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Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities



Road Vehicle Standards



Road Vehicle Standards Rules 2019

Overview of changes since Exposure Draft 2017

Concessional RAV Entry Consultation Group

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Why we've made changes

- To promote **consistency** across the Rules
- To **clarify** our policy intention
- To take account of **stakeholder feedback**, in particular the varied needs across industry
- To achieve our objectives for the Rules to provide:
 - Clear legislation for **safe, sound and environmentally friendly vehicles**
 - **More choice** of road vehicles for Australians
 - **Flexibility** for the future of road vehicles
 - **Improved compliance and enforcement powers**

When a road vehicle can be entered on the RAV

- Rules now set out an expectation that vehicles are in Australia before they can be entered on the RAV via the concessional RAV entry pathway
- Entry on the RAV may still happen outside Australia in limited circumstances e.g. to allow second stage manufacture of a new vehicle.

Eligibility criterion – special purpose vehicle

- Exposure Draft – ‘special exemption’ criterion
Rules now – ‘special purpose vehicles’
- Clarified power to request evidence of a vehicle’s suitability for use on a public road.
- When deciding whether a vehicle is suitable for use on a public road we will continue to consult our colleagues in NHVR and State and Territory Registration Authorities

Eligibility criterion – trailers

Evidence requirements in applications regarding fully compliant trailers

Requirements	Light trailers	Heavy trailers
Application requires a declaration of compliance?	Yes	Yes
Application requires evidence to support the declaration?	No	Yes

Evidence requirements in applications regarding substantially compliant trailers

Requirements	Light trailer	Heavy trailers
Application requires the detail of vehicle's non-compliance?	Yes	Yes
Application requires a declaration of compliance?	Yes	Yes
Application requires evidence to support the declaration?	No	Yes

Note:

- 'Light trailers' now 'trailers with an aggregate trailer mass (ATM) of 4.5 tonnes or less'.
- 'Heavy trailers' now 'trailers with an ATM of more than 4.5 tonnes'.

Non-RAV entry import approvals

- Rules now include consideration of whether a vehicle is or could be made fit for use on a public road
- Non-road use eligibility criterion extended to include vehicles that are suitable to be granted a non-RAV entry import approval. This replaces the 'general discretion' criterion.
- Temporary eligibility criterion now includes a requirement that the vehicle only be used on public roads in exceptional circumstances.

For further information

- Check out the our 'Rules 2019 released' page linked at the top of our website infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles for links to the Rules and our overview of changes document.
- The overview of changes document:
 - outlines the key changes between the Exposure Draft and the latest version of the Rules.
 - gives a more comprehensive look at the way that provisions of the Rules have changed from the Exposure Draft to now
- Email RVSAimplementation@infrastructure.gov.au