

Weights & Licenses

Tare Mass or Weight

This is the weight of an empty standard vehicle with all of its fluids (oils, coolants) and with at least 10% capacity of fuel in the tank.

Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM)

This is the maximum your vehicle can weigh as specified by the chassis manufacturer. You will usually find this GVM figure on the vehicle's weight placard.

NOTE: *It is important to be mindful of your GVM when adding accessories and making modifications.*

Payload

Deduct your vehicle's Tare Weight from the GVM, what's left is the payload or the maximum weight you can load into your RV. This includes but is not limited to the following;

- People on board (driver and passengers)
- Water in water tanks (fresh and grey)
- All of your gear and personal items
- Fuel
- The Tow Ball weight if you are towing.

Licenses

This information is only a guide as each state has its own variations. Please consult your local authority for definitive answers.

- *Car License* - A vehicle that does not exceed 4.5 tonnes (GVM)
- *Light Rigid* - has GVM more than 4.5 tonnes but not more than 8 tonnes
- *Medium Rigid* - has a gross vehicle mass (GVM) more than 8 tonnes and has no more than 2 axles.

NOTE: *Some units at the time of RV manufacture on a chassis with dual rating can be plated as either 4.495 tonnes (Car license) or higher (light / medium rigid license)*

