

Information for all businesses on the VicRoads Dealer Certification Scheme

Clarification on Registration Requirements for New Light Vehicles Modified Before Initial Registration

A new light vehicle that is manufactured as a 'cab chassis' can only be registered after it has had a tray or other body fitted to it, i.e. a vehicle cannot be registered as a 'cab chassis' body type.

If a tray or body is fitted by the dealer and is within the manufacturer's standard available range for that vehicle, then a VASS certificate is not required before the vehicle can be registered. If the vehicle is sent to a third party to have a body / tray fitted that is identical to the manufacturer's standard available range for that vehicle, then a VASS certificate is not required before the vehicle can be registered.

If a vehicle that is manufactured as a 'utility' or 'dc ute' body type has the tub or tray changed by the dealer to another type of tub or tray that is within the manufacturer's standard available range for that vehicle, then a VASS certificate is not required before the vehicle can be registered.

The only time a VASS certificate is required for a new vehicle is when any modification is outside the manufacturer's standard specifications. For example, a tray that is outside the standard specifications or dimensions is fitted (which must still comply with manufacturers' body builder guides).

As a VicRoads agent a certified dealer signs the declaration that any vehicle they register meets the standards for registration, including modified vehicles. This means that where a dealer fits or contacts a body builder to fit a tray to a cab chassis vehicle that they sell, the dealer is certifying that the body meets all requirements for registration, including compliance with the manufacturers body builders guide. If it is found that a false declaration has been made for any vehicle then VicRoads would take action available under the Dealer Certification Scheme.

As an example this is a link to one of the body builder guides provided by Toyota

<https://myfleet.toyota.com.au/contentmgmt/externalContent.do?jsessionId=110D28B2684781ECA7F93EBBA9238648?execution=e1s1>

The above information essentially means there has been no change to the registration requirements for new light vehicles.

VicRoads will be reviewing these requirements and will engage the dealer network and industry representatives before implementing any changes.

For further information go to the VicRoads web site <https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/business-and-industry/financiers-and-dealers> or call the team on 1300 555 153

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