



Road Vehicle Standards

Using other approvals to support a vehicle type approval application

An applicant for a vehicle type approval may show compliance with a national road vehicle standard using a component type approval or UN ECE approval for the component or vehicle even if the approval was not issued to them.

The applicant will still need to retain and supply certain information depending on the type of approval the vehicle or component is covered by.

Section 19 of the Road Vehicle Standards Rules 2019 (the Rules) identifies the requirements for obtaining a vehicle type approval.

When the department is considering the requirements of subsections 19(1)(b), (c) and (d)* where the applicant is using a previously approved component or vehicle, the department accepts that the prior approval holder has met the requirements of conformity of production and audit access to obtain the approval.

* Subsection 19(1)(b) includes criteria that an applicant for type approval has control over all stages of the design, componentry and manufacturing process OR access to information including information about changes to the design, componentry or manufacturing process that may affect compliance with national road vehicle standards.

Subsection 19(1)(c) requires an applicant to be able to ensure the design, componentry and manufacturing process is will consistently produce the type of vehicle.

Subsection 19(1)(d) requires an applicant to be able to arrange for the Secretary or an inspector to inspect premises used in the manufacturing process.

The applicant for vehicle type approval will still need to have a quality system to cover the design and manufacture for every vehicle added to the Register of Approved Vehicles (RAV) in accordance with their approval.

However, they will satisfy the aforementioned subsections of the legislation by including certain information in their quality system to ensure each component they fit or vehicle they modify continues to be covered by the approval and the approval is still in force.

Where components are covered by a component type approval, an applicant for a vehicle type approval will be able to reference the component type approval number without supplying additional information.

Where components are covered by a UN ECE approval, an applicant for a vehicle type approval will be required to hold a copy of the approval issued in accordance with the 1958 Agreement. The approval must identify the vehicle or component covered by the approval. Each separate ECE approval number included in the application will be required to be submitted separately during the application process, with an accompanying extract of the approval that identifies the vehicle or component covered by the approval, an upload of the ECE approval is not required where the approval is shown on the Database for the Exchange of Type Approval documentation (DETA).

The supporting information for the approval will only need to include information that the component approval was in force at the time the completed vehicle was added to the RAV.

Where vehicles are undergoing a second stage of manufacture and already entered on the RAV under a vehicle type approval, an applicant for a vehicle type approval will be able to reference the vehicle type approval for the first stage vehicle without supplying additional information. In this case the quality system the approval holder uses must document how the approval holder manages and confirms that the design of the vehicle has not changed to the extent that any testing performed on the vehicle is still valid.

In the case of a vehicle undergoing a second stage of manufacture, the supporting information will need to include information to confirm that the design of the modified vehicle has not changed to an extent that any testing performed on the modified vehicle would not remain valid.

ROVER

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Conditions of approval relating to approved components or vehicles

It is a standard condition of a vehicle type approval that the approval holder must, if requested, allow the department to access premises where road vehicle components are designed or manufactured.

Where a component has either a component type approval or a UN ECE approval, the department will consider this condition to have been met.

Further information

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