



Road Vehicle Standards



Vehicles to be modified by a registered automotive workshop (RAW) – overview

What you need to know and do to be granted an approval to import a vehicle to be modified by a RAW.

Why do I need an approval?

The Road Vehicle Standards (RVS) laws regulate the safety, anti-theft technology and environmental standards of all road vehicles.

Anyone who wants to bring a vehicle into Australia needs permission to do so. It is an offence to import a road vehicle into Australia without an approval.

If you want to register the vehicle and drive it on a public road in Australia, it must be added to the [Register of Approved Vehicles](#) (RAV). To be added to the RAV, a vehicle must be approved under either a:

- concessional RAV entry approval, or
- vehicle type approval.

What approval do I need?

To import a vehicle to be modified by a RAW, you need to apply for a [concessional RAV entry approval](#).

You or your agent/representative must have an account in [ROVER](#), our online system that integrates all applications and approvals under the RVS legislation. If using an agent, the agent must have an authority to act on your behalf in ROVER.

Access the application form in ROVER by selecting the **Single Road Vehicle Approval** icon.

You will need to answer questions, provide certain information and upload photos and documents to ensure you have sufficient proof to support your claims.

If the approval is granted, the approval holder is taken to be the holder of an import approval for that vehicle.



Before you start organising to ship the vehicle, please be aware of **all** costs, requirements, regulations associated with importing a vehicle. Please read the: [8 steps to importing a vehicle](#).

Do I meet the eligibility criteria?

You must satisfy the decision maker that you meet all the following eligibility criteria to be granted a concessional RAV entry approval for a vehicle to be modified by a RAW:

- you own or intend to own the vehicle, and the vehicle is:
 - covered by an entry on the [Specialist and Enthusiast Vehicles](#) Register (SEVs Register), **or**
 - a used two-wheeled or three-wheeled vehicle, **or**
 - the vehicle is already on the RAV via a type approval and intended for [second stage of manufacture](#) (SSM) before being provided to a consumer for the first time in Australia, **and**
- you have or have access to an approved Model Report that applies to the vehicle, **and**
- you will comply with the conditions of the approval.



CHECK with the state or territory registration authority where the vehicle will be used to ensure the vehicle can be registered.

How do I know if my vehicle is on the SEVs Register?

You can review the list of vehicles on the [SEVs Register](#). If your vehicle is not already on the SEVs Register, you or a representative who has a ROVER account can apply for a vehicle to be entered on the SEVs Register. See the [Guide to SEVs](#) for more detail.

How do I know if my vehicle is covered by a Model Report?

You can review the list of [approved Model Reports](#). Ensure your vehicle meets the specification of the vehicle covered by the Model Report. If your vehicle is not already covered by a Model Report, you can apply yourself, or engage someone else to apply.

How do I find a RAW to modify my vehicle?

You can review the list of [RAW approval holders](#). Ensure the RAW is able to do the modification type for your category of vehicle.

How do I get my vehicle verified and added to the RAV?

You, your selected RAW or the Model Report author should engage an [approved authorised vehicle verifier \(AVV\)](#). It is important to ensure the AVV has the verification service type, location and scope of vehicle categories to allow them to verify your vehicle, or modifications made to your vehicle, in accordance with the Model Report work instructions used by the RAW.

The AVV will submit the vehicle details to the RAV when your vehicle has been verified.



A condition of an approval granted for a vehicle to be modified by a RAW is that it must be modified or manufactured in accordance with an approved Model Report, and the vehicle is, or modifications are, verified by an AVV.

What do I need to submit with the application?

A concessional RAV entry approval application for a vehicle to be modified by a RAW requires certain information and documents. Please ensure all details are submitted to minimise delays.

Vehicle details:

- type of vehicle (passenger, motorcycle)
- make and model
- year of manufacture
- Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) or chassis number
- country the vehicle is being imported from.

Model Report details:

- Model Report number
- name of the Model Report approval holder.

The SEVs Register entry reference number, if applicable.

If a SSM vehicle, the vehicle type approval number of the base vehicle added to the RAV.

The following photos of the vehicle:

- front view of the vehicle
- rear view of the vehicle
- side view (left and right) of the vehicle
- view of the VIN and compliance/manufacture's plate
- odometer
- engine.

Documents to prove ownership or intention to own the vehicle, (except for SSM):

- vehicle purchase or deposit receipt
- contract of sale with/without deposit receipt.

Are there any fees?

The application fee is \$95. The RAV levy charge (paid by the AVV), depends on the type of vehicle, for example a passenger vehicle charge is \$109.

More information

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