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Background

In preparation for the commencement of the *Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018* (RVSA), the Department is currently undertaking policy and procedures development to ensure an effective transition from the *Motor Vehicles Standards Act 1989* (MVSA).

Under MVSA, policy information and guidance is conveyed to external stakeholders through MVSA Administrator's Circulars, Vehicle Standards Bulletins (VSBs) and web page content. This document provides the plan for how content from Administrator's Circulars and other MVSA guidance material will transition to RVSA guidance material.

Key points

Administrator's Circulars, with the exception of Australian Design Rule (ADR) Specific Circulars, will be replaced by RVSA guidance material. Administrator's Circulars will continue to be accessed if required as archived documents. All Administrator's Circulars have been reviewed and relevant content incorporated into RVSA policy and external guidance where appropriate, and provided a schedule for archive.

The transition from MVSA to RVSA guidance material will be incremental and timed in accordance with implementation activities.

This document provides the link between current items and their proposed replacement guidance material, as well as timing of archiving of MVSA material.

Circular Number	Title	Proposed Management under RVSA	Time for Archive
0-1-2	A Guide to the Certification of New Vehicles - Type approval	<p>This is an introduction to Type Approvals explaining the differences between type and vehicle by vehicle approvals. The content from this circular will be covered by VTA policy. The equivalent future guidance document should include references to other guidance where necessary. Content relating to low volume schemes will move to CE RAV.</p> <p>Future guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide to Vehicle Type Approvals (including sub topics) • Guide to Concessional RAV entry • RVSA Transitional Guidance for Low Volume Scheme • RVSA Transitional Guidance for Low Production Passenger Cars • RVSA Transitional Guidance – VTA Opt-in 	End of transitional period
0-1-3	Safety chain connection devices for road trailers which are up to 3.5 tonnes (3,500kg) aggregate trailer mass (ATM)	<p>Contains very specific information regarding safety chain shackles for TA and TB light trailers. This cannot be consolidated into VSB 1 because the information is not mandatory, relates to how vehicles work together (rather than being a requirement of either a trailer or tow bar individually), and supports an on road regulatory requirement rather than an ADR.</p> <p>Future guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contents are referenced as a courtesy from VTA light trailer guidance and VSB1 	End of transitional period
0-2-4	Optional Equipment	<p>Content is covered by VTA – allowable modifications</p> <p>Future guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle Type Approvals – Allowable Modifications 	End of transitional period
0-2-7	Certification of Trailers Up To 4.5 tonnes Aggregate Trailer Mass	<p>Content is covered by VTA – Light Trailers and CE RAV.</p> <p>Future guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle Type Approvals – Light Trailers • Guide to Concessional RAV Entry – Light Trailers 	End of transitional period
0-2-10	Vehicles Manufactured From Imported Spare Parts	<p>Covered in the definition of a road vehicle (which includes partly completed and unassembled vehicles) and under ICV and definitions.</p> <p>Future guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide to Vehicle Type Approvals 	RVSA commencement
0-2-11	General Procedures for Selection of Vehicles and Components for ADR	<p>An explanation of how to select the best worst case vehicles and components and how to manage them during the VTA and CTA application process. This content should be covered at a high level by external guidance and more specific guidance will be located with the ADR specific circulars (developed by the Standards Maintenance team).</p>	End of transitional period

Circular Number	Title	Proposed Management under RVSA	Time for Archive
	Compliance Testing	Future guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle Type Approvals – Acceptable Evidence • Component Type Approvals – Acceptable Evidence 	
0-2-13	Certification of New Low Production Passenger Cars (MA Category)	<p>LPPC scheme will no longer continue, and will transition to either VTA or RAWs. Guidance should be captured under VTA or Model Reports.</p> Future guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide to Vehicle Type Approvals (including sub topics) • Guide to Concessional RAV entry • RVSA Transitional Guidance for Low Production Passenger Cars 	End of transitional period
0-2-15	Discontinuation of Tyre CRNs	Tyre CTAs will be discussed in CTA policy and procedure through the definition of a Road Vehicle Component.	Commencement of CTA
0-3-2	Identification Plates	<p>Covers how, when and where vehicle identification plates should be placed. Placement of vehicle plates or SVI as part of ADR 61 should be covered in ADR61/03. Some material will be included in Model Report guidance (to be covered in working instructions)</p> Future guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide to Vehicle Type Approvals (including sub topics) • Guide to Concessional RAV entry • Model reports – Work Instructions 	End of transitional period
0-3-3	Motor Vehicle Make and Model Designation	<p>Covered by VTA policy, specifically in the definitions.</p> Future guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide to Vehicle Type Approvals (Definitions) 	End of transitional period
0-3-4	Certification Procedures for New Motor Vehicles	<p>Provides high level procedural guidance for providing information in RVCS.</p> Future guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide to Vehicle Type Approvals (including sub topics particularly relating to use of ROVER) 	End of transitional period
0-3-6	Certification Procedures for Trailers	<p>Trailer manufacturer guidance relating to IPA rather than vehicle by vehicle for heavy trailers or non-standard light trailers only. Will need to be incorporated into Heavy Trailer VTA policy.</p> Future guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle Type Approval – Heavy Trailers • Vehicle Type Approval – Light Trailers • Guide to Recalls 	End of transitional period

