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Road Vehicle Standards



Road Vehicle Standards Legislation

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Agenda

- Updates on the Road Vehicle Standards legislation
- Timing and transitional arrangements
- New concepts
- Overview of the changes
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- Specialist and Enthusiast Vehicles
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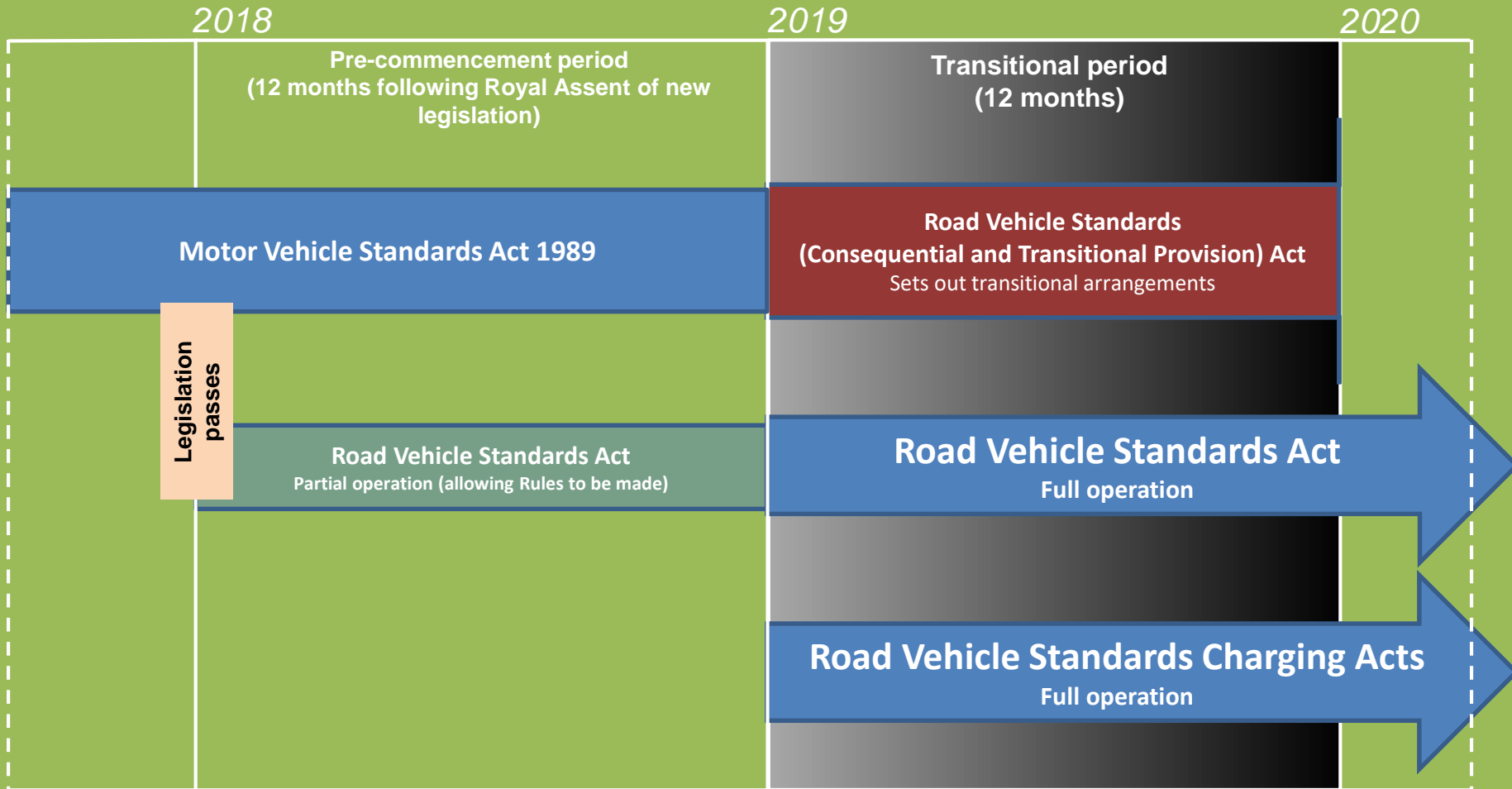
Status and stages

