



Road Vehicle Standards Bill 2017

Model Reports

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.

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.

With a focus on improving efficiency and reducing regulatory burden, the proposed reforms simplify the process to supply evidence documents for vehicles. Model Reports (MRs) will streamline the supply of necessary compliance documents by a Model Report author (evidence provider) to a RAW and provide transparency of shared documentation by RAWs. MRs will also be accepted as evidence for some type approval applications, including heavy trailers and Second Stage of Manufacture (SSM) type approvals.

Model Report (MR) details

A Model Report is a package of evidence documents for a specific model or variant of vehicle prepared by an evidence provider and submitted to the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development (the Department) for assessment. It will contain the necessary designs, test evidence and steps for modification / manufacture so that a model or variant of vehicle when built or modified in accordance with that MR will meet the applicable standards. Documentation contained within a MR will be similar to the MVSA evidence packs used by RAWs and summary of evidence used by heavy trailer manufacturers.

The four components of a MR are:

1. Header information containing details about the model of vehicle and variants covered;
2. Evidence such as test reports and summary of evidence forms as applicable to demonstrate compliance with standards;

3. Work instructions, diagrams, part numbers, prescribed components, as applicable for modifying or manufacturing the vehicle; and
4. A checklist to allow Authorised Vehicle Verifiers (AVVs) and Registered Automotive Workshops (RAWs) to verify that each vehicle complies with the requirements of the MR.

Where applicable, any Component Type Approvals (CTAs) specified must be those approved components under the *Road Vehicle Standards Act (RVSA)*. Similarly, any testing evidence used must be from a testing facility approved under the proposed RVSA.

Model Report process

Any person may apply for approval of a MR. Templates for the four MR components will be available for applicants to ensure consistency.

The component 1 (Header information) of an approved MR will be publically available via the MR register (subject to the approval holder's agreement). This information will allow the public and RAWs to contact the MR approval holder. The MR approval holder may choose to sell components of the approved MR for shared use.

AVVs will be provided access to the checklist component of approved MRs by the Department.

A MR approval does not expire although changes to the report may be required should the relevant standards change, or there is a variation to the base vehicle type approval.

How to use a Model Report

Different participants can use the four components of an MR as follows:

1. **MR applicants (approval holders)** – will compile the necessary evidence and submit all four components to the Department for assessment. MRs can be sold by the approved holder to RAWs and type approval applicants or retained solely for the approval holder's use.
2. **RAWs** – will use the work instructions and checklist components of an approved MR to modify / manufacture Specialist and Enthusiast vehicles, used motorcycles and some second stage of manufacture vehicles.
3. **Type approval applicants** – will use the MR as evidence for a type approval. The work instructions and checklist will form part of the type approval holder's supporting documentation and include procedures on how to build heavy trailers or perform second stage of manufacture modifications.
4. **AVVs** – will use the checklist component from an approved MR to verify each RAWs vehicle complies with MR requirements.

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*.

Information technology

As a result of the introduction of the RVSA, updates to the Information Technology (IT) systems to manage Model Reports will be progressed over the next 1-2 years.

Other relevant information sheets

More information on:

- SEVS can be found at information sheet 1
- RAWS can be found at information sheet 2
- AVVs can be found at information sheet 4
- Full volume new vehicles can be found at information sheet 6
- Testing Facilities can be found at information sheet 7
- Cost recovery can be found at information sheet 11

For further information

Please visit our website https://infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/mv_standards_act/