

Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 2021 Consultation

Dear member

The Department of Transport has released the draft Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 2021 and is inviting submissions on proposed regulatory reforms.

The Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 2021 deal with a range of issues relating to the registration of vehicles and trailers, vehicle safety and standards.

This includes regulations relating to:

- the eligibility for registration and registration of a motor vehicle
- obligations for registered operators of motor vehicles and trailers, including in relation to the renewal and transfer of registrations
- mass and dimension limits for motor vehicles
- vehicle testing and provisions for issue of notices for defective motor vehicles
- requirements and obligations in relation to written-off vehicles
- the provision of limited-use permits, including general identification marks, trade plates, unregistered vehicle permits and club permits
- the regulation of licensed vehicle testers, including the duties and obligations of those testers
- requirements for hazardous areas
- registration fees and administration fees
- light vehicle standards, Australian Design Rules and certification.

Summary of Proposed Changes

- There is now an obligation for vehicles over 15 years of age to be registered on the written-off vehicle register when they have been classified as a statutory write-off or a repairable write-off.
- The club permit scheme–
 - increasing the age of vehicles required to be on the club permit scheme from 25 to 30 years
 - requiring evidence to accompany applications for club permits as requested by the Secretary to the Department of Transport
 - providing for new penalties for offences of general conditions and operating conditions of club book permit and new penalties for specific offences for log-book obligations for club permit, and
 - introducing a definition for a replica for the purpose of vehicle eligibility for the CPS to mean a light motor vehicle that is an individually constructed vehicle that resembles, as close as practicable, the appearance and dimensions of the equivalent production vehicle.
- A gas compliance certificate or gas compliance plate is required upon initial registration of all vehicles, and an amendment to current provision of exemption from registration for trailers under 200kg to exclude those with fixed gas fittings.
- Transitioning to the use of e-Certificates including: eAFSAC, gas compliance certificate, eVASS, eDNCC, eVIV, eVIC, and eRWC.

- Changing the definitions associated with registration concessions.
- Removing the term 'registered' in relation to vehicle identification.
- Introduce a new offence to put obligations beyond doubt that substances or objects are not to be affixed to a number plate such that it would prevent successful reading of number plates for enforcement purposes.

Have your say

A regulatory impact statement (RIS) and draft of proposed regulations has been released for public consultation.

To view the proposed regulations, proposed rules and the RIS and provide feedback visit:

<https://engage.vic.gov.au/road-safety-vehicles>

Submissions close on 8 July 2021.

Please note: VACC is making a submission on behalf of the automotive industry. Please contact John Khoury on 09 9829 1153, jkhoury@vacc.com.au to discuss any concerns or to provide direct feedback.

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