- Introduced the Road Vehicle Standards (RVS) package of Bills into Parliament – **February 2018**
- Stakeholder consultation on RVS Rules – **Closed mid-Feb 2018**
- Passage / Royal Assent of the Bills expected - **2018**
- Commencement of Road Vehicle Standards Act and Consequential and Transitional Provisions Act – **2019**
(Royal Assent plus 12 months)

RVS Legislation – Principles

- Flexible and responsive legislation for the future of road vehicles
- Clear legislation for safe, secure and environmentally friendly vehicles
- Greater choice of road vehicles for Australians
- Continued harmonisation with international standards
- Improved compliance and enforcement powers
- Not significantly changing the obligations on approval holders – but putting them upfront and backing up the compliance with applicable sanctions

Timing and Transitional Arrangements



New concepts (1)

- **Register of Approved Vehicles (RAV)**
 - Gateway for a vehicle to be used on the road in Australia
 - Road vehicle cannot be provided for road use unless vehicle is on the RAV
 - Two ways onto the RAV – type approval or concessional approval
 - Publically accessible online database

A road vehicle cannot be imported unless permitted under the RVSA

- Type approved for road use – On RAV
- Concessional approval for road use – On RAV
- Non-road use – Not on RAV

New concepts (2)

Definition of road vehicle

A motor vehicle designed solely or principally for use in transport on public roads (including trailers and unassembled motor vehicles)

‘Providing’ (instead of supplying) road vehicles

Providing means, for example, selling or leasing a road vehicle to someone, or providing someone with access to the road vehicle

The new Road Vehicle Standards Bills

New Elements

Register of Approved Vehicles (RAV)

Authorised Vehicle Verifiers (AVVs)

Model Reports

Recalls

Revised Elements

Register of Specialist and Enthusiast Vehicles

Concessional Import Schemes

Improved legislation coverage - Compliance and Enforcement

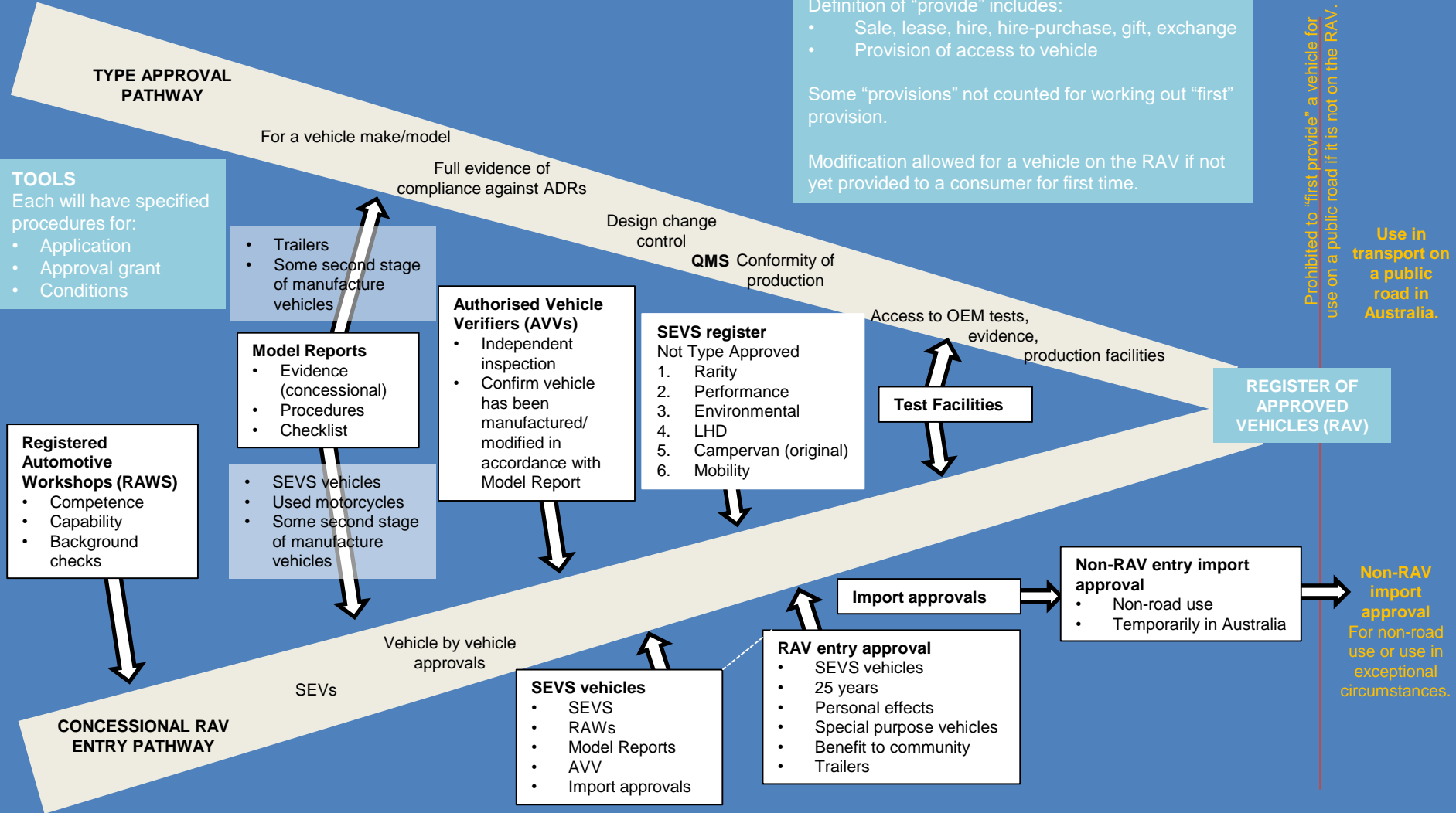
Approval pathways to enter a vehicle onto RAV

