

Unsafe2safe car scrappage program information for Victorian Dealers and Dismantlers

VACC members of the Victorian Automobile Dealers Association (VADA), Used Car Trader Division (UCTD) and Automotive Dismantler and Recyclers Division (ARD) are advised of the launch of the unsafe2safe Victorian Government Scheme (the scheme).

The scheme has been launched as a key component of the Victorian Road Safety Action Plan and has relevance to members of VADA, UCTD and ARD.

You can view the Road Safety Victoria stakeholder pack by taking this [link](#)

What is the purpose of the unsafe2safe scheme?

The purpose of the unsafe2safe plan is to assist young regional drivers who are driving an older, unsafe car (+15 years) to purchase a newer, safer car.

The focus on the Regional Victoria is a result of Victorian Government research that shows that younger regional drivers (18-25 years of age) are over represented in road trauma incidents and are 15 times more likely to be killed in crashed involving older vehicles.

- Customer participation Factsheet can be found by taking [this link](#).
- The car dealer Factsheet can be found by taking this [link](#).

How is this being launched by the Victorian Government?

Initially, the Victorian Government are working with a small number of dealers and dismantlers in the Ballarat and Bendigo region to refine this process before further rolling out the trial to other parts of regional Victoria.

The initial phase of the unsafe2safe scheme is to be launched for young regional drivers based in Ballarat and Bendigo (and surrounds) who will be invited by the Victorian Government to take advantage of the scheme. Those invitations are randomly issued by the Victorian Government.

This initial phase is being treated as a pilot program with a plan by the Victorian Government to roll the scheme out to the other parts of regional Victoria.

VACC has requested that all Victorian dealers who qualify under the VicRoads Vehicle Dealer Certification Scheme or Used Car Trader Agreement are able to participate in the unsafe2safe scheme.

What are some of the key elements of the unsafe2safe scheme for members to be aware of?

- The scheme will offer 1,000 subsidies to young drivers in regional Victoria of \$5,000 that will go towards the purchase of a newer, safer car.
- The young driver must take their letter from the government and their older, unsafe vehicle to a participating dealer.
- New and used vehicles are eligible for purchase from dealers who have made application to be a part of the scheme.

- The traded car cannot be re-registered or retailed, it must be scrapped. There are dismantlers who have been appointed in the Bendigo and Ballarat regions to handle the scrapping process in an environmentally appropriate manner.
- Dealers must take or make arrangements to have the traded in older car to be disposed of at an appropriate dismantling facility.

How can you participate?

- VADA and UCTD members can lodge an Expression of Interest by taking [this link](#). This link also includes a guide to what type of vehicle qualifies for the subsidy.
- Eligibility criteria to be a participating dealer (LMCT only) include being a part of the VicRoads Vehicle Dealer Certification Scheme or Used Car Trader Agreement.
- Dealers must have a VicRoads client ID Number.
 - Dismantlers will be identified by the Government with VACC assistance.

Other information

VACC supports this government initiative, however, we have unanswered queries remaining how the end-to-end process will work in as efficient a manner as possible. VACC is keen to ensure swift payment for dealers who are redeeming the \$5,000 subsidy, and clarity for dismantlers with regards to any reporting obligations. The Government desire is to roll this scheme without any further delay and work through the issues as they arise.

If you have any further queries, please email them to the Victorian Government at unsafe2safe@roads.vic.gov.au.

It would assist in the identification and resolution of issues if you could CC me on mmckenna@vacc.com.au to any email you forward to the Government about unsafe2safe scheme.

VACC hopes the findings from the scheme will also help feed future submissions and pilots with the Federal Government with regards to the introduction of a national End-of-Life Vehicle scheme.

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