



Road Vehicle Standards

Checklist for a concessional RAV entry approval application for a special purpose vehicle

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Approval holder details

- Identify who (individual or corporation) would be the approval holder responsible for meeting all the approval conditions.
- Provide proof of ownership or that you are in the process of buying the vehicle, for example, a purchase invoice, registration certificate or conditional purchase document.
- If you are not the owner, provide documentation to show you have permission from the owner to import the vehicle.

Vehicle details

- Provide a description of the special purpose the vehicle was designed to carry out.
- Include a letter of in-principle support from the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) or state or territory registration authority where the vehicle will be used.
Note: The in-principle support is not required where the extent of compliance is within the allowance published in a gazette notice on the [NHVR website](#). The notice must be applicable for the intended location of use.
- Provide the make, model, year and month of manufacture, and motive power (petrol, diesel etc).
- Provide the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) or chassis number of the vehicle.
- Provide clear colour photos of the front, rear, side (left and right), engine bay and full interior of the vehicle.
- Provide a clear image of the VIN or chassis number on the vehicle.

Compliance with national road vehicle standards

- Until 30 June 2024, (excluding trailers) provide information on the vehicle's compliance with the national road vehicle standards, the Australian Design Rules (ADRs), applicable to brakes, lights and mirrors.

- Until 30 June 2024, special purpose trailer applications must demonstrate compliance with the national road vehicle standards, the Australian Design Rules (ADRs), applicable to brakes, lights and mechanical connections, unless the vehicle cannot comply with those standards and perform its special purpose function.
- After 1 July 2024 identify any applicable ADRs the vehicle does not comply with.
- If the vehicle could not operate for the purpose it was designed if it complied with national road vehicle standards, provide a statement including how the vehicle does not comply and why the vehicle would not be able to operate for the purpose for which it was designed if it complied with national road vehicle standards.

Quick links

- [Guide to SPVs—Concessional RAV entry approvals](#)
- [Guide to concessional RAV entry approvals](#)
- [Concessional RAV entry approvals](#)

Further information

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