

Advice to HVRAS Accredited Persons

Changes to trailer pre-registration inspection requirements

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) wish to advise you of recent changes to pre-registration inspection requirements for trailers that may impact HVRAS inspections.

Until recently, TMR staff were not required to perform a pre-registration inspection if a fully completed HVRAS inspection sheet was presented at the time of registration.

However, following the outcome of an investigation about trailer registration, TMR staff will now also be required to perform an additional 'identity' check for those trailers that are being registered for the first time with a TMR-issued Low Volume VIN (LVV) number (homemade trailers). This will only affect a small number of trailers as TMR has limited the number of LVVs that can be issued to an individual to three per year. In these cases, only the trailer identifiers are required to be sighted by TMR and a full pre-registration inspection (including measurements) is not required to be completed by TMR staff in the presence of a fully completed HVRAS inspection sheet.

Identifying a low volume VIN trailer

As you may know, the VIN identifies the frame of vehicles/trailers manufactured from 1 January 1989. VINs are a unique identifier with a combination of 17 letters and numbers and were introduced as part of an international system designed to reduce theft. The following information will assist you as a HVRAS officer to identify a LVV trailer.

TMR-issued VINs start with the prefix '6T9T' and characters 12 to 14 of the VIN prefix will be 'AAB'. Figure 1 below provides an example of a TMR-issued LVV.

6T9T22ABN10AAB001

Figure 1 Example of TMR-issued LVV

When a TMR-issued LVV trailer is NOT required to be presented to TMR

If the VIN starts with '6T9T' but does ***not*** have the 'AAB', the VIN has been issued by a different state/territory or to a manufacturer with own Australian World Manufacturer Indicator (WMI) and is ***not*** required to be presented to TMR for an identity check for its first registration in Australia.

Similarly, if the trailer has a TMR-issued LVV but has been previously registered with the LVV as the identifier anywhere in Australia, it is ***not*** required to be presented to TMR for an identity check.

When a TMR-issued LVV trailer IS required to be presented to TMR

A TMR-issued LVV trailer being registered in Australia for the first time can be inspected by HVRAS (for trailers over 750kgs ATM), however TMR will also need to conduct an identity check. Table 1 below is a snapshot of when a TMR conducted identity check is required:

VIN Includes	Registration Scenario	TMR Conducted Identity Check Required?
6T9T and AAB	First registration in Australia (IE brand new trailer)	✓
6T9T and AAB	Re-registration (previously registered)	✗
6T9T and something other than AAB	First registration in Australia (IE brand new trailer)	✗
6T9T and something other than AAB	Re-registration (previously registered)	✗

Table 1 When TMR conducted identity check is required

While a HVRAS assessment can be accepted for the pre-registration inspection, the trailer will need to be inspected by TMR staff for the new additional 'identity' check. As TMR staff are required to complete the 'identity' check, the pre-registration inspection can also be performed by TMR staff at no charge to the customer at the same time.

As such, customers would not be required to pay for a HVRAS assessment as the customer will need to visit a TMR site that conducts inspections and therefore, TMR staff can perform the pre-registration inspection at no charge to the customer.

It is important to emphasise that not all TMR sites have the capacity to conduct TMR identity checks and inspections, customers can identify where their nearest TMR inspecting site is via the TMR Website at <https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/contacts/centres>.

It is important that when searching for the nearest inspection site, customers only look at Customer Services Centres and not Motor Vehicle Inspection Sites (which do inspections of heavy vehicles).

Further information

If you have any further enquiries regarding the information contained in this email, please contact HVRAS@tmr.qld.gov.au.