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## **Transitional arrangements for approval holders under the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989 (transition to Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018)**

Dear Members

From 1 July 2021, the Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018 (RVSA) is replacing the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989 (MVSA).

VACC is advising members who are current, eligible holders of some approvals under the MVSA, that they will be able to transition to a vehicle type approval via an 'opt-in' process.

This is being managed by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications. A government Guide is available [HERE](#), which provides FAQ responses.

### **What are the opt-in arrangements?**

Eligible MVSA approval holders can have their existing approval taken to be a road vehicle type approval, in force for 5 years, without providing supporting documentation at the time they apply.

### **Who is eligible?**

A person is eligible for the opt-in arrangements if they hold an approval, in force and up to date, immediately before the start of the RVS transitional period on 1 July 2021, under the following:

- Section 10A(1) of the MVSA—standard road vehicles
- Section 10A(2) of the MVSA—minor or inconsequential non-standard road vehicles
- Section 14A of the MVSA—non-standard road vehicles
- Regulation 20 of the MVS Regulations—non-standard road vehicles.

### **Where do you find the opt-in application?**

The opt-in application for a vehicle type approval will be available in ROVER for 6 months, from the start of the RVS legislation on 1 July 2021 to 11:59 PM AEST 31 December 2021.

A \$20 application fee must be paid when submitting the opt-in application. You will receive a letter of advice that your opted-in MVSA approval has been taken to be granted as a vehicle type approval. The letter will include all the relevant conditions applying to your approval.

### **What if require assistance?**

More detailed information will soon be available in the **Guide to the Opt-in arrangements** and the Guide to Vehicle type approvals.

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