

BULLETIN

Commercial Vehicle Industry Association (Vic)



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INVITATION: Members only webinar on new Road Vehicle Standards Act legislation

Members are invited to attend an exclusive webinar with the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications on the new Road Vehicle Standards Act.

Thursday, 9 September 2021

3.00pm – 4.30pm

via Microsoft Teams

with

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To register your attendance, click [HERE](#)

What is the new Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018?

A simplified outline of this Act is explained as follows:

This Act regulates the importation and provision of road vehicles. It also regulates the provision of certain road vehicle components.

Road vehicles and certain road vehicle components must comply with national road vehicle standards set by the Minister, except in limited circumstances.

An approval is required to import a road vehicle into Australia and, generally, vehicles must be entered on the Register of Approved Vehicles before being provided for the first time in Australia.

If a recall notice is issued to a person in relation to road vehicles or approved road vehicle components, due to concerns about safety or non-compliance with national road vehicle standards, the person must comply with the notice.

To ensure compliance with this Act, the Department has a range of enforcement powers to ensure the most proportionate and effective regulatory response.

This Act also provides for the rules to set out matters to support the regulatory framework of this Act.

The RVSA is supported by the Road Vehicle Standards Rules 2019 (the Rules). The RVSA, the Rules and other related legislation are collectively referred to as the Road Vehicle Standards (RVS) legislation.

What is Vehicle Type Approval?

Under the RVS legislation, before road vehicles can be provided to another person for road use in Australia for the first time, they must be entered on the Register of Approved Vehicles (RAV), an online database of vehicles that have met the requirements of the RVS legislation and been approved for provision to the Australian market.

To be entered on the RAV a road vehicle must first be granted either a vehicle type approval or a concessional RAV entry approval.

A vehicle type approval identifies the applicable national road vehicle standards for a road vehicle type. It also specifies the documents submitted to confirm compliance with them.

Applicants can select specific vehicle types and submit their supporting documents and other required information to confirm they meet the eligibility criteria. This includes compliance with the applicable national road vehicle standards.

Under the RVS legislation, a vehicle type approval holder is responsible for ensuring ongoing compliance.

What is ROVER?

ROVER is the Department’s online IT service that integrates all of the RVS legislation activities and approvals.

Transitional arrangements

On 1 July 2021, following the full commencement of the RVSA, a 12-month transitional period began for certain segments of the industry.

The table below outlines who is affected by the transitional period and how.

During the transitional period, the ONLY applications that can be made through the Vehicle Imports System (VIS) are:

- Low ATM trailer applications and
- New Low Volume Vehicles holding MVSA approval.
- All other application types must be made through ROVER.

Sector	Change	For more information
IPA holders	Approval holders can continue to supply vehicles subject to MVSA 10A(1) and 10A(2) approvals until 30 June 2022.	Nil. Continue to operate as normal. Blanket import approvals have been extended, otherwise, apply under VIS.
Opt-in arrangements for IPAs	Between 1 July 2021 and 31 December 2021, MVSA 10A(1), 10A(2) and Reg 14 approval holders can ‘opt-in’ to an RVSA vehicle type approval. Approvals will be granted for 5 years.	Apply through ROVER . Select the option: ‘Apply to opt-in for a vehicle type approval’. Visit the vehicle type approval opt-in arrangements page.
Registered automotive workshops (RAWs) operations	MVSA-approved RAWs can continue to operate as an MVSA RAW (i.e., accessing the MVSA and Interim SEVs Lists) until 30 June 2022.	Visit the registered automotive workshops page.
Provision of MVSA and Interim SEVs List vehicles	MVSA-approved RAWs can continue to apply to import MVSA SEVs List vehicles (through the RAWs system) until April 2022. Approved vehicles must be plated and provided by 30 June 2022. Applications for Interim SEVs List vehicles can be made until 31 December 2021 and must be made through ROVER.	Visit the registered automotive workshops page.

<p>Transition from Interim SEVs List to RVSA SEVs Register</p>	<p>An application must be made to move a vehicle from the Interim SEVs List to the RVSA SEVs Register, but the fee will be waived.</p> <p>Applications can be made up until 30 June 2022.</p> <p>Please note, if the vehicle continues to meet the eligibility criteria as if it were a new application, the vehicle will be added to the list for a renewed 3 year period.</p> <p>If the vehicle no longer meets the eligibility criteria, it will be added to the list for the remainder of the 3 years, commencing from the date it was added to the Interim SEVs List.</p>	<p>Visit the specialist and enthusiast vehicles page.</p>
<p>Vehicles with an MVSA import approval</p>	<p>Import approval applications made before 1 July 2021 can be decided upon after 1 July 2021. The vehicle must be imported before 1 July 2022.</p>	<p>Nil.</p>
<p>Constructing low ATM trailers</p>	<p>Applications to import a trailer able to be modified to comply with VSB1 version 5 can be made until 30 April 2022.</p> <p>Trailers must be plated by 30 June 2022.</p>	<p>Visit the low ATM trailers page.</p>
<p>Special purpose vehicles (SPVs)</p>	<p>Between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022, SPVs will be granted concessional RAV entry approval, even if they cannot demonstrate compliance with applicable ADRs, as long as they meet all other entry criteria.</p> <p>Between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023, SPVs (excluding trailers) must demonstrate compliance with ADRs applicable to brakes, lights and mirrors. SPV trailers must demonstrate compliance with ADRs applicable to brakes, lights and mechanical connections. SPVs will be granted concessional RAV entry approval, even if they cannot demonstrate compliance with applicable ADRs, as long as they meet all other entry criteria.</p> <p>From 1 July 2023, SPVs must meet eligibility criteria set out in the Road Vehicle Standards Rules 2019 , including demonstrated compliance with all applicable ADRs unless they can demonstrate that complying with an ADR means the vehicle would not be able to operate for the purpose for which it was designed.</p>	<p>Importing a special purpose vehicle under the RVS legislation—interim arrangements PDF: 965 KB</p>

<p>Second stage of manufacture (SSM) during the transitional year</p>	<p>MVSA approval holders can continue to operate in accordance with their MVSA identification plate approval until 30 June 2022.</p> <p>MVSA approval holders can only perform SSM on vehicles that have an identification plate affixed; not vehicles that have been added to the RAV.</p> <p>Under the RVSA framework, entities may perform SSM using either a vehicle type approval or the Registered Automotive Workshop framework.</p> <p>After obtaining RVSA approval, RVSA approval holders can modify vehicles that are fitted with an identification plate OR that are on the RAV.</p>	<p>What is second stage of manufacture? PDF: 305 KB</p>
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