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The Regulatory Report

The Regulatory Report provides statistics on Road Vehicle Standards (RVS) regulatory activities conducted by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts (the department).

This report provides information on regulatory activities that occurred between July and September 2025. It also provides data on some activities that occurred during the past 12 months. Regulatory activities include the number of vehicles on the Register of Approved Vehicles (RAV), application assessment timeframes, recalls, compliance and enforcement matters, and stakeholder engagement and enquiries.

We recommend you read our findings in conjunction with the explanatory notes provided at Appendix A.

Report highlights

- 381,667 vehicles were added to the RAV between July and September 2025, bringing the total number to 5,746,005.
- The total number of applications decided in this quarter (10,561) increased on the previous quarter (9,034) and all applications were decided within the legislative timeframes. This represents an increase of 10% compared to the average number of applications decided over the previous 3 quarters.
- The total number of Model Report applications decided in this quarter more than doubled, increasing from 131 to 305 applications in this quarter.
- The median processing timeframe for all new applications, from final submission to decision, was 11 days in this quarter.
- The most resubmitted application type in this quarter was for Model Report approvals at 69%. There was a decline in the percentage of testing facility approval applications resubmitted this quarter (10.5%) compared to the previous quarter (23.1%). All registered automotive workshop and authorised vehicle verifier applications were submitted only once.
- The ROVER Level 1 Support team actioned a total of 14,710 enquiries in this quarter.
- The department attended a total of 6 RVS stakeholder engagement events.

Register of Approved Vehicles

Table 1: Vehicles entered on the Register of Approved Vehicles

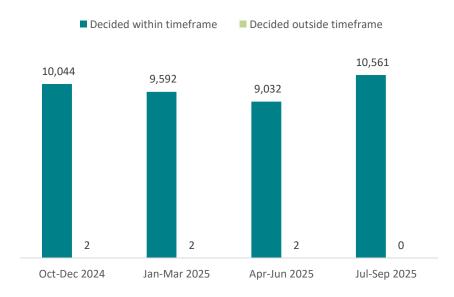
Date	Vehicles on the RAV
1 July to 30 September 2025	381,667
Total number of vehicles	5,746,005

- 1. Number of vehicles entered on the RAV include active vehicles only.
- 2. Total number of vehicles on the RAV is from 1 July 2021 to 30 September 2025.
- 3. See Explanatory notes for details.

Applications and assessment timeframes

Assessment timeframes overview

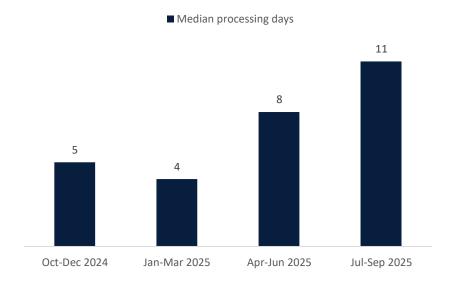
Figure 1: Total number of applications decided by legislated timeframe



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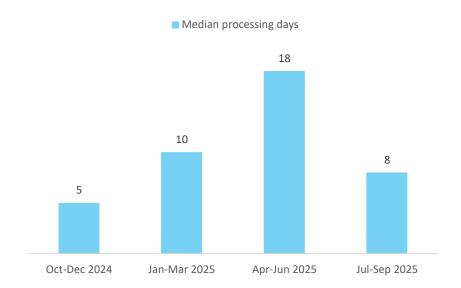
- 1. Total number of all applications decided from 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025.
- Timeframe only includes processing days from the last submission to the decision date and excludes any previous submissions for the same application.
- 3. See Explanatory notes for details.

Figure 2: Median processing days for application types with a 30-day legislated timeframe



- Total number of all application types with a 30-day legislated decision timeframe and decided from 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025.
- 2. Timeframe only includes processing days from the last submission to the decision date and excludes any previous submissions for the same application.
- 3. See Explanatory notes for details.

