organisation rail transport operator required to gain and maintain its accreditation for rail transport operations, and comply with its obligations under the Rail Safety National Law (RSNL)?

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## Module Application

The *TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS* module informs transport operators of road and rail activities in each state and territory of what their legal obligations are and what procedures and processes they should have in place to ensure compliance.

The *TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS* module comprehensively covers a wide range of topics from these areas of the transport and logistics industry:

- Administration
- Logistics management
- Road vehicle operations and management
- Rail transport operations and management

Across all of these areas the legal and regulatory obligations are related to accreditation and licencing, and ensuring that systems, procedures and processes are implemented to support ongoing safety and compliance in transport operations.

The specific questions and answers covered by the module are:

- What are the legal obligations of transport operators?
- How do the legal obligations apply to different transport operators?
- What processes or procedures should be in place to ensure compliance?
- What are the consequences if the legal obligations are breached?

The administrative obligations covered by the module include:

- Implementing safety and emergency systems
- Identifying responsible parties in supply chains
- Employee and contractor management
- Requirements for accreditation, registration and road access
- Investigation and enforcement by authorised officers

The logistical obligations covered by the module include:

- Warehousing and inventory management
- Loading road vehicles
- Transporting freight containers
- Transporting dangerous goods

The obligations relating to road vehicle operations and management covered by the module include:

- Drivers and fatigue management
- Road vehicle registration and certification
- Vehicle design, configuration and modifications
- Maintenance, repairs and defects
- Network access and programs

The obligations relating to rail transport operations and management covered by the module include:

- Train drivers and rail safety workers
- Railway reports and notifications
- Management of private sidings

The *TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS* module covers the role of the transport operators in road and rail operations within Australia. This module does not cover the role or actions of transport operators conducting international operations, or logistics in maritime shipping or air cargo.

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