

Trailers – Eligibility for Registration

This bulletin provides key information for the registration of light trailers in Tasmania after 1 July 2023 that were never previously registered.

Background

On 1 July 2021 the Australian Government *Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018* (RVSA) commenced, replacing the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989*.

With the implementation of the RVSA comes a significant change to how trailers with an Aggregate Trailer Mass (ATM) of 4.5 tonnes or less (also referred to as low ATM trailers under the RVSA) are provided to the Australian market.

From 1 July 2023 all new low ATM trailers must be included on the Register of Approved Vehicles (RAV). This date has been extended to provide additional time for trailer manufacturers to obtain the necessary Commonwealth approvals to support RAV entry. The RAV is an online publicly accessible electronic data base administered by the Australian Government.

A vehicle entered on the RAV is searchable via the trailer's Vehicle Identification Number and includes information vital for registration such as mass ratings, manufacture date, tare and RAV entry date.

The RAV can be accessed from the following link.

https://rav.infrastructure.gov.au/?_ga=2.69455696.196563218.1645579666-2041882435.1623019946

How does this affect your never previously registered trailer?

From 1 July 2023 onwards, trailers presented to an Approved Inspection Station (AIS) for a pre-registration inspection with no evidence of previous Australian registration history (new vehicle or otherwise), must be entered on the RAV and pass a roadworthy inspection to be eligible for registration in Tasmania.

New or never previously registered trailers that do not meet the above requirements will be considered ineligible for registration.

Manufacturers or importers providing more than 4 low ATM trailers to the market within a 12-month period, are required to apply for approval under the RAV Type Approval pathway.

A manufacturer or importer providing 4 or less trailers in a 12-month period may apply via the Concessional RAV Entry Approval pathway.

Information about the RAV entry approval pathways, and how to apply for approval, can be found on the Australian Government website at:

<https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/infrastructure-transport-vehicles/vehicles/rvs/low-atm-trailers>

Further Information

Further information relating to this information bulletin is available from.

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