

A-frame Towing Requirements

Australian Regulations - State By State

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Hello Fellow Traveller

Thank you for your interest and for downloading my "*State by State*" *Guide to A-Frame Towing Regulations in Australia.*

While being as accurate as I can make this Guide for you at the time of writing, Australian State Government Rules and Regulations are subject to change without notice.

That said the information supplied here is for your convenience only.

Should you want more precise and thorough details to answer specific question not covered in this Guide I urge you to seek that information for yourself from the various State Government bodies concerned.

Enough for the disclaimers.

I hope you find this guide useful.

All the Best & Thank You

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Queensland

It is not a requirement to display any sign indicating a vehicle is under tow. However, drivers may do so if they wish.

Turning Vehicle Sign

If the length of the vehicle combination is 7.5 metres or longer, you may have a sign "Do not overtake turning vehicle" displayed at the rear of the (towed vehicle) combination.

This sign can be either a separate sign, or the words can be on the left hand marking plate only (if only one sign/plate is used), or on both the left and the right hand side if two plates/signs are used .

Note: A person must not display a DO NOT OVERTAKE TURNING VEHICLE sign if the vehicle's length (together with any load or projection) is less than 7.5mtrs.

Western Australia

If your combination (the towing vehicle together with the towed vehicle) is 7.5 metres long or longer, you may display the sign do not overtake turning vehicle at the rear. This can be either a separate sign or incorporated on one of the pair of rear marking plates.

It is in a fence not to display this sign on a vehicle (meaning the towing vehicle together with the towed vehicle) with the combined length of more than 7.5 metres long lines long if lanes need to be straddle when turning.



Is an offence to display this sign on a combination (meaning the towing vehicle together with the towed vehicle) with a combined length less than 7.5 metres long. However it is not illegal to use a standard rear marking plates without the words "Do Not Overtake Turning Vehicle" on such a vehicle.

Victoria

At the time of writing no specific rules or regulations regarding the display of a "Vehicle Under Tow" or "Do Not Overtake Turning Vehicle" sign exist in the Vic Roads Vehicle Standards.

That said there is no rule forbidding there use that I could find.

For safety reasons you may decide to display your "Vehicle Under Tow"/"Do Not Overtake Turning Vehicle" sign anyway. To my knowledge this is not forbidden.

New South Wales

A removable sign must be displayed at the rear of the towed vehicle with

the words 'VEHICLE UNDER TOW' in characters at least 75 millimetres high.

The lettering must appear on a contrasting background (ie. Red on white, or black on yellow).

A special turning concession applies to vehicles or vehicle combinations over 7.5 metres long which display a prescribed sign at the rear with the words 'DO NOT



Custom Vehicle Signs Too...

OVERTAKE TURNING VEHICLE'.

This sign may be either a separate sign or can be combined with the

marking plate on the left hand side.

South Australia

If your combination (the towing vehicle together with the towed vehicle) is 7.5 metres long or longer, you may display the sign "DO NOT OVERTAKE TURNING VEHICLE" at the rear.

This can be either a separate sign or incorporated on one of a pair of rear marking plates.

If this sign is attached to the rear of your combination, other vehicles must give way whilst your combination uses part or all of an adjacent second lane for turning. You will have the right of way to complete such turns.

It is offence not to display this sign on a vehicle (meaning the towing vehicle together with the towed vehicle) with a combined length of more than 7.5 metres long if lanes need to be straddled when turning.

It is an offence to display this sign on a combination (meaning the towing vehicle together with the

VEHICLE UNDER TOW
DO NOT OVERTAKE TURNING VEHICLE
OVERALL LENGTH 15.5 Mtrs



towed vehicle) with a combined length less than 7.5 metres long.

However, it is not illegal to use standard rear marking plates without the words 'DO NOT OVERTAKE TURNING VEHICLE' on such a vehicle.

Tasmania

At the time of writing no specific rules or regulations regarding the display of a "Vehicle Under Tow" or "Do Not Overtake Turning Vehicle" sign exist in the Tasmanian Vehicle and Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Regulations 2001.

That said there is no rule forbidding there use that I could find.

For safety reasons you may decide to display your "Vehicle Under Tow"/"Do Not Overtake Turning Vehicle" sign anyway. To my knowledge this is not forbidden.

Northern Territory

At the time of writing no specific rules or regulations regarding the display of a "Vehicle Under Tow" or "Do Not Overtake Turning Vehicle" sign exist in the Northern Territories Motor Vehicle Registry Information Bulletin V65 - Northern Territory Requirements for "A"-frame Towing of Vehicles.

That said there is no rule forbidding there use that I could find.

For safety reasons you may decide to display your "Vehicle Under Tow"/"Do Not Overtake Turning Vehicle" sign anyway. To my knowledge this is not forbidden.

For anymore help with your Towed Vehicle sign needs, you can reach Steve at this email address.

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All the Best

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