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## **The Crane Industry Council of Australia (CICA) endorsed to improve heavy vehicle safety**

CICA's Articulated Mobile Crane Driver Education Course will receive key funding through the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator's (NHVR) Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative, supported by the Federal Government.

This project is one of 28 successful heavy vehicle safety initiatives to receive funding from \$5.5 million in Round 6 of the HVSI.

CICA's CEO Brandon Hitch said the HVSI funding would enable CICA to deliver the Articulated Mobile Crane Driver Education Course and improve heavy vehicle safety for drivers.

"CICA has been working to improve the Units of Competency and National Assessment Instruments for the CN high risk work license, however, this work has primarily focused on improving safety on-site. Our organisation has identified a need to develop an education course for driving articulated cranes on public roads, as currently this only requires a rigid truck license.

The Round 6 funding from the Commonwealth will allow for the development of on-road education course for articulated crane operators, which will enhance their understanding of the key differences in behaviour from a rigid truck."

NHVR CEO Sal Petrocitto said the HVSI program supported key initiatives that deliver tangible safety improvements for the heavy vehicle industry and all road users.

"The grants enable the NHVR, local governments, industry and other stakeholders to develop innovative solutions to achieve a shared goal of safer drivers, safer vehicles and safer road use for all Australians.

"I look forward to working with CICA to deliver this project and improve road safety for everyone."

For more information visit [www.nhvr.gov.au/hvsi](http://www.nhvr.gov.au/hvsi)

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