

50MAX UPDATES



1000 50MAX permits issued

We had fantastic news from our permitting team in Palmerston North last week - following their introduction just late last year, permits for the new generation of 50MAX trucks have already passed the '1000' milestone. A total of 1055 permits have been issued to date, a great effort by our permitting team and a big thank you for all of you who have been working with us to make 50MAX such a great success so quickly.

We also have some new areas signed up to 50MAX – they are:

- Waimakariri
- Gore

We have a full list of participating local authorities at the bottom of this email. In total, 67% of councils are now on board with 50MAX. Meanwhile, seven State Highway bridges have had their 50MAX restrictions removed - six in the North island and one in the South. This has opened up some new areas and routes to 50MAX.

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North Island

- SH 4 – two bridges removed; however, the route is still constrained by the Manganui-A-Te-Ao river bridge
- SH35 – the two bridges north of Gisborne have been removed, opening up state highway to Tolaga Bay and further north
- SH45 from New Plymouth – south. Local roads are still not available but 50MAX traffic on the State Highway is enabled

- SH57 - Tokomaru bridge south of Palmerston North which opens up the direct route from the Hawkes Bay via Palmerston North to State Highway One – simplifying some of the local road use

South Island

- SH 82 – Waitaki River Bridge No. 1. – opens up all of SHW 82 for through traffic (Waimate district is not yet signed up for 50MAX so no local road availability)

Please check our new interactive map on our 50MAX website when planning your route – this is regularly updated with the latest bridge information. A reminder also that even in local council areas that have not signed up, State Highways are usually available to 50MAX traffic.

Open to date are:

- Waimakariri
- Gore
- Christchurch
- Nelson
- Porirua
- Masterton
- Carterton
- Ashburton
- Hutt City
- Opotiki
- Thames / Coromandel
- Timaru
- Waikato
- Wellington City
- Palmerston North City
- Upper Hutt City
- Manawatu District
- Tasman District
- Marlborough District
- Whakatane District
- Waipa District
- Auckland Transport
- Hastings District
- Rangitiki District
- Ruapehu District
- Taupo District
- Gisborne District
- Hauraki District
- Kawerau District
- Matamata-Piako District
- Otorohanga District
- Rotorua District
- South Waikato District
- Tauranga District

- Waitomo District
- Western Bay of Plenty District
- Central Otago
- Waitaki
- South Wairarapa
- Dunedin City
- Kaikoura District
- Kapiti Coast District
- New Plymouth City
- Selwyn District
- Stratford District

As always, we wish to remind operators to talk to their drivers about the special conditions that apply to any 50MAX permit. 50MAX permits include a list of restricted areas, and operators and their drivers will need to study the book of maps they receive with their permit. The book of maps shows where 50MAX trucks can travel, and points out any no-go areas, such as specific bridges that are not fit for 50MAX traffic.

Any drivers who are unsure about where they can go can view the book of maps on the Transport Agency's website at www.nzta.govt.nz/50MAX, or get information by emailing info50MAX@nzta.govt.nz or calling 0800 699 000.

Best wishes from the 50MAX Team at the NZ Transport Agency.

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