Figure 3: Median processing days for application types with a 60-day legislated timeframe



- Total number of all application types with a 60-day legislated decision timeframe and decided from 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025.
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Application and assessment timeframes in this quarter

Application numbers

Table 2: Total number of applications decided by application type in this quarter

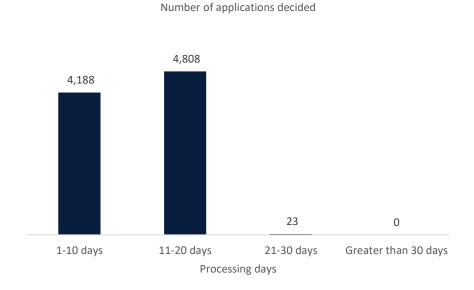
Application type	Applications decided
Vehicle type approval	1,137
Concessional RAV entry approval	7,902
Component type approval	100
Authorised vehicle verifier approval	7
Model Report approval	305
Registered automotive workshop approval	20
Specialist and Enthusiast Vehicles Register entry	61
Testing facility approval	37
Non-RAV entry import approval	424
Re-importation import approval	110
Advisory notice (not a road vehicle)	458
Total	10,561

- 1. Total number of all applications decided from 1 July to 30 September 2025.
- 2. See Explanatory notes for details.

Assessment timeframes compared to the legislated timeframes

For a breakdown by application type, see Appendix B.

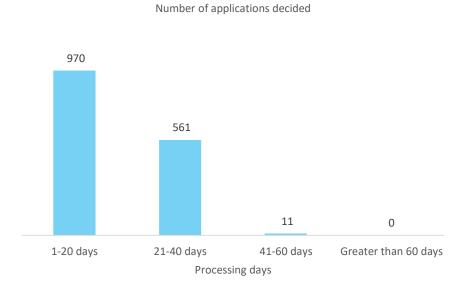
Figure 4: Processing days for all application types with a 30-day legislated timeframe in this quarter



Source notes.

- Total number of all application types with a 30-day legislated decision timeframe and decided from 1 July to 30 September 2025.
- 2. Timeframe only includes processing days from the last submission to the decision date and excludes any previous submissions for the same application.
- 3. See Explanatory notes for details.

Figure 5: Processing days for all application types with a 60-day legislated timeframe in this quarter



Source notes.

 Total number of all application types with a 60-day legislated decision timeframe and decided from 1 July to 30 September 2025.

- Timeframe only includes processing days from the last submission to the decision date and excludes any previous submissions for the same application.
- 3. See Explanatory notes for details.

Assessment timeframes for new applications

Table 3: Processing days for new applications from final submission to decision in this quarter

Application type	Applications decided	Average processing days	Median processing days
Vehicle type approval	370	14.5	7
Concessional RAV entry approval	7,682	11.5	12
Component type approval	85	5.5	3
Authorised vehicle verifier approval	7	3.9	2
Model Report approval	58	10.4	6
Registered automotive workshop approval	14	2.6	3
Specialist and Enthusiast Vehicles Register entry	61	4.2	3
Testing facility approval	19	5.3	5
Non-RAV entry import approval	389	7.4	7
Re-importation import approval	110	11.3	11
Advisory notice (not a road vehicle)	458	11.7	12
Total	9,253	11.3	11

- 1. Total number of applications decided from 1 July to 30 September 2025.
- 2. Processing days only include from the last submission to the decision date and exclude any previous submissions for the same application.
- 3. Median processing days is the mid-point or middle value of processing days for the application type.
- 4. See Explanatory notes for details.

Table 4: Processing days to decide new applications, including all previous submissions in this quarter

Application type	Applications decided	Average processing days	Median processing days
Vehicle type approval	370	20.1	22
Concessional RAV entry approval	7,682	11.7	12
Component type approval	85	6.5	3
Authorised vehicle verifier approval	7	3.9	2
Model Report approval	58	28.4	24
Registered automotive workshop approval	14	2.6	3
Specialist and Enthusiast Vehicles Register entry	61	4.8	3
Testing facility approval	19	5.8	6

Application type	Applications decided	Average processing days	Median processing days
Non-RAV entry import approval	389	7.5	7
Re-importation import approval	110	11.4	11
Advisory notice (not a road vehicle)	458	11.7	12
Total	9,253	11.9	12

- 1. Total number of applications decided from 1 July to 30 September 2025.
- 2. Processing days include from the first submission to a decision.
- 3. Median processing days is the mid-point or middle value of processing days for the application type.
- 4. See Explanatory notes for details.

Table 5: Percentage of withdrawn and resubmitted new applications in this quarter

Application type	Applications submitted only once	Applications withdrawn and resubmitted
Vehicle type approval	78.6%	21.4%
Concessional RAV entry approval	96.1%	3.9%
Component type approval	87.1%	12.9%
Authorised vehicle verifier	100%	0%
Model Report	31.0%	69%
Registered automotive workshop	100%	0%
Specialist and Enthusiast Vehicles Register entry	78.7%	21.3%
Testing facility approval	89.5%	10.5%
Non-RAV entry import approval	99.2%	0.8%
Re-importation import approval	99.1%	0.9%
Advisory notice (not a road vehicle)	99.6%	0.4%
Total	95.2%	4.8%

Source notes.

