



Road Vehicle Standards

Component Type Approval — Overview

This overview summarises how to seek a component type approval under the RVS legislation.

Background

- Component type approvals relate to components that are intended to be used in the manufacture or modification of certain road vehicles.
- Regulation of component type approvals is key to the Australian Government's ability to ensure Australians are provided with safe, secure and environmentally-friendly vehicles.
- This is because component type approvals may be used as one option to demonstrate compliance with applicable national road vehicle standards by applicants for a vehicle type approval or approval of a Model Report.
- Component Registration Numbers (CRNs) and Sub-Assembly Registration Numbers (SARNs) registered in the Road Vehicle Certification System (RVCS) are currently used to demonstrate compliance with applicable national road vehicle standards.

What is changing and why?

- The Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018 (RVSA) is being implemented by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications (the department).
- The detail of how the new regulatory framework will operate is contained in subsidiary legislation, the Road Vehicle Standards Rules 2019 (the Rules). The RVSA and other related legislation, is referred to collectively as the Road Vehicle Standards legislation (RVS legislation).
- Applicants for a vehicle type approval or approval of a Model Report can choose to use a road vehicle component, including an assembly, that is covered by a component type approval to demonstrate compliance.
- A component type approval is something that a manufacturer or supplier can choose to apply for, which will streamline other RVS application processes.

Who can apply?

- An individual or company may apply for a component type approval.
- An authorised representative of the applicant, agent or employee of the company, can also apply on behalf of the applicant. If a representative applies on behalf of the applicant, they must have access to, and be able to provide, the relevant documents and supporting information.

What do CRN and SARN holders under the RVCS have to do differently?

- Holders of CRNs and SARNs registered in RVCS who wish to continue to provide department issued numbers for components to be used as evidence under RVS legislation may apply for a component type approval.
- Under RVS legislation, component type approvals are restricted to a component:
 - that can be assessed for compliance with a national road vehicle standard or an equivalent standard
 - combined with other components (assembly), the assembly can be assessed for compliance with the applicable national road vehicle standards or equivalent standards
- Under RVS legislation, a holder of a component type approval will have greater responsibilities to ensure compliance.

How do I apply?

- The department uses an online IT service, ROVER, which integrates all RVS legislation activities and approvals.
- To apply for a component type approval under the RVS legislation, you must create an account in ROVER and complete an online application form providing all of the required information and documents so that your application can be assessed.

Eligibility requirements/declarations

- The Secretary or delegated decision maker (authorised under the RVS legislation to, amongst other things, grant or refuse to grant a component type approval) needs to be satisfied that the applicant:
 - has the required information to demonstrate that the component complies, or substantially complies with the applicable standards (any non-compliance is in only minor and inconsequential respects), AND
 - has control or has access to information about the design, componentry and manufacturing process of the component, including changes that may impact compliance with standards, AND
 - can ensure the design, componentry and manufacturing process will consistently produce the component, AND
 - can arrange for the Secretary or an inspector to inspect the premises or components, AND
 - can access and provide original and subsequent versions of supporting information, AND
 - ensure the supporting information for the approval is kept up to date, AND
 - will comply with each of the standard and specified conditions to which the component type approval will be subject
- Applicants must have supporting documentation to satisfy eligibility criteria, e.g. an appropriate Quality Management System (QMS) to demonstrate full control of the design, componentry and manufacturing process.

Complying with your responsibilities

- The department monitors and enforces compliance with the RVS legislation under both the RVSA (applying penalties) and the Rules (obligations of an approval holder).
- The department aims to encourage voluntary compliance, and undertakes informed risk-based compliance activities to confirm compliance with the RVS legislation. These compliance activities may involve:
 - asking you to provide information in writing to assess whether you are complying with the RVS legislation
 - appointed inspectors physically entering premises to confirm compliance with the RVS legislation (monitoring powers)

What if I don't comply?

- Under the RVS legislation, offences and civil penalty provisions apply that cover when a person (individual or company):
 - breaches a condition of their approval
 - breaches an obligation to provide records after an approval ceases to be in force
 - provides a false or misleading declaration
 - provides false or misleading information
- If the department identifies non-compliance, our response will be proportionate to the risk being managed. Our response may include issuing infringement notices, applying for civil penalty orders or injunctions, or entering into enforceable undertakings.

More information

More detailed information is available in the VSS.GUI.11v1— [Guide to Component Type Approvals](#)

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