

Dear Members

On 30 September 2021, the Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 2021 (“the 2021 Regulations”), took effect, which has seen the term ‘**VASS signatory**’ replaced with ‘**Authorised Vehicle Inspector**’. This term also applies to other VicRoads scheme partners such as VIV inspectors and AFSACS providers. It also provides the regulations with a framework to recognise classes of persons who undertake vehicle inspections on behalf of government.

Further to this, the Department of Transport (DoT) has decided to amend the documentation pertaining to the VASS to reflect this and other changes under the 2021 Regulations, effective **1 March 2022**.

As of 1 March 2022, the basis of your authority will be changing from an Agreement to an Authorisation. This change will not affect your authority as a VASS Signatory, but will change the basis of your authority.

In order to provide clarity for Signatories, and an opportunity to engage directly with VicRoads regarding this change, they have scheduled an information/Q&A session on:

Date: Friday, 21 January 2022

Time: 11am-12pm

Via Microsoft Teams. [Click here to join the meeting](#)

It is highly recommended that existing VASS signatories attend this information session.

Signatories will then be issued formal communication regarding your Authorisation to continue to issue VASS Approval Certificates and a new Agreement pertaining to that Authorisation.

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