



Introduction

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) is releasing Version 3.2 (v3.2) of Vehicle Standards Bulletin (VSB) 6 - Heavy Vehicle Modifications. IT IS APPLICABLE TO ALL Heavy Vehicle modifications on or after 1 July 2023.

V3.2 involves numerous changes affecting many VSB6 codes. All Heavy Vehicle AVCAISs please take the time to familiarise yourself with these changes to ensure continued certification compliance. There are numerous communications on the NHVR website regarding impacts of v3.2.

Specifics

NHVR Vehicle Standards Bulletin 6 Change Table:

<https://www.nhvr.gov.au/files/media/document/143/202304-0664-vs6-change-table.pdf>

ALL VSB6 Checklists

- Including use of all VSB6 associated version 3.2 checklists.

Section D

- D3 – fitting of non-standard rear wheel components. The code is active via the AVC Portal and will be allocated to all Heavy Vehicle AVC's 1, 2, 3 and 4.
 - if fitment of non-standard components affects the OEM braking or steering systems there is a re-certification requirement.

Section J

- J4 New Design code for tipper body construction will come into effect. All AVC1 and AVC2s who provided heavy vehicle certifications will be granted access to J4 certification code. It is not permitted to be applied to certifications until after 1 July 2023.
 - The Tasmanian AVCAIS scheme allows any AVCAIS to seek assistance from any suitably qualified and experienced third party organisation, as per the VMCM.
 - The responsibility of accepting assistance from a third party sits entirely with the AVC submitting the certification, including ensuring the third party is suitably qualified and experienced and provides documentation to the VSB6 and VMCM requirements.
- J2 is a design code for Truck-Bus Body if used, the certification of the installation in accordance with the design is via J1. Current allocation of this code will remain for AVCs 1 & 2.

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- J3 is a design code for roll-over or falling object protection system (design) if used, the certification of the installation in accordance with the design is via J1. Current allocation of this code will be altered to AVCs 1 and 2.

New VSB6 codes have been created and are ready to allocate via the AVC Portal. They will be available to the relevant AVCs as of the 1 July 2023.

The naming conventions of current VSB6 AVC Portal codes may not truly reflect v3.2, but certification using VSB6 codes must be to VSB6 v3.2.

The Department of State Growth will not be providing any formal training specifically relating to these changes.

AVCAIS's with J1 certification/s in-progress prior to 1 July 2023

AVCs who are in progress of completing J1 certifications by 1 July 2023 may apply to the NHVR for an extension as identified on NHVR Vehicle Standards Bulletin 6 - Information Sheet – transition to VSB6 v3.2.

Both the application for extension and the NHVR approval would be expected to be attachments to your AVC Portal certification records.

Other Web Links

NHVR Vehicle Standards Bulletin 6 - Information Sheet:

<https://www.nhvr.gov.au/files/media/document/241/202304-0619-vs6-general-information-sheet.pdf>

VSB 6 version 3.2: <https://www.nhvr.gov.au/node/3463>

Questions?

From 1 July 2023 all heavy vehicle certifications must be compliant with NHVR VSB6 v3.2.

Further questions regarding this special information bulletin should be directed to AIS Compliance Unit

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AVC Declaration

Approved Vehicle Certifier No.	Date Bulletin Read & Understood	VE Signature
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AVC SIB 02-2023 to all Approved Vehicle Certifiers (AVC) employed by this AVCAIS. All AVC's
have confirmed that they have read and fully understand the information provided.

Signed:..... Date:/ /2023

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