



## Road Vehicle Standards Bill 2017 Register of Approved Vehicles (RAV)

The Road Vehicle Standards Bill 2017 is intended to replace the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989* (MVSA) to implement the Australian Government's announced Reforms to the regulatory framework for the safety, environmental and anti-theft performance of all road vehicles being provided to the Australian market for the first time – both new and used. The reforms will deliver modernised legislation to increase community safety and remove unnecessary processes for businesses.

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*The Australian Government has released an Exposure Draft of the Road Vehicle Standards Bill for public information. The Bill will need to be debated and passed by both Houses of Parliament before it becomes law. This is expected to happen in 2018. More details are below.*

The Australian Government is introducing a Register of Approved Vehicles (RAV) - an online, publicly searchable database of vehicles approved for use on Australian roads. This will replace the need to fit road vehicles with identification plates containing compliance information and a certification statement from the manufacturer and is distinct from the number (or registration) plate.

The RAV is a core element of the new legislation. It is the means by which a vehicle's approval for provision to the Australian market is recorded and evidenced. The new legislation prohibits the provision of a road vehicle in Australia unless that vehicle is on the RAV or a relevant exception applies (i.e. non-road use). There are two approval pathways for a road vehicle to be entered on the Register of Approved Vehicles – a type approval pathway and a concessional approval pathway.

A permanent Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) will continue to be required on road vehicles supplied to the Australian market. All new vehicles will also require a secure vehicle identification marking to provide a significant deterrent to motor vehicle theft for re-birthing. Trailers will retain the existing physical 'trailer plate' due to the need for visibility of load limits as well as needing to be entered on the RAV.

For all approved vehicles, the electronic record on the RAV will be linked to the physical vehicle through the VIN. The RAV will be searchable (one VIN at a time) to provide information about approved road vehicles.

For vehicles approved for provision under the type approval pathway, the vehicle manufacturer will be authorised to enter the vehicle into the RAV. Vehicles approved under the concessional pathway will be entered on the RAV by the Authorised Vehicle Verifier or by the Department.

## The RAV entry process (for Type Approval holders and AVVs)

Each vehicle approved for road use will be required to have data for an entry on the RAV provided to the National Exchange of Vehicle and Driver Information Services (NEVDIS) who will be hosting the RAV.

This information is largely the detail that is currently carried on a vehicle identification plate.

Attachment A shows the RAV data field requirements and includes a description of each item and the format required for each entry type. The RAV data file should contain the data shown in Attachment A (as relevant to each vehicle type) and be provided in one of two formats.

It will also be possible to create a RAV data file using a text editor such as Microsoft Notepad if the file is saved in accordance with the instructions outlined in Attachment B. However, this is not the recommended option due to the possibility of introducing errors in data entry.

When operational, the data files will be sent directly to NEVDIS via email.

Attachment B shows the approval pathways for entering a vehicle onto the RAV.

## Compliance & enforcement

Compliance with, and enforcement of, *RVSA* obligations will be supported by enhanced monitoring and investigation powers, and new enforcement tools including infringement notices, civil penalties and enforceable undertakings under the *Regulatory Powers (Standard Provisions) Act 2014*.

## Other relevant information sheets

More information on:

- AVVs can be found at information sheet 4
- Concessional imports can be found at information sheet 5
- Full volume new vehicles can be found at information sheet 6
- Cost recovery can be found at information sheet 11

## For further information

Please visit our website [https://infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/mv\\_standards\\_act/](https://infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/mv_standards_act/)

## Attachment A: RAV Data Requirements

Legends: O – Only required where applicable to the vehicle, N/A – Not Applicable, X – Mandatory	X	Date of Entry (NEVDIS to populate)
	X	VIN
	X	Approval Number
	X	Vehicle Category Code (VCC)
	X	Name of Holder of Approval
	X	Make
	X	Model
	O	GVM / ATM (kg)
	O	GTM (kg)
	X	Tare (kg)
	O	Power (kW)
	O	Seating Capacity
	X	Month and Year of Build Date (mm/yyyy)
	N/A – requirement removed	Country of Purchase
	O	Gross Combination Mass (kg)
	O	Road Train
	O	B Double
	X	Entry Pathway
	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorised By Name</li> </ul>
	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorised By Number</li> </ul>
X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added by</li> <li>• (NEVDIS to populate)</li> </ul>	

# Attachment B: Approval pathways to enter a vehicle onto the RAV