- 1. Total number of applications decided from 1 July to 30 September 2025.
- 2. Applications for an advisory notice could not be withdrawn and resubmitted in ROVER during this period.
- 3. See Explanatory notes for details.

Assessment timeframes for applications to vary an approval

Table 6: Processing days to decide variation applications in this quarter

Application type	Applications decided	Average processing days	Median processing days
Vehicle type approval	767	18.4	25

Application type	Applications decided	Average processing days	Median processing days
Concessional RAV entry approval	220	1.7	1
Component type approval	15	5.9	3
Authorised vehicle verifier	0	0	0
Model Report	247	7.8	4
Registered automotive workshop	6	3.8	4
Specialist and Enthusiast Vehicles Register entry	0	0	0
Testing facility approval	18	4.3	3
Non-RAV entry import approval	35	1.7	1
Re-importation import approval	0	0	0
Advisory notice (not a road vehicle)	0	0	0
Total	1,308	12.7	6

- 1. Total number of variation applications decided from 1 July to 30 September 2025.
- 2. Processing days only include from the last submission to a decision and exclude any previous submissions for the same application.
- 3. Median processing days is the mid-point or middle value of processing days for the application type.
- 4. See Explanatory notes for details.

Compliance and enforcement matters

Table 7: Non-compliance reports, investigation cases and field activities

Activity	Jan-Jun 2025	Jul-Sept 2025
Reports of non-compliance received	189	106
Non-compliance reports closed	183	106
New investigation cases opened	46	26
Investigation cases closed	57	33
Separate field activities undertaken	30	10

Source notes.

Table 8: Compliance and enforcement outcomes

Activity	Jan-Jun 2025	Jul-Sept 2025
Infringement notices issued	2	1
Enforceable Undertakings received and accepted	2	0
Approval revocations – enforced	2	4
Approval suspensions – enforced	1,410	0

Source notes.

Table 9: Enforceable Undertakings received and accepted by approval type

Activity	Jan-Jun 2025	Jul-Sept 2025
Vehicle type approval	2	0
Concessional RAV entry approval	0	0
Component type approval	0	0
Authorised vehicle verifier approval	0	0
Model Report approval	0	0
Registered automotive workshop approval	0	0
Testing facility approval	0	0
Non-RAV entry import approval	0	0
Re-importation import approval	0	0
Total	2	0

^{1.} See Explanatory notes for details.

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Table 10: Enforced approval revocations and suspensions by approval type

	Jan-Jun 2025		Jul-Sept 2025	
Approval type	Enforced revocations	Enforced suspensions	Enforced revocations	Enforced suspensions
Vehicle type approval	0	1409	0	0
Concessional RAV entry approval	1	0	0	0
Component type approval	0	0	1	0
Authorised vehicle verifier approval	0	0	1	0
Model Report approval	0	0	0	0
Registered automotive workshop approval	1	1	2	0
Testing facility approval	0	0	0	0
Non-RAV entry import approval	0	0	0	0
Re-importation import approval	0	0	0	0
Total	2	1,410	4	0

^{1.} See Explanatory notes for details.

Voluntary approval revocations and suspensions

Table 11: Voluntary approval revocations and suspensions by approval type

	Jan-Jun 2025		Jul-Sept 2025	
Approval type	Voluntary revocations	Voluntary suspensions	Voluntary revocations	Voluntary suspensions
Vehicle type approval	80	11	11	10
Concessional RAV entry approval	158	0	37	0
Component type approval	2	0	1	0
Authorised vehicle verifier approval	2	1	1	0
Model Report approval	0	1	9	15
Registered automotive workshop approval	7	1	2	0
Testing facility approval	3	0	0	0
Non-RAV entry import approval	5	0	47	0
Re-importation import approval	1	0	0	0
Total	258	14	108	25

^{1.} Voluntary revocations and suspensions are made by the approval holder and not by the department.

^{2.} See Explanatory notes for details.

Recalls

Table 12: Recall activities for road vehicles and vehicle components

Activity	Jan-Jun 2025	Jul-Sept 2025
Voluntary recalls published	113	59
Risk assessment reviews	1,038	778
Recalls performance review escalations	81	71
Vehicle Identification Number list updates	62	42

^{1.} See Explanatory notes for details.