Definition of "provide" includes:

- Sale, lease, hire, hire-purchase, gift, exchange
- Provision of access to vehicle

Some "provisions" not counted for working out "first" provision.

Modification allowed for a vehicle on the RAV if not yet provided to a consumer for first time.



TOOLS

Each will have specified procedures for:

- Application
- Approval grant
- Conditions

- Trailers
- Some second stage of manufacture vehicles

Model Reports

- Evidence (concessional)
- Procedures
- Checklist

- SEVS vehicles
- Used motorcycles
- Some second stage of manufacture vehicles

Authorized Vehicle Verifiers (AVVs)

- Independent inspection
- Confirm vehicle has been manufactured/modified in accordance with Model Report

SEVS register

Not Type Approved

1. Rarity
2. Performance
3. Environmental
4. LHD
5. Campervan (original)
6. Mobility

Registered Automotive Workshops (RAWS)

- Competence
- Capability
- Background checks

Register of Specialist and Enthusiast Vehicles (SEVs Register)

- The SEVs Register provides choice for Australian consumers by creating a pathway through which genuine specialist and enthusiast vehicles can be supplied to the market
- The RVS legislation will change the rules of eligibility for the SEVs Register to align with specialist and enthusiast demand

Six SEVs Register Eligibility Criteria

Vehicles are only eligible for the SEVs Register if they are a variant of a model that has not been supplied to the Australian market under a Type Approval.



