

BULLETIN

Commercial Vehicle Industry Association (Vic)



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Fitment of trays to cab chassis and VASS certification

Dear Member

I have received a number of enquiries regarding the requirement of VASS certification for the fitment of trays to cab chassis.

Please see the [attached dealer bulletin](#) produced by VicRoads that provides clarity as to whether the modification requires VASS certification or not.

In short, if the modification is within the manufacturer's standard available range for that vehicle, then a VASS certificate is not required before the vehicle can be registered.

Circular 0-2-1 also provides guidance for the certification of new vehicles. You can access the circular [HERE](#).

VicRoads state:

"A new light vehicle that is manufactured as a 'cab chassis' can only be registered by a dealer after it has had a tray or other body fitted to it, i.e. a vehicle cannot be registered as a 'cab chassis' body type.

If a tray or body is fitted by the dealer and is within the manufacturer's standard available range for that vehicle, then a VASS certificate is not required before the vehicle can be registered. If the vehicle is sent to a third party to have a body / tray fitted that is identical to the manufacturer's standard available range for that vehicle, then a VASS certificate is not required before the vehicle can be registered.

If a vehicle that is manufactured as a 'utility' or 'dc ute' body type has the tub or tray changed by the dealer to another type of tub or tray that is within the manufacturer's standard available range for that vehicle, then a VASS certificate is not required before the vehicle can be registered.

The only time a VASS certificate is required for a new vehicle is when any modification is outside the manufacturer's standard specifications. For example, a tray that is outside the standard specifications or dimensions is fitted (which must still comply with manufacturers' body builder guides).

As a VicRoads agent a certified dealer signs the declaration that any vehicle they register meets the standards for registration, including modified vehicles. This means that where a dealer fits or contacts a body builder to fit a tray to a cab chassis vehicle that they sell, the dealer is certifying that the body meets all requirements for registration, including compliance with the manufacturers body builders guide. If it is found that a false declaration has been made for any vehicle then VicRoads would take action available under the Dealer Certification Scheme."

Should you have any further questions, please contact me.

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