Stakeholder engagement and management

Table 13: Enquiries managed by the ROVER Level 1 Support team

Enquiry type	Jan-Jun 2025	Jul-Sept 2025
Emails	18,058	7,021
Phone calls	13,211	7,689
Total	31,269	14,710

Source notes.

Table 14: List of stakeholder engagement activities in this quarter

Activity	Date
Model Reports Webinar	3 July 2025
Caravan Industry Victoria Trade Expo	30 July 2025
RVSA Jurisdictions Webinar	5 August 2025
Bus Industry Confederation meeting	26 August 2025
RVSA Industry Webinar	28 August 2025
NEVDIS/Austroads regular meeting	3 September 2025

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Appendix A – Explanatory notes

Register of Approved Vehicles

Data on the RAV was sourced from ROVER on 1 October 2025.

The number of vehicles entered on the Register of Approved Vehicles (RAV) includes active vehicles only. The term 'active vehicles' refer to vehicles on the RAV at the time the data is sourced from ROVER.

Occasionally, vehicles are requested to be removed from the RAV and when this happens they are made inactive. Therefore, this report includes data on active vehicles only to provide a more accurate representation of the number of vehicles on the RAV.

Applications and assessment data source and reporting period

Data on applications and their assessment was sourced from ROVER via the department's Ready Access to Data Analytics and Reporting (RADAR) data management system on 3 October 2025. It includes data on decided applications (new, varied and resubmitted) and excludes data on applications still under assessment.

New and variation applications

A new application is an application that has been submitted for the first time.

A variation application is when an approval holder applies to make a change to an existing approval.

Application assessment day and legislated timeframes

An assessment day is counted as a business day in the Australian Capital Territory. A business day under section 5 of the <u>Road Vehicle Standard Rules 2019</u> means a day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in the Australian Capital Territory.

The processing time starts the day after the date the application is submitted and paid. However, if an application was submitted, assessed and decided on the same day, it is counted as one processing day.

The assessment clock pauses when the department makes a request for information (RFI) and then resumes after the applicant responds to the RFI.

The RVS legislation does not apply a formal timeframe for the department to assess variation applications. However, the department assesses variation applications in line with the legislated timeframe for each applications type.

The legislated timeframe for processing vehicle type approval, component type approval and Model Report approval applications is 60 business days. All other application types are 30 business days, including advisory notices, which are subject to a service charter timeframe of 30 business days.

Application decision types

The types of decisions that can be made on an application include the following:

- grant an approval
- refuse to grant an approval
- enter a vehicle on the Specialist and Enthusiast Vehicles Register
- refuse to enter a vehicle on the Specialist and Enthusiast Vehicles Register

- issue an advisory notice that a thing is not a road vehicle
- refuse to issue an advisory notice that a thing is not a road vehicle
- refuse to consider an application.

Compliance and enforcement

Data on compliance and enforcement activities was sourced from ROVER on 3 October 2025.

An approval revocation or suspension can be enforced or voluntary.

An enforced revocation or suspension occurs when the department decides, in certain circumstances, that an approval should be revoked or suspended.

An approval holder may voluntarily request to have their approval suspended or revoked for a number of reasons. An approval holder may decide to suspend or revoke their approval after having discussions with the department, if they are making substantial changes to their business operations or decide not to continue with the purchase or import of a vehicle.

Compulsory and voluntary recalls

Data on compulsory and voluntary recalls was sourced from ROVER on 1 October 2025.

A compulsory recall occurs (rarely) when the Minister exercises the power to issue a compulsory notice for road vehicles or approved road vehicle components of a particular kind where it appears such vehicles or components:

- will or may cause injury to any person through use (or misuse), or
- do not or it is likely that they do not comply with relevant standards, and
- one or more suppliers of such vehicles or such components have not taken satisfactory action to prevent injury or resolve non-compliance.

A voluntary recall is usually undertaken by the entity, whether an individual in business or a company, responsible for the supply of a vehicle or component for the first time to the Australian market through trade or commerce. However, it may also be appropriate for another entity in the supply chain to undertake the recall action.

Published recalls

Data on published recalls was sourced from ROVER on 1 October 2025.

Recalls are notified to the department, the hazard and defect wording is negotiated with (and agreed to by) suppliers, and the recall is prioritised based on a risk assessment to establish performance benchmarks that inform performance monitoring until closed.

