

Bulletin

Industry Divisions



Reference No. AVE to certify tipper bodies/ir-12-23

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Dear member

Effective immediately, the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) has advised they will be extending the transitional arrangements allowing Approved Vehicle Examiners (AVE) to certify tipper bodies under VSB6 v3.1 Section J requirements until [1 July 2024](#).

It was CVIAV and CVIAA who secured the first extension for industry earlier this year, and we are pleased NHVR has taken our advice to further extend its implementation until 1 July 2024 as they work through industry feedback.

CVIAV, and the national body, the Commercial Vehicle Industry Association of Australia (CVIAA) have been fiercely advocating for sensible changes to the J4 code prior to full implementation for some time. They were also the first to raise industry's concerns related to the tipper stability calculations - considered overly complex and difficult to meet the prescribed standards. It has been CVIAV and CVIAA's long-standing position that the NHVR should move the J4 tipper body design code stability calculations into a Vehicle Standard Guide (VSG) – that it should not be a part of VSB 6. The Motor Trades Association of Australia recently published a media release on this matter, which can be read [HERE](#).

What to do if you have already been granted an extension

For members who applied for the previous J4 extension, there is no need to reapply as this further extension will automatically apply.

What to do if you are seeking an extension for the first time

Members wishing to apply for the first time need to email vehiclestandards@nhvr.gov.au with your request, including your name, business name and estimated number of tipper body certifications over this period.

This information will assist NHVR in understanding the industry better, as well as providing the AVE with a NHVR approval to retain with their AVE certification documentation.

Further information will be made available shortly on the NHVR website and social media channels.

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