



Reform of the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989*

Eligibility Criteria:

The Register of Specialist and Enthusiast Vehicles

Both new and used specialist and enthusiast vehicles that are eligible for importation and supply to the Australian market will require an entry on the Register of Specialist and Enthusiast Vehicles. Eligible vehicles will need to undergo compliance work to the required standards (where applicable) by a Registered Automotive Workshop.

Over recent months, the Government has consulted extensively concerning the detail of the new criteria. As a result, the criteria and thresholds listed on this sheet is the Australian Government's position.

To be eligible for concessional supply as a specialist and enthusiast vehicle, the vehicle type (make, model or variant) must not be available in Australia under a (full volume) type approval. If the vehicle type passes this initial filter, it will subsequently be eligible for assessment against one of the following Specialist and Enthusiast Vehicle criteria:

Performance Vehicles:

A vehicle will be required to satisfy a graduated threshold formula, based on vehicle age and a corresponding power to weight ratio – measured in Kilowatts per Tonne (kW/T).

- For vehicles manufactured in 1992 (base year of manufacture), the proposed power to weight ratio is 110kW/T.
 - Vehicles manufactured prior to 1992 will be eligible under the older vehicles pathway (vehicle older than 26 years)
- For each year of manufacture post 1992, the required power to weight ratio will increase by 1 kW/T.

Environmental Performance Vehicles:

A vehicle will be required to satisfy an objective vehicle technology based threshold.

- Eligible vehicles will be those originally designed and manufactured to use an alternate means of propulsion to internal combustion of gas or oil (not including human or animal power) either exclusively, or in addition to an internal combustion engine.
 - Eligible vehicles will be required to meet or exceed the national vehicle standard for emissions in force or meet or exceed an emission standard that is deemed comparable to the national vehicle standard for emissions.
- This criteria will also be extended to include a micro-car subcategory for low power (low emissions) vehicles under the environmental vehicle criterion.
 - This will generally allow for vehicles that have a maximum engine capacity of 660cc, maximum engine output of 47kW and is not more than 3.4 metres in length and 1.48 metres in width.

Mobility Vehicles:

A vehicle will be required to satisfy a general objective threshold being that the vehicle is either:

- originally manufactured or fitted from the factory with substantive specialist mobility features; or
- modified after original manufacture but limited to modifications that the original manufacturer endorses and takes responsibility for.

Such features could include but not be limited to:

- Built in ramps for wheelchair access; or
- Seating specifically designed to lift a person from an accessible position outside the vehicle into a standard seating position ('lift up and out' seat(s)); or
- One or more portable wheelchair car seats.

Rare Vehicles:

A vehicle will be required to satisfy one of the following volume thresholds:

- Total worldwide production of the vehicle '*Make*', and total production by the '*Manufacturer*' of the vehicle is less than **3000 units per year** (averaged over the production period for the subject model); or
- Total worldwide production of the vehicle '*Model*' is less than **1000 units per year** (averaged over the production period for the model); or
- Total worldwide production of the vehicle '*Variant*' is less than **100 vehicles per year** worldwide (averaged over the production period for the variant).

In addition, left-hand drive vehicles imported under the rarity criterion will not require conversion to right-hand drive. However, such vehicles will still be subject to State and Territory road registration requirements.

Left-hand drive vehicles:

To satisfy this criteria a vehicle must have been originally manufactured in left-hand drive configuration; and not be available in right hand drive configuration (excluding conversion of left-hand drive vehicles) in another world market:

Vehicle imported under the left-hand drive criteria will be restricted to MA and MC (passenger vehicles) and NA and NB (light and medium commercial) categories and require conversion to right-hand drive.

Campervans and Motorhomes:

To satisfy this criteria, a vehicle must have been originally manufactured as a campervan or motorhome.