



# Media Release

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## Shift Training receives funding to improve heavy vehicle drivers' skills

Local truck driving school and RTO, Shift Training, has received funding to enhance the driving skills of over 900 newly licenced heavy vehicle drivers through the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator's (NHVR) 2019 Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative.

Shift Training CEO Stu Gluyas, said that the funding would improve heavy vehicle safety for all of Queensland, as new heavy vehicle drivers from all around the State will be eligible to undertake the program, Four Points of Contact, free of charge.

"If you have obtained your heavy vehicle licence in the last 12 months, we want you to participate in the 2-day course free of charge".

The Four Points of Contact course will train and assess new heavy vehicle drivers in key elements of heavy vehicle operation such as, fatigue management, vehicle inspection, load restraint and chain of responsibility.

"This 2-day course will provide significant benefit – not only will it enhance the participants own competency level and workplace practices, it will provide safer roads for everyone in our community," said Stu.

"This is a great opportunity for individuals, and workplaces to have their newly licenced truck drivers trained in vital elements of heavy vehicle operations that are not currently required by TMR when gaining a licence. We will also be monitoring participants driving experiences post training to measure the effectiveness of this type of training for new heavy vehicle drivers," Stu added.

If you have obtained your driver's licence in the last 12 months and would like to undertake the free course, please register your interest at [www.4pointsofcontact.com.au](http://www.4pointsofcontact.com.au)

NHVR CEO Sal Petrocchio said the funding was part of \$5.4 million being distributed across the country.

"Heavy vehicle safety is everyone's responsibility and through local safety programs we can make our roads safer for all road users," Mr Petrocchio said.

"Twenty-four recipients from across Australia will be supported to roll out programs targeting heavy vehicle safety. From fire prevention, to truckie mental health, to safe livestock transport these diverse projects will all make a big difference to safety.

"The NHVR is looking forward to working with the winning bids to ensure the projects deliver safety outcomes for all road users."

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