

Questions asked during RVSA Industry webinar #39 on 28 August 2025	Score	Response
At Application point as the VTA holder for extent of compliance you select Exempt for an ADR, however on published approval details will appear as Not Applicable. How will in service regulators or others know if an ADR is exempt or Not Applicable?	0	<p>An in service regulator or other person can see from the published approval details that the Australian Design Rule is applicable to the vehicle type and that the department has granted a vehicle type approval because it was satisfied with the information provided in the application. This was a deliberate decision, as our intent is to publish the extent of compliance with applicable standards and not a compliance reason.</p> <p>However, following the discussion during the webinar, we will consider if changes can be made in a future ROVER release to identify an ADR exemption in the published approval details.</p>
For ADR 108, providing CC, PM and complete vehicles under a VTA, 108 will have exemption and full compliance evidence, will published approval details be shown as full compliance? or Not Applicable? How will a future bodybuilder/customer/enforcement know if the camera is OEM or aftermarket?	0	<p>As an approval holder, you can optionally comply with Australian Design Rule (ADR) 108/00 - Reversing Technologies for partially completed vehicles, such as chassis-cab vehicles. If you choose to comply, select 'Full Compliance' and this will be reflected in the published approval details. You do not necessarily require a camera to comply with the standard but where one is fitted it would likely be an original equipment manufacturer's device.</p> <p>If you choose not to comply, select 'ADR Exemption', which will currently show as 'Not Applicable' on the published approval details. Any camera fitted would likely be an aftermarket device fitted to comply with the standard when the vehicle was completed.</p> <p>Please note that the completed vehicle is required to comply with this ADR.</p> <p>Following discussions during the webinar, the department will consider if changes can be made to ROVER in future to better distinguish between whether an ADR was not applicable or if an exemption applied.</p>
ROVER appears to be slow in performing certain functions of recent times, including populating RVD variants, page loads, etc. Is there a reason for this?	0	<p>We monitor ROVER performance on a daily basis as there are a number of factors that can impact things like load times. We continue to look for patterns and trends where slow load times are occurring to identify and address issues as quickly as possible.</p> <p>If you are experiencing performance issues, please provide the details to ROVERinfo@infrastructure.gov.au to help us identify these patterns and resolve issues.</p>
Has there been any development in the revision of the RVD content, and the functionality of variant tagging within the RVD?	2	<p>We have identified the Road Vehicle Descriptor enhancements - Ability to select variants for 'Service Brakes', 'Engines', 'Standard Equipment', 'Tyres' and 'Additional equipment' in the same way as the 'Suspension Configuration' and 'Typical VINS' sections as a candidate for a future ROVER release. We are currently analysing this function and potential solutions to implement it.</p> <p>We are also facilitating discussions between jurisdictions and peak industry bodies about potential changes to the Road Vehicle Descriptor fields.</p>
ADR applicability dates; 'New Model vehicles' and 'All Vehicles'. If a Model of vehicle starts before the 'New Model Vehicles' date, but a vehicle OE build date and/or RAV entry date is after that date but before the 'for all vehicles' date (some ADRs have this), does the ADR apply to that vehicle?	1	<p>Australian Design Rule requirements apply to a vehicle based on the date it is entered on the Register of Approved Vehicles (RAV), not the date the approval is granted. If you haven't entered the first vehicle of a vehicle type on the RAV before the new model applicability date, then the vehicle would be considered a new model and must meet relevant Australian Design Rule requirements on this basis.</p>
Many SSMs are still awaiting first stage manufacturers ADR 80/04 & 109/00 compliance. This has happened with previous ADRs as well, most recently 35/07 & 97/00. Can the Department make a provision for fast tracking SSM variations close to November 1st to account for this issue?	2	<p>We are unable to make a formal provision of the kind proposed in this question. The Technical Assessment Team has a legislated timeframe of 60 business days to assess a vehicle type approval application and any attempt at providing advice that contradicts this period would have no effect. Noting this, we do offer a process for applicants to request an expedited assessment of an application and to state supporting reasons. Where we have the ability to offer flexibility and to consider exceptional circumstances, we will do so. This does not extend to providing advice that guarantees a request for special treatment in unique circumstances will be successful.</p>