Recalls identified in performance reviews

Sections of the industry are audited to establish recall underperformance and conduct performance discussions. The data has been drawn from the audit findings.

Risk Assessment Reviews

Risk assessments for open recalls are periodically reviewed to maintain their current priority, which informs performance review action.

Enquiries

Enquiries include those received by the ROVER Level 1 Support team. Enquiry data was sourced from ROVER, the department's telephony system and emails on 2 October 2025.

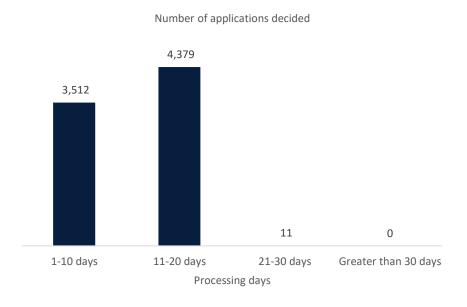
Stakeholder engagement activities

Stakeholder engagement activities include events that were either hosted by the Vehicle Safety Operations Branch or Vehicle Safety Policy and Partnerships Branch, or organised by an external RVS stakeholder. This report does not include stakeholder consultation activities relating to specific activities, for example, vehicle standards being made or amended or framework reviews.

Appendix B – Assessment timeframes compared to legislated timeframes by application type in this quarter

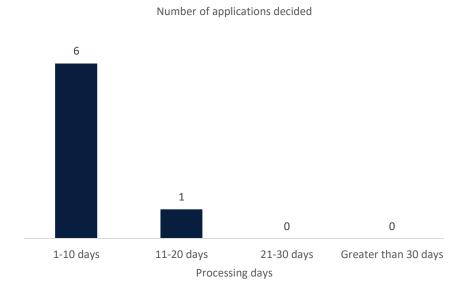
Applications with a 30-day legislated timeframe

Figure 6: Processing days for concessional RAV entry approval applications in this quarter



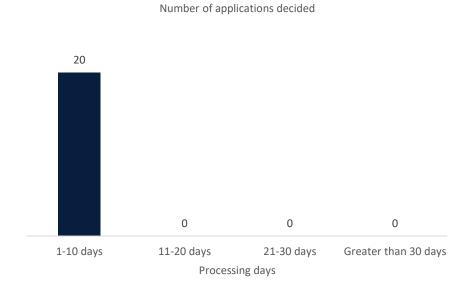
- 1. Total number of concessional RAV entry approval applications decided from 1 July to 30 September 2025.
- 2. Timeframe only includes processing days from the last submission to the decision date and excludes any previous submissions for the same application.
- 3. See Explanatory notes for details.

Figure 7: Processing days for authorised vehicle verifier approval applications in this quarter



- 1. Total number of authorised vehicle verifier approval applications decided from 1 July to 30 September 2025.
- 2. Timeframe only includes processing days from the last submission to the decision date and excludes any previous submissions for the same application.
- 3. See Explanatory notes for details

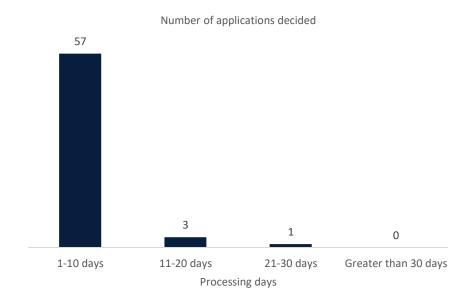
Figure 8: Processing days for registered automotive workshop approval applications in this quarter



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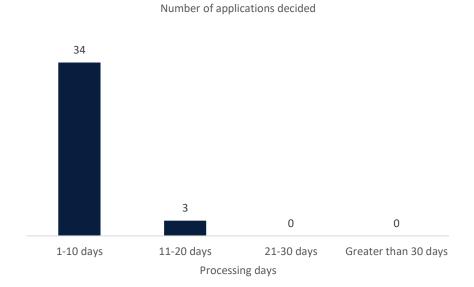
- 1. Total number of registered automotive workshop approval applications decided from 1 July to 30 September 2025.
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- 3. See Explanatory notes for details

Figure 9: Processing days for Specialist and Enthusiast Vehicles Register entry applications in this quarter



