

Permit Application Process for Transporting a Round Bale Picker in NSW [2015 Harvest Season]

This guidance note has been prepared by Cotton Australia and is aimed towards helping to explain the Permit application process for transportation in NSW of the John Deere 7760 round bale cotton picker during the 2015 cotton harvest period.

Conditional registration is required for the JD 7760 round bale cotton picker. Access for these cotton pickers in NSW is through a Class 1 permit for 'walking' or by 'floating'.

Intrastate Travel

For travel within NSW:

- You can apply directly to RMS for travel on the RMS state managed network by completing a [Specific Permit Application form](#) - *Application for SPV and agricultural permit (required for 'walking')* and an *application for load carrying permit (required for 'floating')*:
- You also need to seek the approval of the relevant local Councils for travel on Council roads. You can find the relevant local Council on the [Division of Local Government website](#).

Interstate Travel

For travel between NSW and another state you will need to seek a permit directly from the [NHVR](#).

Access Permits (for RMS state managed roads only)

'Walking'

- The ["Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicle or Agricultural Vehicle Permit"](#) application must be completed and sent to the RMS Special Permits Unit.
- Section 1, the box Oversize AND Overmass must be ticked;
 - This can be a period permit rather than just a single trip permit.
- Section 5, "JD7760" must be recorded in the "make and model" box.
- Sections 6 & 7, your local JD dealer agent can help complete these sections. Please note that a maximum width of 6 metres is permitted (within the western zone). However, operators should take this as a general guide as there are numerous locations where only narrower loads can operate.
- Section 8, if you require a period permit, just tick the box that states 'Approved routes for Annual Permit'.
- The cost of the Permit is currently \$70.00
- Compliance with the [New South Wales Class 1 Agricultural Vehicles \(Notice\) 2015 \(No. 1\)](#)
- Once the permit is granted, make sure you read all the Permit Conditions, including Piloting requirements, all Restrictions and ensure full compliance. Among these are:
 - Travel is NOT permitted between 7.00am to 9.00am and between 3.00pm and 5.00pm on school days;
 - Travel is not permitted across a timber bridge;
 - Travel is limited to a maximum of 80km per trip; and
 - The Permit is NOT a complete document; it must be operated in conjunction with any other documents listed under the Permit Conditions section.

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'Floating'

Trailer requirements:

- Drive axle group must have a minimum of 14 tonne limit.
- The **minimum** required low loader trailer type and axle spacings that are necessary for proper mass distribution when floating the JD 7760 round bale picker are:

Low loader type	Quadaxle	5 axles
Trailer axle spacings	1.2/2.4/1.2 spacings	1.2m spacings
Mass limits:	35.0	35.0

Note: The above suggestions are dependent on the combination tare weight

- The ["Class 1 Load Carrying Permit"](#) application must be completed and sent to the RMS Special Permits Unit.
- Section 1, the box Oversize AND Overmass must be ticked;
 - This can be a period permit rather than just a single trip permit.
- Section 6, "JD7760" must be recorded in the "load to be carried" box.
- A maximum height of 5.2 metres is permitted. If height of load exceeds 5 metres, an 'Electrical Clearance Letter' must be obtained and supplied with the Permit. You can apply on-line at http://www.essentialenergy.com.au/f_highloadpermit.aspx
- Sections 7, your local JD dealer agent can help complete this section.
- Section 8, if a period permit required, just tick the box that states 'Approved routes for Annual Permit'.
- The cost of the Permit is currently \$70.00
- Compliance with the [Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicles Notice 2014](#) is required.
- Once the permit is granted, make sure you read all the Permit Conditions, including Piloting requirements, all Restrictions and ensure full compliance.
- The Permit is NOT a complete document; it must be operated in conjunction with any other documents listed under the Permit Conditions section.

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