Performance criterion



Environmental criterion



Mobility criterion



Rarity Criterion

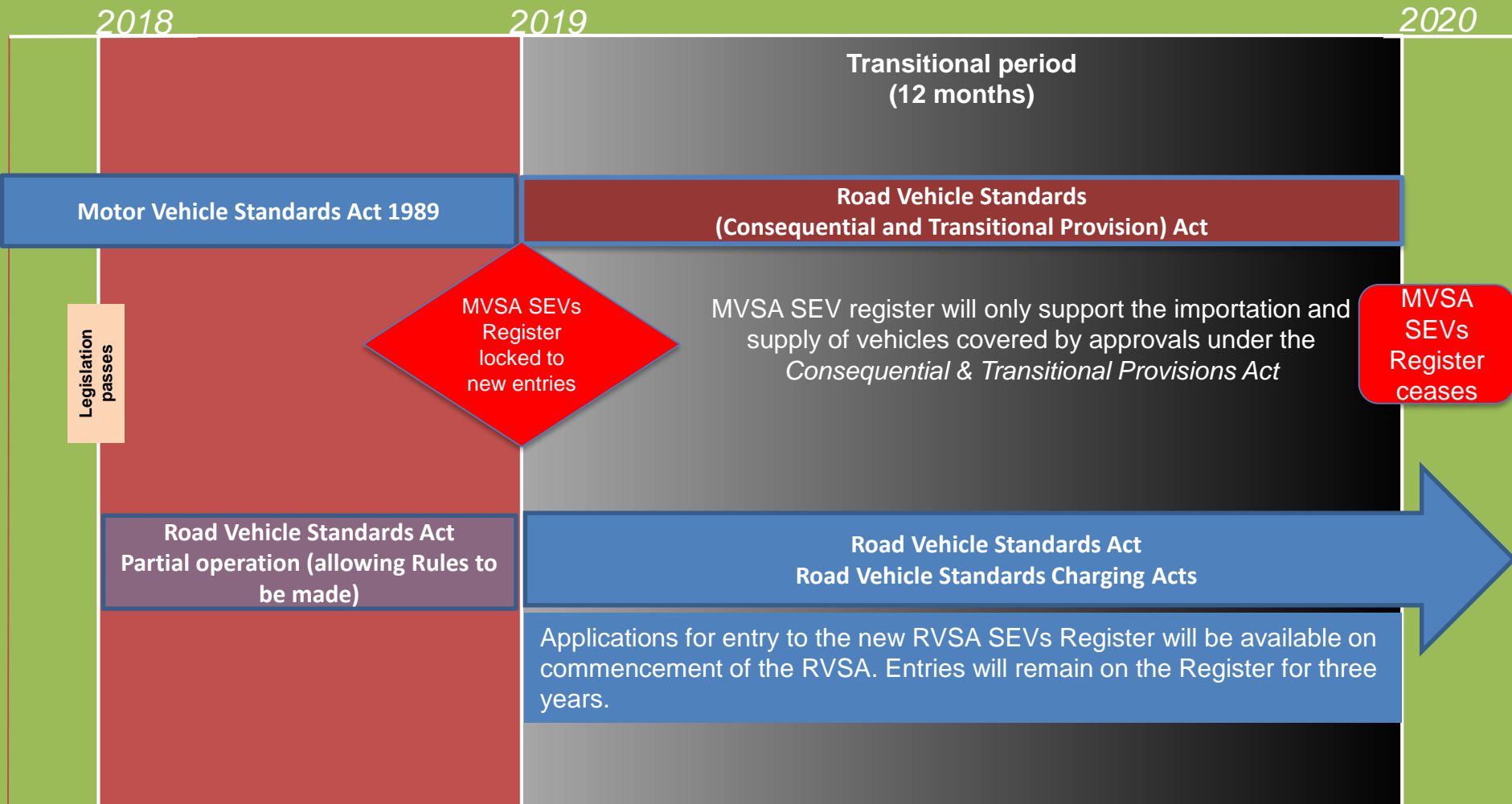


Left-hand drive criterion



Campervans and motorhomes criterion

Transition arrangements for SEVs



“Older vehicles” option will replace Pre-89

- RVS legislation will replace the current pre-1989 with the “older vehicles” option under the concessional RAV entry pathway
- Passenger vehicles up to 9 seats, light commercial vehicles, or 2 and 3 wheeled vehicles, which have a relevant build date of at least 25 years before date of application, are eligible under this option
- The older vehicle scheme is designed to give motoring enthusiasts access to a greater range of classic and collectible vehicles
- It is NOT designed to facilitate the importation of heavy vehicles carrying out commercial duties

Relevant Build Date for Older Vehicles

The ***relevant build date*** for a road vehicle is the date that the Minister is satisfied is:

(a) the date that assembly of the vehicle was first completed;

or

(b) the date that the last of the **significant modifications** were completed.

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Significantly Modified Vehicle

- A vehicle that has been significantly modified may meet the requirements of a concessional non-RAV entry import approval – this will be for vehicles that will not be used on a public road or involve use on the road in exceptional circumstances only
- Use of these vehicles and requirements/conditions for registration will be a decision for state and territory registration authorities

VSB14

- VSB 14 provides the technical requirements that need to be met when modifying or constructing a vehicle – it does not cover the administrative requirements of each state and territory
- Prospective constructors or modifiers should contact the Registration Authority in the jurisdiction the vehicle will be registered or modified, to determine the administrative arrangements that may be in force

Asbestos

- The importation of asbestos into Australia is prohibited
- Applicants are responsible for ensuring their vehicle does not contain any asbestos before shipping a vehicle to Australia
- The Australian Border Force is responsible for border controls on asbestos
- More information can be found on the Department of Home Affairs [asbestos](#) webpage

Luxury Car Tax

- Luxury car tax (LCT) is a tax on cars with a GST-inclusive value above the LCT threshold
- LCT and GST are the policy responsibility of the Australian Tax Office
- For more information go to:
<https://www.ato.gov.au/Business/Luxury-car-tax/>

QUESTIONS

