

Dear Trailer Manufacturer,

We write to inform you of changes to the Commonwealth Road Vehicle Standards (RVS) legislation that will impact trailer manufacturers and importers in Victoria.

In summary, from 1 July 2023:

- all trailers provided to the Australian market must have an entry on the Commonwealth Register of Approved Vehicles (RAV) to obtain registration in Victoria
- there will be changes to the processes of ensuring trailers comply with the Australian Design Rules (ADRs), applying for trailer VINs and registering trailers.

What does this mean for you?

All manufacturers and importers of trailers must obtain approvals from the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications and Arts (DITRDCA).

All applications for approval need to be lodged online using the DITRDCA Road Vehicle Regulator (ROVER) system at rover.infrastructure.gov.au

You will need to ensure each trailer meets the applicable ADRs:

- Light trailers must comply with Vehicle Standards Bulletin 1 (VSB 1) version 6.
- Heavy trailers must comply with all applicable ADRs.

For more information, visit infrastructure.gov.au and search for:

- [low ATM trailers](#)
- [high ATM trailers](#)
- [Register of Approved Vehicles](#)

If you have any questions, please review the information on the DITRDCA website or complete the DITRDCA [‘Contact us’](#) form.

What if you manufacture four or less trailers in a 12 month period?

You will need to apply to DITRDCA for a concessional RAV entry approval for each trailer.

Your trailer will be issued with a VIN by DITRDCA when your application is approved.

VicRoads will no longer issue VINs for these trailers.

What if you manufacture four or more trailers in a 12 month period?

You will need to apply to DITRDCA for a Vehicle Type Approval (VTA).

Victorian trailer manufacturers can continue to request VINs from VicRoads. You must provide your VTA number. Applications for VINs must be via the VicRoads website vicroads.vic.gov.au

Alternatively, you can obtain your VINs from NEVDIS by obtaining a World Manufacturers Index (WMI) and either becoming a VIN submission agent yourself or through an independent VIN submission agent. Visit the [AustRoads website](#) for further information.

How will registering a trailer change?

All trailers must:

- have the VIN stamped onto a substantial part of the trailer (i.e. drawbar)
- be fitted with a vehicle plate, and
- be recorded on the RAV.

Trailers with a build date from 1 July 2023 that are not recorded on the RAV will not be eligible for registration.

From 1 September 2023 all trailers provided to the Australian market for the first time (i.e. registered for the first time) must be recorded on the RAV to be eligible for registration in Victoria.

If you have any questions about the above changes, please review the information on the DITRDCA website or complete the DITRDCA [‘Contact us’](#) form.

Kind regards,
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