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Questions asked during RVSA Industry webinar #41 on 26 February 2026	Score	Response
<p>Industry has been told by the department throughout ROVER development that 'cloning' a VTA application (or parts thereof) is not possible, however this same functionality is being used in concessional 'model report' applications. Can we discuss this now being applied to VTA's?</p>	0	<p>ROVER is unable to clone full applications to create new applications.</p> <p>The functionality in Model Report applications to 'duplicate vehicle specification' pages is a partial duplication, where information is copied from selected fields. It is not able to complete more complex actions.</p> <p>The primary limitations to cloning full applications include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it would require a major and complex rebuild of ROVER • it would affect ROVER's performance as more cloned applications are generated • it would create additional security and data integrity issues, particularly if cloning information across make or model types. <p>If industry believes there is a case for cloning information from one field to another within an application - please submit suggestions to ROVERinfo@infrastructure.gov.au</p>
<p>To reduce workload for Dept/Industry can Communication of Certification pathways for non -aligned ADR's [eg ADR 65/00] be established?</p>	1	<p>We will examine the case to include an alternative standards clause in a future amendment package for Australian Design Rule 65/00 - Maximum Road Speed Limiting for Heavy Goods Vehicles and Heavy Omnibuses.</p>
<p>Expiring AVV Approvals - what is the process to keep the same approval number? What needs to be done when re-applying?</p>	0	<p>When you reapply for an expiring approval in ROVER, you can request to keep the same approval number in the 'Comments or any other matters' page of your application.</p> <p>You will need to provide the approval number that was previously issued to you with a brief statement confirming that you would like to retain this approval number if a new approval is granted. This is outlined in the <i>Reapplying for an expired or expiring approval</i> guide (www.infrastructure.gov.au/department/media/publications/reapplying-expiring-or-expired-approval).</p>
<p>With the expiry of the Opted-In Vehicle Type Approvals occurring throughout this year, have the department considered resourcing requirements to ensure applications are assessed in a timely manner?</p>	0	<p>The department is adequately resourced to manage an expected increase in applications to replace expiring opted-in vehicle type approvals within legislated timeframes.</p> <p>We recommend submitting your new applications early to allow enough time to be assessed and minimise the risk of being unable to provide vehicles to the market if your existing approval expires before a new one is granted.</p>
<p>Category MA VTAs with multiple makes have appeared in ROVER. Other vehicle manufacturers would like to have VTAs with multiple makes where the model is of the same vehicle type. Can position of The Department please be confirmed regarding multiple makes being included in a VTA.</p>	1	<p>Each vehicle type approval should only have one make. This is outlined in the <i>Guide to vehicle type approvals</i> (https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/department/media/publications/guide-vehicle-type-approvals).</p> <p>We have identified a small number of approvals that do not meet this requirement and are currently investigating this further.</p>
<p>With the addition of the new email address, there are now a number of RVSA email address. Is possible to provide a list of the emails addresses and the purpose of each email address? Roverinfo@ / RAVquestions@ / RVSAcomms@ / RVSAImplementation2 etc.....</p>	0	<p>ROVERinfo@infrastructure.gov.au is the best email to use for Road Vehicle Standards (RVS) matters. We triage all emails across policy and operations to ensure your enquiry is sent to the right area for response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROVERinfo@infrastructure.gov.au – Primary contact for enquiries (RVS call centre triage mailbox). • RAV.Submissions@infrastructure.gov.au – Submit vehicles to be entered on the Register of Approved Vehicles (RAV) via email (CSV or XML files only). • RAVquestions@infrastructure.gov.au – Enquiries about RAV submissions, including help lodging a submission or questions about a submitted file. • RVSAcomms@infrastructure.gov.au – Enquiries about webinars, newsletters and subscriptions. • Recalls@infrastructure.gov.au – Enquiries about road vehicle and road vehicle component recalls. • Standards@infrastructure.gov.au – Enquires about the development, maintenance and harmonisation of Australian Design Rules. • Vehiclecompliance@infrastructure.gov.au – Enquires about compliance monitoring and enforcement of the RVS laws.

