Where are the AFM hours now?

Fatigue and work diary - checked 7 Nov 2026

AFM closed to new applicants on 1 August 2026. If your business already has AFM, your hours are still the ones on your AFM accreditation certificate, and you can keep using them until it expires or you move to HVA. New operators wanting longer hours apply for ACA-Fatigue, which has NHVR template tables of hours.

If you already have AFM

- Your hours are set out on your operator's AFM accreditation certificate. There is no single AFM table - each operator's hours are different.
- You can keep working under them until your NHVAS accreditation expires, is cancelled, or you move to the Heavy Vehicle Accreditation scheme.
- Drivers must carry a copy of the certificate in the truck, and use a work diary every shift.

If you are applying now

You can't apply for AFM any more. Longer or more flexible hours now come through ACA-Fatigue, which needs General Safety Accreditation first. You can pick one of the NHVR's template tables of hours, or propose your own.

NHVR template	What it is like
Table 1	Similar to BFM hours, with a longer reset break - 30 hours instead of 24
Tables 2, 3 and 4	Longer, AFM-style hours. These have an elevated risk profile, so expect the NHVR to want more in your safety case and fatigue controls
Your own hours	Like AFM - you put forward your own table, within the outer limits in the law

Whichever you choose, your approved hours are listed on your ACA-Fatigue certificate, and drivers record that they are on ACA-Fatigue hours in their work diary.

Moving from AFM

When drivers change from AFM hours to another hours option, they need a reset break of at least 48 continuous hours, or the reset shown on your AFM certificate. Plan the changeover date.

General information, not legal advice.

Sources

NHVR - Work and rest hours - https://www.nhvr.gov.au/safety-accreditation-compliance/fatigue-management/work-and-rest-hours

NHVR - Alternative Compliance Accreditation - Fatigue - https://www.nhvr.gov.au/safety-accreditation-compliance/fatigue-management/alternative-compliance-accreditation-aca-fatigue

NHVR - ACA-Fatigue templated tables of hours - https://www.nhvr.gov.au/files/media/document/878/202609-1755-aca-f-templated-table-of-hours-information-sheet.pdf