MRE - evidence: Type Approvals (TA's) can be referenced for Model Reports, but it seems TA applications can reference both TA's & other Model Reports but Model Reports can only reference Type Approvals? With TA's being the highest level, it seems strange MREs cannot reference other Model Reports?	0	We will investigate this issue and will provide an update in the lead up to the next webinar (#40). While a final answer was not provided at webinar 39, we identified that Model Reports are often based on evidence and other intellectual property of the owner/author. This factor will be examined as part of our work to provide a more complete response to this question.
When was the EDM sent out and to whom? I didn't see it.	0	On Friday 22 August 2025, we sent an email to confirm ADR 80/04 and 109/00 will apply to all vehicles from 1 November. We sent this to vehicle type approval holders of MA, MB, MC, MD, ME, NA, NB and NC category vehicles and to ROVER uses with authority to act on their behalf. Please check if the email is in your junk or spam folder. If not there, email ROVERinfo@infrastructure.gov.au to request a copy.
can the EDM mentioned at start of meeting when discussing ADR 109 be sent out with the notes from this meeting?	0	We have sent the email to those who requested a copy during and after the webinar.
The Guides and Resources page continues to be very difficult to navigate and find what you need. The search filter does not work when searching key words. Is there something that can be done to improve this?	1	We're aiming to review the RVS guides and resources page of our website later this year to see how we can improve the user experience. Please send your feedback to ROVERinfo@infrastructure.gov.au .
Is there a way to resubscribe or check comms settings from DOI in case I have accidentally unsubscribed from a channel by mistake.	0	Check your RVS subscriptions and manage your preferences at www.infrastructure.gov.au/RVS-subscribe
Have submitted our first VTA for a LB moped vehicle in July, does it usually take a longer time for the assessment process since it's our organization's 1st application? Thanks!	0	We aim to assess applications for vehicle type approvals in the order we receive them. While we do undertake some triaging to ensure applications of varying complexity are properly referred to assessors with the experience required to conduct a fulsome assessment, this process does not apply any special requirements to 'first time' applicants. Given the timing of this webinar, we would expect that a application submitted in July would be nearing a decision, assuming there are no outstanding requests for information with the applicant. If you have submitted an application and are concerned that you have not received a decision, please email your application number to ROVERinfo@infrastructure.gov.au and we will investigate further.
Re Paul comments - If an Opt-In approval expires in 12 months time, are we able to apply now and continue to use existing VTA No# or need to wait for the 6 month point?	1	While the holder of an opted-in approval should not apply for a new vehicle type approvals at this stage, we are working on a streamlined process for industry to apply for new approvals in these circumstances. We have published an updated guide to <i>Applying for an expiring or expired approval</i> and will provide more detailed guidance with advice about how we plan to address the issue of keeping the same approval number when a new approval is granted to 'replace' an opted-in approval in the near future.
Completing the CI form for a Model Report, when referencing Type Approvals for compliance, it will validate a current Type Approval & also a defunct/suspended MVSA Full Volume vehicle, but not a suspended Type Approval? MVSA Full Volume vehicles are older approvals than suspended Type Approvals.	0	Compliance information forms that are developed in support of a Model Report and related approval applications cannot cite a suspended vehicle type approval. This is a deliberate decision as there is no guarantee that a suspended vehicle type approval will be successfully reinstated in the future. We are currently considering whether it is appropriate to remove the ability to reference the identification plate approvals and will confirm any changes we make in this area to industry.
In the absence of a renewal process for expiring approvals, is it possible to create a duplicate feature to reduce the burden of re-entering data for expiring approvals. This would be closer to a renew function.	0	No. ROVER is unable to duplicate applications. Additionally, the <i>Road Vehicle Standards Rules 2019</i> requires a new application to be submitted for each approval period.

<p>When a VTA has previously been suspended for not complying with an ADR, and a variation request is later approved with the required compliance information (and an approval notice is sent out), there has been a 1-2 week delay before the online approval portal displays "In Force" (even after payment).</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>When an approval is re-assessed as compliant with applicable Australian Design Rules after a period of suspension under section 202 of the <i>Road Vehicle Standards Rules 2019</i>, the suspension ends on the day the approval is varied (i.e.. the day the variation application is approved). Information on ROVER will be updated to show that an approval is 'in-force' once this process is complete.</p> <p>If you are experiencing delays in the approval's status being updated on ROVER once the process is complete, please email ROVERinfo@infrastructure.gov.au. Please note that the approval is no longer suspended from the day a variation request is approved, regardless of the status displayed on ROVER.</p>
<p>In terms of a new model vehicle being date of manufacture which is taken as the date of entry onto the RAV. does the vehicle need to have been sold or just entered on the RAV.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Once the first vehicle of a vehicle type approval has been entered on the Register of Approved Vehicles, the vehicle type is no longer eligible to be considered a new model.</p>
<p>MVS (Approval to Place Used Import Plates) guidelines 2006 is able to be used for Model Reports. The MVSA 'New Vehicle Low Volume Vehicle Scheme Evidence Examination Procedures Manual 2020'- Alternative Standards, still can be used also, as stated in 2023, correct?</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>There is a comprehensive list of ways to demonstrate compliance to relevant standards for Model Reports, which are outlined in sections 25 to 32 of the <i>Road Vehicle Standards (Model Reports - Compliance with Standards) Determination 2021</i> (the Determination).</p> <p>In certain circumstances, we have previously accepted evidence allowed through the former <i>Motor Vehicle Standards Act (Approval to Place Used Import Plates) Guidelines 2006</i> as meeting requirements specified in the Determination. However, where the Determination requires that road vehicles meet a range of more recent standards, consideration may no longer be relevant.</p> <p>The New Vehicle Low Volume Scheme evidence manual has been replaced by the Determination.</p>