



# Road Vehicle Standards

## Checklist for a concessional RAV entry approval application for a personal effects vehicle

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### Approval holder details

- Identify who would be the approval holder responsible for meeting all the approval conditions. For a personal effects vehicle the applicant must be the individual owner.
- Provide documents indicating your entitlement to live in Australia indefinitely, for example, an Australian passport or information about relevant visas you may hold.

### Vehicle details

- Provide details of the vehicle's make, model, year of manufacture, seating capacity, motive power (petrol, diesel, electric battery) and type (passenger vehicle, motorcycle, van).
- Provide the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) or chassis number.
- Provide proof you own the vehicle and have done so for at least 12 months, such as a purchase invoice or registration certificate.
- Provide proof you became the owner while living overseas.
- Provide evidence showing that you have used the vehicle regularly on a public road outside Australia where you have been living permanently.
- Provide photos of the vehicle, including:
  - front of the vehicle
  - rear of the vehicle
  - sides (left and right) of the vehicle
  - the VIN and compliance/manufacture's plate
  - odometer
  - engine.

## Residency

- Provide information showing you intend to leave your country of residence indefinitely. This could include:
  - resignation acceptance letter from overseas employer
  - cancellation of utilities services overseas
  - sale/cancellation of overseas property
  - shipment of your household goods to Australia. (for example, copies of shipping documents).
- Provide evidence of 12-months continuous residency in the country where the vehicle was purchased, before the date you arrived in Australia. This could include:
  - rental receipts/purchase documents
  - employment records
  - utilities statements
- Provide details of when you arrived/intend to arrive in Australia.
- Provide details of any previous personal effects approval granted under the RVS or the corresponding approval under the former *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989*.

**IMPORTANT:** Please do not provide your tax file number as supporting information in your application.

## Quick links

- [Importing a vehicle as personal effects – Overview](#)
- [Guide to concessional RAV entry approvals](#)
- [Concessional RAV entry approvals](#)

## Further information

For further information, please visit the [department's website](#) or submit an [online enquiry](#).