



Vehicle Safety Compliance Certification Scheme

Notice 15

Effective from 6 February 2018

Registering vehicles certified under the Engineering Certification Scheme

Purpose

To advise Vehicle Safety Compliance Certification Scheme (VSCCS) licensed certifiers of changes to the registration of modified or Individually Constructed Vehicles (ICVs) certified under the Engineering Certification Scheme (ECS).

Note: Where the term “modified vehicle” is used in this notice, it also applies to ICVs and heavy vehicles as appropriate.

Background

This Notice replaces VSCCS Notice 14 which was issued on 22 December 2017. The instructions in this notice are consistent with advice previously issued under AIS Notice 15.

Under the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2017, Roads and Maritime Services is no longer able to accept certificates issued under the ECS when establishing registration for a modified vehicle.

Changes

Roads and Maritime is no longer able to accept an ECS certificate for a modified vehicle. Certificates issued under the ECS that have previously been accepted and are recorded on the NSW registration data base (DRIVES), **will remain valid** for the life of the vehicle.

Vehicles certified under the ECS require certification by a Vehicle Safety Compliance Certification Scheme licensed certifier if:

- The vehicle has been modified after the ECS certificate was issued or there are significant modifications to the vehicle which are not consistent with the ECS certificate
- The modified vehicle has an ECS certificate which is not recorded on the Roads and Maritime data base (i.e. 'Condition V87, V88, GO94 or GO96 does not appear on the vehicle's registration paperwork)

- The vehicle has not previously been registered as a modified vehicle in New South Wales; or was registered as an unmodified vehicle and has not been registered since the significant modifications occurred, and there is no record of a certificate for the modifications on DRIVES.

ECS certificates can be identified by their numbering system eg JBS 1234 MP/IC/IP.

Information about significant modifications that require certification is available in [Vehicle Standards Information Sheet 06](#).

Further information about how the policy applies in a number of scenarios is provided in **Attachment A**.

What you need to do

Licensed certifiers should only assess and certify a vehicle if it:

- Has modifications that have never been certified
- Has been inspected under the ECS, but requires certification under VSCCS – refer to the scenarios outlined in Attachment A.

A list of VSCCS licensed certifiers is available on the [Service NSW website](#).

Further information

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Attachment A: Scenarios

Where the following scenarios refer to 'conditional registration', this applies to all types of conditional registration that require certification. Further information about vehicle types for conditional registration is available on the [Roads and Maritime website](#).

Scenario	Process
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modified vehicle/ICV certified under the ECS Currently registered (or unregistered for less than 3 months) Registration record indicates certification under ECS (Condition V87, V88, GO94 or GO96 visible). 	Complete Safety Check.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modified vehicle/ICV certified under the ECS Previously registered, but registration lapsed by more than 3 months, or registration was cancelled Registration record indicates certification under ECS (Condition V87, V88, GO94 or GO96 visible). 	Complete Safety, Design and Identity Checks. <i>Examiners must be satisfied that the vehicle has not had any significant modifications since the ECS certificate was issued. If the vehicle has had further significant modifications that are not listed on the ECS certificate, the additional modifications must be certified by a licensed certifier.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modified vehicle/ICV certified under the ECS Currently fully registered but registered operator wants to change to conditional registration Registration record indicates certification under ECS (Condition 87, V88, GO94 or GO96 visible). 	Complete checks required for the conditional registration program Vehicles seeking entry into the Classic Vehicle Scheme must have a Safety, Design and Identity Check completed.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modified vehicle/ICV certified under the ECS Currently conditionally registered, but registered operator wants to change to full registration Registration record indicates certification under ECS (Condition V87, V88, GO94 or GO96 visible). 	Complete Safety, Design and Identity Checks. <i>Examiners must be satisfied that the vehicle has not had any significant modifications since the ECS certificate was issued. If the vehicle has had further significant modifications that are not listed on the ECS certificate, the additional modifications must be certified by a licensed certifier.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modified vehicle/ICV certified under the ECS Previously registered, but registration lapsed by more than 3 months Registration record does not show certification under ECS (i.e. Condition V87, V88, GO94 or GO96 is not on paperwork). 	A Safety, Design and Identity Check cannot be completed until the vehicle modifications are certified by a licensed certifier.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modified vehicle/ICV certified under the ECS Vehicle not previously registered. 	A Safety, Design and Identity Check cannot be completed until the vehicle modifications are certified by a licensed certifier.