

Fact sheet No 1

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It is a requirement for all vehicles (including trailers) to have an identification number stamped, engraved, welded or otherwise permanently affixed to a prominent non removable part of the vehicle as a means of identification. Trailers constructed prior to July 1988 require a Chassis number which may consist of a combination of alpha/numeric digits. Vehicles constructed on or after 1 January 1989 are required to have allocated a unique decodable Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) consisting of 17 alpha/numeric digits.

From 1 July 2023 onwards, trailers presented to an Approved Inspection Station (AIS) for a pre-registration inspection with no previous Australian registration history, must be entered on the Australian Government Register of Approved Vehicles (RAV) and pass a roadworthy inspection to be eligible for registration in Tasmania. Performing a RAV search is part of the Vehicle Examiner's inspection requirements.

Previous Australian registration history means the VIN /Chassis number assigned to the vehicle is recorded on a Register of Motor Vehicles and Trailers in a state or territory of Australia. Simply having a number plate attached to the trailer or providing a statutory declaration stating the vehicle has been previously registered in Australia is not evidence of previous registration.

Information about RAV entry approval pathways for low ATM trailers (trailer with an ATM of 4.5 tonnes or less), and how to apply for an approval, can be found on the Australian Government website at:
<https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/infrastructure-transport-vehicles/vehicles/rvs/low-atm-trailers>

In certain circumstances a trailer's registration history may be determined from specific trailer information and ownership history where these can be provided.

A new or used trailer presented to an Approved Inspection Station (AIS) for a pre-registration inspection from 1 July 2023, that

- is not entered on the RAV,
- has no evidence of the VIN/Chassis number being previously registered in Australia,

will require a statutory declaration to be provided from the new owner. Statutory declarations may also be required from the previous owner and/or last registered owner. Statutory declarations must address all criteria of this fact sheet. Statutory declarations not meeting these requirements will not be considered.

New or never previously registered trailers (including trailers with no previous registration history) that do not meet the above requirements, will be considered ineligible for registration unless entered on the RAV.

Note: A trailer must first be presented to an AIS for a roadworthy inspection. Where the trailer fails that inspection for no evidence of the VIN/Chassis number being previously registered in Australia, or there is no identifier on the trailer, and the criteria of this fact sheet cannot be met, the trailer must be entered on the RAV. Refer to the above weblink for information on adding the trailer to the RAV.

The information below must be provided in your statutory declaration. These items must be addressed to provide sufficient information to assist with the potential to confirm the identity and origin of the trailer.

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Statutory Declarations

A statutory declaration is a written statement that you sign and declare to be true before an authorised person under the *Oaths Act 2001*. Statutory declaration templates can be obtained from any Service Tasmania outlet, Post office or downloaded at: http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/fees_forms/registration_forms

Who can sign a statutory declaration?

A list of Commissioners for Declarations (Authorised persons who can witness statutory declarations) can be found on the Department of Justice website at:

http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/commissionersfordeclarations/list_of_groups

These include but are not limited to the following:

- Pharmacist;
- Commissioner of declarations;
- Justice of the peace;
- Police officer;
- A permanent employee with 5 or more years continuous service in:
 - the Commonwealth or a Commonwealth authority; or
 - a State or Territory or a State or Territory authority; or
 - a local government authority.

Information that must be included in the statutory declaration

- Your name and address in full.
- Your contact number and/or email address.
- Whether you are the last registered owner of the trailer. If not the name of last registered owner of the trailer, the name and address of the previous owner.
- How you came to have the trailer in your possession?
- If you have a receipt or any other paperwork (registration papers) corresponding to the trailer? *Copies of these documents must be provided with your statutory declaration.*
- A description of the trailer including,
 - any previous registration number applicable to the trailer and the state/territory issued in.
 - If you can see where a registration plate was affixed at some point and can make out any characters. These are to be included however note they are the markings left by a previous plate that is no longer affixed to the trailer.
 - Make and model
 - Colour
 - Trailer type (*box, boat, car, horse float, etc*)
 - Axle configuration (*single, tandem, etc*)
 - Year of manufacture (*if unknown please provide an estimate and reason for estimate*).
 - If you have performed any work on the trailer and if so what have you done to it.
 - Any identifiers or identifiable markings welded, etched, embossed or attached to the vehicle

What documents do I need to submit to Vehicle Standards Unit?

You must submit the following documents for processing to Vehicle Standards via email at vehicle.standards@stategrowth.tas.gov.au

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- Statutory Declaration,
- Pre-registration inspection report (identifying the vehicle failed its inspection),
- Copy of any receipt or other paperwork,
- Photos of the trailer including prior to and after any modifications/work have been performed if available.

On receipt of a suitable statutory declaration, Vehicle Standards Unit will advise the inspection station of the outcome of the enquiry/investigation or confirm the necessary actions.

For further information please contact Vehicle Standards on 61 66 3261.

Department of State Growth - Vehicle Standards

Email: vehicle.standards@stategrowth.tas.gov.au

Web: <http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/>