



Road Vehicle Standards

Operating a registered automotive workshop during the transition period – overview

On 1 July 2021, the *Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018* replaced the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989*.

Background

This overview sets out the high-level regulatory changes affecting the Registered Automotive Workshop Scheme (RAWS) and access to specialist and enthusiast vehicles (SEVs) during the Road Vehicle Standards (RVS) transitional period, 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2023.



Note: Ensure you take application processing times into account when planning your operations.

Operations as an MVSA RAW

Any new application to become a registered automotive workshop (RAW) must now be made under the RVS legislation.

Any entity that operated as a RAW under the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989* (MVSA) on 30 June 2021 can continue to operate as an MVSA RAW until 30 June 2023 (no renewal fees will be collected between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2023).

The MVSA Register of SEVs was locked on 30 June 2021. No further amendments are permitted.

Import approvals for MVSA Register of SEVs vehicles on a RAW's schedule can be granted until 30 April 2023. Applications can continue to be made through the RAWS system.

Vehicle Inspection Certificates (VIC) can be assessed and plate approvals granted until 30 June 2023. VICs should be submitted by 23 June 2023 to allow adequate assessment time and provision of the plate.

Plated vehicles can be supplied until 30 June 2023.

Vehicles that have not been entered on the Register of Approved Vehicles (RAV) **CANNOT** be supplied after 30 June 2023.

Interim SEVs list arrangements

The Interim SEVs list was locked on 30 June 2021. No further amendments are permitted.

While it is preferred that Model Reports are used from 1 July 2021, evidence packs can be assessed until 30 December 2021.

From 1 July 2021 to 31 March 2023, MVSA RAWs will be able to apply for a [concessional RAV entry approval](#) for a vehicle on the Interim SEVs list.

This transitional period gives MVSA RAWs sufficient time to become an RVS RAW approval holder and have Model Reports approved.

Applications must be made through the [ROVER](#) portal by selecting **single road vehicle – vehicle on the SEVs Register**. A concessional RAV entry approval is also considered to be an import approval (where required).

A concessional RAV entry approval will contain a condition that the MVSA RAW must notify the department when the vehicle is in Australia and is in a condition making it suitable for entry on the RAV.

This will be done by submitting a VIC through the RAWs system.

Any Interim SEVs list vehicles that were approved for importation under MVSA, but were not approved for plating by 1 July 2021 will also require a concessional RAV entry approval to add the vehicle to the RAV.

All vehicles on the Interim SEVs list will be eligible for entry on the RVS SEVs Register. However, each vehicle will require a SEVs Register application.

If the vehicle is eligible for addition to the RVS SEVs Register at the time of application, the 3-year availability period will start again.

If the vehicle is no longer eligible for entry on the RVS SEVs Register, the availability period will be 3 years from the date it was originally added to the Interim SEVs list.

Operating as an RVS RAW

All RVS-related applications are made through the [ROVER](#) portal.

Applications to become an RVS RAW approval holder opened on 1 July 2021.

Applications to add vehicles to the RVS SEVs Register opened on 1 April 2021.

Only RVS RAW approval holders may modify vehicles on the RVS SEVs Register. There is no limit to the number of vehicles an RVS RAW approval holder may modify each year.

To be eligible for a concessional RAV entry approval (for a vehicle to be modified by a RAW) a [Model Report](#) covering the vehicle must be approved.

Once modified, each vehicle must be verified by an independent authorised vehicle verifier (AVV) approved under the RVS legislation. Once the AVV is satisfied the vehicle has been modified in accordance with an approved Model Report, the AVV will add the vehicle to the RAV.

Engaging an AVV is a commercial arrangement between the RAW and the AVV approval holders. A list of approved AVVs and their locations is available on [ROVER](#).



Note: Only the owner or intended owner of a vehicle can apply to import and have it entered on the RAV.

The owner can use an agent to make the application on their behalf.

Register of Approved Vehicles

The RAV is a publicly searchable online database of vehicles that have met the requirements of the RVS legislation and been approved for provision to the Australian market.

Once entered on the RAV, a vehicle is available for registration by a state or territory registration authority (pending any local rules). Under the RVS legislation, vehicles no longer receive identification plates or used import plates.

More information

- [Registered automotive workshops](#)
- [Specialist and enthusiast vehicles](#)
- [Creating a ROVER account](#)

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