

Information for PBS Assessors and Certifiers | IPAC-3

Audience: Assessors

Changes to PBS Forms – Part A

This IPAC provides advice to Assessors about changes made to the Part A form used when applying for a PBS Design Approval.

Background

To ensure that the PBS scheme remains current and efficient, the NHVR routinely reviews the forms and processes used for issuing PBS Design Approvals and Vehicle Approvals.

Changes have been made to the [Part A form](#) to make minor updates and to increase the range of vehicles that can be considered under the streamlined Pre-Advised Design Approval (DA) process.

The revised Part A form will commence use from **Monday 4 January 2021**. New DA applications received using previous versions of the form will not be accepted by the NHVR from this date. Variations and Amendments to Design Approvals using previous versions of the form will continue to be accepted.

Formatting and style

The form has been updated to reflect the NHVRs current corporate style. This change has no operational impact on Assessors or Certifiers.

Contact details

Minor amendments have been made to the contact details sections for both the Applicant and Assessor, including:

- Addition of ABN fields
- Addition of physical address fields
- Removal of 'Operator' field
- Addition of 'Assessor accreditation number' field

Application type selection

A new 'Application summary' section has been added to assist in identifying if the application is classified as New, Amendment, or Variation.

For assistance in determining when applications are Amendments or Variations, Assessors can refer to the [Design Approval Modification Process Information Sheet](#).

Pre-Advised specifications

The PA design approval process has recently been updated to include combinations fitted with single and tri-axle drive groups.

To reflect this update, changes to the PA section (pg. 7 – 12) have been made, including:

- Single and tri-axle drive groups have been added;
- Maximum GCM permitted at respective levels updated to reflect the inclusion of tri-axle drive groups;

Exemptions

The Exemptions section has been extended to include an 'Additional Exemptions' section (pg. 6).

In this section, Assessors are required to identify any additional exemptions required that are not covered in the standard list of exemptions under the PBS Scheme (Section 28 of the *Heavy Vehicle (General) National Regulation*). These are to cover vehicles fitted with non-compliant axle groups or vehicles requiring transition mass exemption, or any other non-standard exemptions.

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