

Questions answered during webinar #17 27 October 2022		
Question	Votes	Response
There have been previous discussions on the department issuing an interpretation, or 'in-principle' M & I outside of the application process. Has the department made any progress on this? It is a very high priority for industry!	7	The department is developing a new Guidance Note on Minor and Inconsequential Non-Compliance for Vehicle Type Approvals in conjunction with jurisdictional regulators and will publish this on its website once it has been finalised. The department will commence a Post Implementation Review of the legislation in the second half of 2024.
Initially industry were told that the 60 assessment period would be re-assessed after 12 months. Acknowledging that the implementation has been extended by 12 months, when will this happen? Surely there is enough information already to allow for this review.	5	The department is continuing to receive a large number of MVSA applications, and this is expected to continue until the transitional period ends on 30 June 2023. The department will consider whether committing to shorter assessment timeframes is appropriate after the end of the transitional period but notes that the large majority of applications are currently being decided within legislated timeframes - which were introduced to provide industry more certainty.
Recent publicity over OPTUS and Medicare security breaches cause some concern over security of private data provided to ROVER in the vehicle certification space. Please confirm that private data is not retained once verified. If it is, please confirm how ROVER guarantees security of this information	3	The department takes the security of private data very seriously and will be undertaking a new Privacy Impact Assessment process to ensure that any private data is handled appropriately, including whether or not data needs to be retained for regulatory purposes.
Regarding the re-apply process, the ability to "re-apply" will only be available when a notification is issued advising the VTA is set to expiry. When will the notification be issued? Is it possible to have the re-apply available to VTA holders who can submit a re-apply at a key project milestone?	3	The department is considering this as part of work it is currently undertaking to review the legislative provisions relating to ongoing approvals.
With regards to the upcoming RAV outage, can we still submit RAV files during the outage? Understanding they will be held by the Dept and not processed until the RAV comes back on line. (I believe this was the case last time)	3	Yes - during a RAV outage, any information submitted via ROVER will be held there until the connection between the RAV and ROVER is restored.
Why not maintain Administrator Circulars? Everything is by email or word of mouth these days.	3	Administrators Circulars are not supported by the RVS legislation. Relevant information is contained in guidance material. The department published a document in July 2020 that outlined how content from Administrator's Circulars, with the exception of ADR-specific Circulars, and other MVSA guidance material would transition to RVSA guidance material during the transitional period from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022. This can be accessed at www.infrastructure.gov.au/department/media/publications/transition-road-vehicle-standards-act-2018-guidance-materials
Can the Department please send notification to users (broadcast email?) when ROVER and the RAV are back online following the ROVER 8A implementation outage?	2	The department communicates regularly with ROVER and RAV users across multiple platforms when there is a scheduled outage.
Are Melissa Cashman, and Mitchell Cole show the questions raised in these forums? It would be good for them to see these common concerns from industry.	4	Yes, both Assistant Secretaries have visibility of all questions asked in the webinars.
Previously under MVCS Circular 0-3-3 provided clear and useful guidance on what constitutes a new model for the purposes of type approval. Current information and guidance does not appear to contain the same type of guidance. In the absence of Circulars can this be considered by the Dept to provide?	3	Guidance documents are updated regularly, largely in response to stakeholder feedback and requests. The department is always open to providing additional guidance where appropriate. Requests should be directed through the 'Contact us' page for consideration. The Guide to vehicle type approvals was last updated in November 2022.

<p>Is the Department actively monitoring the Concessional Space and the Interim System? There seems to be activities going on that are prohibited by the RVSA that the department need to sort out given their expanded powers under the RVSA.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>The department does monitor activities as part of its compliance and enforcement work, noting that approvals for vehicles on the Interim SEVs List are granted under MVSA provisions, not RVSA. If a member of the public has concerns about any activity that potentially breaches the MVSA or RVSA legislation, they can now report the issue to the department through ROVER. Reports can be made anonymously if preferred.</p>
<p>We regularly find that some VINs thought to have been sent to RAV don't appear there. This is a major issue if a vehicle isn't on the RAV after the deadline of an ADR (e.g. ADR 85/00 next week). How should suppliers GUARANTEE each and every VIN sent to the RAV has been loaded? VIN by VIN checks - NG</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>If you receive notification/confirmation that a RAV submission has been successful, and you have paid any RAV levies due, you can be confident the relevant VINs are on the RAV - even if they do not appear in the RAV public search. If they do not appear on the RAV public search, please contact the department and we will investigate the issue.</p>
<p>When will ADR 80/04 be released? The indications are it will start in 2 years and we need the regulation published to prepare. 2 years is a minimum time frame for design and model updates.</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>ADR 80/04 is expected to be approved and published in February 2023.</p>
<p>Could the approval process be streamlined by standardising common approval documentation. Whether this be the implementation of VTA templates or baseline examples.</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>The department is currently considering a number of options to further streamline the application and approval processes.</p>
<p>Will there be a change in how approval can be accessed by multiple consultants. Currently documents are supplied to the department via Rover for customer however the security of that document is dictated by the level of access the customer gives to it consultants. There is no IP protection for.</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>It is the applicant (and subsequently the approval holder) that dictates who has access to any information contained within an application or approval. Any information and documentation provided to the department that is, or could be, commercially sensitive will be treated as commercial-in-confidence at all times and any further disclosure will not be made without your consent unless it is required by law. Only departmental staff with the appropriate authority will have the level of IT access required to assess or decide applications.</p>
<p>Do the variations made to RVDs reflect on the publicly searchable approval page?</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Yes, all versions of RVDs are published.</p>
<p>Will there be any future provision for axle weight rating in RVDs for light vehicles? Particularly in the case of goods vehicles, this information should be more readily available.</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>There are no plans to include axle weight ratings for light vehicles, this is only required for NB2 category vehicles and above.</p>