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<p>as a suggestion: would it be possible to subscribe to updates for guidance documents that are updated on the "RVS guides and resources".</p>	2	<p>We do not currently have a dedicated subscription for RVS guides and resources but will consider options for timely alerts on updates.</p> <p>Our monthly newsletter, the RVS News Update, includes information about recently updated guides. You can subscribe at www.infrastructure.gov.au/RVS-subscribe</p>
<p>apologies late to the party Just to confirm with the changes the email for submissions will remain the same</p>	0	<p>Yes, the RAV submissions email will remain the same.</p>
<p>When can we expect any results from the ADR Harmonisation Review 2024-25?</p>	4	<p>Dr Mundy has submitted his final report to the Minister, which is still under consideration. The handling of the report, including any public release, is a matter for Government. We will provide stakeholders with updates as soon as we are able.</p>
<p>Why has the Department adopted the position that when considering Vehicle Models, that when two different variants as provided by the OEM are considered the same, just because they have the same number of side doors. Typical example is RAM Crew Cab and RAM Mega Cab being considered the same.</p>	0	<p>The manufacturer generally chooses what constitutes a variant under a particular model, though variants of a model with different numbers of doors are often considered the same vehicle type. For more information about what constitutes a vehicle type and when it would be considered a different vehicle type, see pages 6 and 7 of the <i>Guide to vehicle type approvals</i> (www.infrastructure.gov.au/department/media/publications/guide-vehicle-type-approvals).</p>
<p>Can there be a link in ROVER/RAV between the FSM approval and a SSM approval?</p>	1	<p>We are working with the Australian Automotive Aftermarket Association to better understand the links between approvals that are being sought.</p> <p>Please note that second stage manufacturers (SSMs) normally include the first stage's approval details when naming their make and model. We recommend filtering the List of road vehicle type approvals by Make and/or Model using the first stage approval's details. You can use an asterisk to filter by partial text, which will capture a wider range of relevant results to help you find dependant SSM approvals. You can put asterisks at the beginning and end of the first stage vehicle's make or model to find any approvals that incorporate that text. e.g. *brand*</p> <p>You can apply multiple filters at the same time to narrow the search. For example, searching by Make and Vehicle category.</p>
<p>Hello good morning, with new NVSE norms, if with a type approval that is already approved, if we want to add a new variant where in all specs of the vehicle remain same, but the marketing designation changes, would that require a new Type approval application to be put in?</p>	0	<p>No, you would not need to submit a new vehicle type approval application. If you are adding a new variant to an existing model, you can still submit an application to vary your existing approval.</p>
<p>SEVs applications, when a previously expired SEVs approval is re-applied for, can should it not be just a 'tick and flick' if no VTA activity for the specific Make/Model has occurred in a specific ADR category? This is under Section 128(3)(e), ADR Category.</p>	0	<p>We assess every application in full as there are multiple reasons why a vehicle on the Specialist and Enthusiast Vehicles (SEVs) Register might not be eligible for re-entry. For example, if the vehicle is now covered by a vehicle type approval, or if emissions standards become more stringent and raise the bar for eligibility under the environmental criterion then the vehicle may not meet the eligibility criteria. Additionally, some vehicles were entered on the SEVs Register under transitional arrangements and do not meet the current eligibility criteria.</p> <p>In some cases, the applicant seeking re-entry is not the same as for the original entry and different supporting evidence is provided. This is another reason why we fully assess each application on its own merits.</p>
<p>CRE application, 4 TD trailers of the same build spec (dimensions, components etc) different tares due to additional structure, can these be covered under the one application as they are identical with regard to compliance?</p>	0	<p>The ROVER application form does not allow different tare weights for identical vehicles. You must provide evidence that each vehicle variant complies with applicable road standards for heavy trailers. For example, evidence of braking performance would need to cover the range of tare values, and the position of lights may need to change.</p> <p>Additionally, the application fee is for one assessment and where the vehicles differ by something that is material to or could be, a separate application is required.</p> <p>We will update guidance to make this clear.</p>