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## How to enter a vehicle on the RAV for a vehicle type approval

A road vehicle can be submitted for entry on the Register of Approved Vehicles (RAV) when:

- manufacture is complete
- a type approval is in force
- it is in Australia (except when the type approval specifically allows the vehicle to be outside Australia), and
- it complies with the requirements of the Road Vehicle Standards legislation.

Once a road vehicle has been granted a type approval you should follow these steps to enter the vehicle on the RAV:

1. The RAV submitter generates a data file in an XML or CSV format. A CSV template is available [here](#), an XML file generator is available [here](#).
2. Save the file to your drive.
3. Submit data files by email to the RAV:
  - Address [RAV.submissions@nevdirect.com.au](mailto:RAV.submissions@nevdirect.com.au)
  - Subject line must include: Organisation ID: **RAV00000X** Submitter ID: **RS000000X**
4. An auto-response email will confirm successful or unsuccessful submission of the data records for the RAV. Where the record(s) has been rejected, the response will list all rejection reasons.

**Note:** Filenames are not validated in any way and may be 50 characters long (recommended length for human readability). Please **avoid** these characters:

- / – forward slash
- \ – backward slash
- ; – semicolon
- : – colon
- @ – ampersand
- ? – question mark
- \* – asterisk.

**Approvals** – The RAV validates for approvals on ROVER. The approval must be of the form **VTA-nnnnnn** with a hyphen as shown.

Please refer to Attachment A and Attachment B in the [Guide to the RAV for vehicle type approval holders](#) for data type requirements for RAV submissions.

### When will the vehicle appear on the RAV?

Records of vehicles entered on the RAV can be found via the publicly accessible [RAV search function](#). Records of new entries are transferred to the public search database at 12 noon and 6 pm daily AEST (1 pm and 7 pm AEDT). The RAV is searchable only by the VIN and only one VIN at a time.