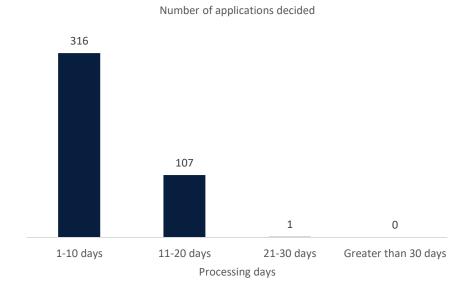
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Figure 10: Processing days for testing facility approval applications in this quarter



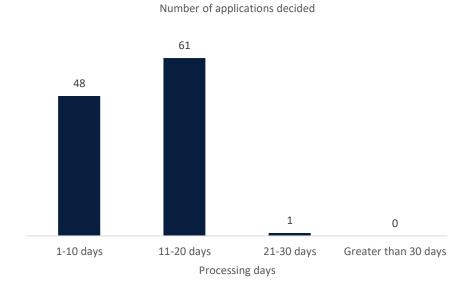
- 1. Total number of testing facility applications decided from 1 July to 30 September 2025.
- 2. Timeframe only includes processing days from the last submission to the decision date and excludes any previous submissions for the same application.
- 3. See Explanatory notes for details

Figure 11: Processing days for non-RAV entry import approval applications in this quarter



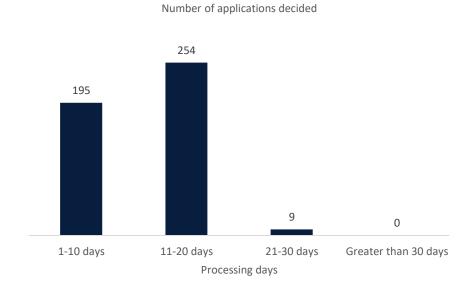
- 1. Total number of non-RAV entry import approval applications decided from 1 July to 30 September 2025.
- 2. Timeframe only includes processing days from the last submission to the decision date and excludes any previous submissions for the same application.
- 3. See Explanatory notes for details

Figure 12: Processing days for re-importation import approval applications in this quarter



- 1. Total number of re-importation import approval applications decided from 1 July to 30 September 2025.
- 2. Timeframe only includes processing days from the last submission to the decision date and excludes any previous submissions for the same application.
- 3. See Explanatory notes for details

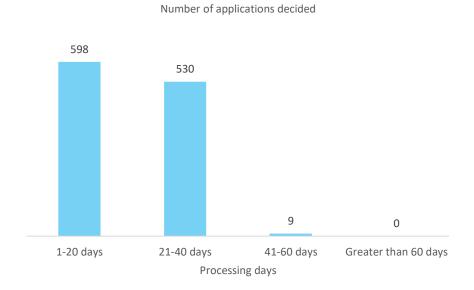
Figure 13: Processing days for advisory notice (not a road vehicle) applications in this quarter



- 1. Total number of advisory notice applications decided from 1 July to 30 September 2025.
- 2. Timeframe only includes processing days from the last submission to the decision date and excludes any previous submissions for the same application.
- 3. See Explanatory notes for details

Applications with a 60-day legislated timeframe

Figure 14: Processing days for vehicle type approval applications in this quarter



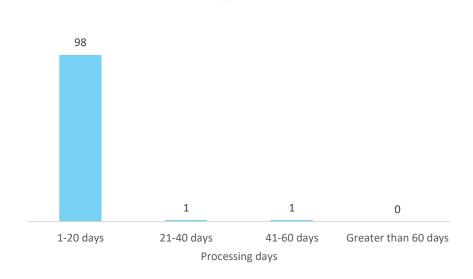
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Number of applications decided

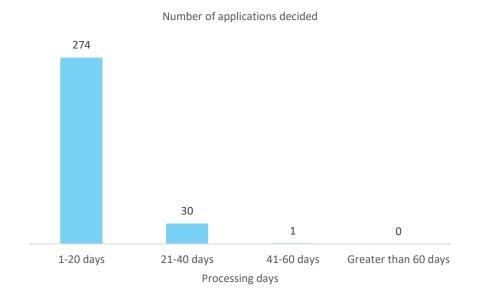
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Figure 15: Processing days for component type approval applications in this quarter



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- 3. See Explanatory notes for details

Figure 16: Processing days for Model Report approval applications in this quarter



- 1. Total number of Model Report applications decided from 1 July to 30 September 2025.
- 2. Timeframe only includes processing days from the last submission to the decision date and excludes any previous submissions for the same application.
- 3. See Explanatory notes for details