

# IPAC-12 | VA applications for vehicles with VS exemptions

Audience: PBS Certifiers

This IPAC provides advice to Certifiers about the supporting evidence required when applying for a PBS Vehicle Approval (VA) for combinations requiring additional Vehicle Standards exemptions that cannot be granted under a PBS scheme. The most common example is vehicles with split-axle groups.

This IPAC applies to all certification request types, including 'adding identical' vehicles.

This IPAC comes into effect immediately.

## Background

If the following section appears on the PBS Design Approval (DA), Certifiers will need to supply evidence demonstrating that the Vehicle Standards Exemption/s have been obtained before the VA can be issued.

An example DA extract is listed below:

Additional exemptions	
The following additional exemption is required that cannot be granted under the PBS Scheme.	
Exemptions	
ADR	Rule 43, clause 7.2 (Axle configuration – semi trailer) – Contains more than one axle group

## Supporting Evidence for VA Application

### Exemptions under IPA system (previous system)

Where the vehicle was granted the exemption under the previous Identification Plate Approval (IPA) system, PBS Certifiers are required to submit **two** pieces of evidence with a VA application:

- 1) Evidence of the exemptions granted:
  - a copy of the Identification Plate Approval (IPA), including Schedule 5 where the exemption is provided; and
- 2) Evidence that the as-built vehicle has been allocated to that IPA:
  - a photo of the Heavy Vehicle Identification Plate (IPA plate). Photos of plates other than the IPA will **not** be accepted.

### Exemptions under VTA system (new system)

Where the exemption was granted under the Vehicle Type Approval (VTA) system, only **one** piece of evidence is required to be supplied:

- 1) Evidence of the exemptions granted:
  - a copy of the VTA showing the exemptions.
  - a copy of Concessional RAV showing the exemptions.

### VINs must be available in RAV

There is an additional requirement that the VINs that have a VS exemption are available for checking in the Register of Approved Vehicles (RAV) Database.

If VINs cannot be added to RAV, the IPA plate must be provided for each VIN.

### RAV extracts for VINs are no longer required

Certifiers are no longer required to provide snips of the VIN record on the RAV as part of a certification submission. Instead, RAV entries will be checked by an NHVR officer as part of a VA check.

## Submitting a VA application

A VA application must not be submitted until **all** vehicles have the correct exemption/s obtained and the required evidence is supplied to NHVR as part of the certification submission.

If the vehicles do not have the required exemption/s, the case will be closed, and a new application will be required.

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