Introduction;

This information bulletin applies to light motor vehicles where adaptive controls, to assist people with a disability drive, are fitted and are subject to certification.

Background;

With existing occupant protection incorporated in a vehicle and the diverse range of adaptive controls available it is important to ensure occupant safety is continued when these devices are fitted. As part of certification, an 'Adaptive Control Installation (TAS)' checklist that provides minimum certification requirements has been developed.

The Australian Standard AS3954:1991 parts 1 and 2 as referenced in the Vehicle Modification Certification Manual (VMCM) have been superseded by the amended Australian Standard of AS3954:2019.

Certification;

Certification of the adaptive control modification is subject to the vehicle meeting the requirements set out in the (VMCM) with the checklist, and amendments to the Australian Standard references to be included in the next VMCM update. In the interim the attached 'Checklist - Adaptive Control Installation (TAS)' is to be completed and submitted via the portal as part of your certification process.

Australian Standard AS3954:2019 (published online on the 16 April 2019) requires different labelling. This includes a label to be affixed to the vehicle in a position conspicuous to the driver, stating the following:

CAUTION – THE DRIVING CONTROLS OF THIS VEHICLE HAVE BEEN MODIFIED TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTICULAR REQUIREMENTS OF THE DRIVER. DO NOT OPERATE UNLESS TRAINED ON CORRECT USE OF THIS VEHICLE.

AVCs certifying adaptive controls please ensure you are familiar with the requirements of the latest version of AS3954.

Requirements;

As of 1 July 2020 certification of adaptive controls must include the Adaptive Control Installation checklist and meet the requirements of AS3954:2019 or later.

Questions?

Any further questions regarding this Special Information Bulletin should be directed to Vehicle Standards on vehicle.standards@stategrowth.tas.gov.au or ph. 6166 3263.