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Christmas and New Year permit processing for HPMV, 50MAX, and Over Dimension Loads plus OD travel access

Waka Kotahi has advised the following dates for HPMV Higher Mass and Overweight Permit issuing over the Christmas period:

- **Last day for receipt of Overweight and HPMV Permit applications – Friday, 10 December 2021**
- **Last day for issuing of Overweight and HPMV Permits – Friday, 17 December 2021**
- **First day for issuing of Overweight and HPMV Permits – Monday, 10 January 2022**

Waka Kotahi's Palmerston North team will be taking a deserved break during the days leading up to the New Year (28, 29 and 30 \December), but there will be a skeleton staff available to issue emergency permits.

New and Renewal 50MAX and Overlength applications will commence 5 January 2022.

Over dimension application processing remains open however, please refer to the holiday restrictions for over dimension travel in the attached PDF or through the following link: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/Commercial-Driving/docs/Holiday-travel-times-for-overdimension-loads.pdf>

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Holiday travel times for overdimension loads

The closedown times for overdimension loads are contained in the Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2016, [Section 6.20](#).

In summary:

Category 1	No specific dates, normal travel times apply
Category 2	<p>Must not travel on a national public holiday, or after 4pm on the day preceding a national public holiday.</p> <p>Must not travel between 23 December and 3 January inclusive.</p> <p>Also a general requirement not to travel at times when there are unusually heavy traffic volumes.</p>
Category 3 and 4	<p>Must not travel on a national public holiday, or for the rest of the day after the commencement of the earliest applicable morning travel restriction time specified in Schedule 9 & 10 on the day preceding a national public holiday.</p> <p>Must not travel between 22 December and 5 January inclusive.</p>

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