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0-3-9	Provision of Vehicle Identification Numbers	<p>Describes the process for IPA holders sending NEVDIS their VINs. Includes timing.</p> <p>Agreed action: Will be incorporated into the VTA policy alongside the RAV section of the VTA master policy. External guidance will be provided for electronic records, which will include both VIN and RAV.</p> <p>Future guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RAV Guide • Guide to the Register of Approved Vehicles (RAV) • Vehicle Type Approval – Light Trailers 	End of transitional period
0-3-10	Make and Model Designation for Motorcycles and other L category Vehicles	<p>Describes how make and model are defined for L category vehicles, both VTA and CE RAV. Propose this material is moved into VTA definitions. If the definitions do not change, can be archived at commencement, if they're updated, can be archived at end of transitional period.</p> <p>Future guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide to Vehicle Type Approvals (Definitions) 	RVSA commencement/ End of transitional period
0-4-1	Certification of Low Volume Motor Vehicles	<p>Moving into Concessional RAV Entry policy.</p> <p>Future guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide to Concessional RAV entry • RVSA Transitional Guidance for Low Volume Scheme 	End of transitional period
0-4-5	Final Inspection Certificate Documents for New Vehicles	<p>Content is covered by the Concessional Entry RAV policy.</p> <p>Future guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide to Concessional RAV entry 	End of transitional period
0-4-6	Certification of Vehicles which have undergone a Second Stage of Manufacture	<p>Included in VTA policy. Some will be included in Model Reports for SSM.</p> <p>Future guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle Type Approval – Second Stage Manufacture • Concessional RAV Entry – Second Stage Manufacture • Model Reports – Second Stage Manufacture 	End of transitional period
0-4-8	Registration of Evaluation Vehicles	<p>Covered between VTA and Non-RAV policies. See Evaluation Paper TA8P Nov 2019</p> <p>Future guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle Type Approval – Pre-Release Evaluation Vehicles • Non-RAV Entry Import Approvals – Test and Evaluation 	End of transitional period
0-4-11	Certification of Cab Chassis	<p>Covered by VTA policy. See Position Paper TA7P November 2019.</p> <p>Future guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle Type Approval – Cab Chassis 	End of transitional period

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0-4-12	Certification of Campervans and Motorhomes	Propose that requirements described in 0-4-12 are covered in VTA policy where this relates to campervans and motorhomes. The future improvements register may include a suggestion that Standards be approached to make adjustments to ADR 44 where this would be appropriate. Future guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle Type Approval – Campervans & Motorhomes • Vehicle Type Approval – Campervans & Motorhomes - SSM • Concessional RAV Entry – Campervans and Motorhomes 	End of transitional period
0-4-23	Heavy Omnibus Sub-Assemblies Requiring SARN Plates	Contains bus chassis plate information that is no longer mandatory under RVSA but may be appropriate for use in meeting the condition regarding fitting instructions. When the CTA policy is reviewed, it may be appropriate to include an example of using a bus chassis plate to support the condition requiring fitting instructions. Future guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Component Type Approvals – Bus Chassis 	End of transitional period
0-4-24	Certification of Heavy Omnibuses	Contains bus specific TA information, including how to use a CTA bus chassis. This should be covered in VTA policy. Future guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle Type Approvals – Buses • VSB7 	End of transitional period
0-4-26	Applications for Component Registration Numbers (CRNs)	Guidance for applying for a CRN/SARN, including policy on make and model (naming) and specific restrictions on ECE approvals. Will be replaced by external guidance for CTA. Future guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide to Component Type Approvals 	RVSA commencement
0-4-29	Approval Scheme for Used Imported Trailer	Guidance for CE RAV trailers – new and used Future guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide to Concessional RAV Entry 	End of transitional period
0-4-30	ADR Harmonisation - Certification Procedures	Propose this is covered by VTA – ADR Harmonisation then referenced by CTA and Model Reports where appropriate Future guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle Type Approvals – Acceptable Evidence 	End of transitional period

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0-4-31	ADR Harmonisation - Acceptable recent versions of UN Regulations	Discusses alternate standards of evidence where covered by UN regulation. Propose this is covered by VTA – ADR Harmonisation then referenced by CTA and Model Reports where appropriate Future guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicle Type Approvals – Acceptable Evidence 	End of transitional period
0-7-5	Trailer Categories	Describes Trailer Types. Propose include in VTA – Definitions and supporting guidance as necessary. Future guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guide to Vehicle Type Approvals 	End of transitional period
0-12-0	Test Facility Inspection (TFI)	A decision has been made not to continue to produce the current Test Facility Inspection (TFI) manual and so the future guidance will not be a direct replacement for this circular. The external guidance for testing facilities will be more principles based and less prescriptive with regards to how TF can meet their approval conditions. The manual will be archived at the end of the transitional period as it will still be in use for registered MVSA testing facilities. Future guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guide to Testing Facilities 	Early enabler commencement
0-13-1	Conformity of Production	Conformity of Production will be changing, and the future guidance below will not be a direct substitute for this circular. Future guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guide to Compliance Activities 	End of transitional period
0-14-1	Procedures for single Uniform Type Inspections (SUTI)	Describes how a SUTI is conducted, including the process. Will be covered in VTA with supporting information in external guidance. Future guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicle Type Approvals – Vehicle Inspection Guide to Compliance Activities 	End of transitional period
0-15-1	Desktop Audits of ADR Evidence of Compliance	Desktop audits are a post-approval activity. They are covered in Request Information in Writing Policy, and supporting procedures. Desktop audits should be discussed in external guidance relating to compliance. Future guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guide to Compliance Activities 	End of transitional period