

# Vehicle Safety Compliance Certification Scheme Update



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## Roads and Maritime Services

On 1 November 2011 a new organisation called Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) was formed to replace the Roads and Traffic Authority and NSW Maritime. The VSCCS will be administered by RMS.

## VSCCS is now law

I am pleased to announce that on 30 November 2011 the Governor signed amendments to the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2007 to establish the VSCCS.

From **2 December 2011**, RMS will commence the process of issuing offers of licence to persons who have been interviewed and found to be suitable.

VSCCS will start on **19 December 2011**. Persons who have received a licence issued by RMS by that date may inspect and certify non-standard vehicles on and from this date.

## What does this mean for you?

From next week RMS will start to despatch letters of offer to successful applicants to join VSCCS.

In the letter will be advice on how to accept the offer and pay the prescribed licence application fee, licence fee and PAI premium. See Insurance Requirements on page 2 for information about alternatives to participation in the PAI scheme.

Once letters of offers are accepted and licence payments received by RMS, a licence package will be delivered to you. The package will include your licence and supporting documents to assist you in undertaking your work as a VSCCS licensee.

To be able to legally inspect and certify vehicles from 19 December, you will need to accept the licence offer and pay your licence fees within a timeframe that allows RMS to deliver your licence by that date.

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Anyone who was unsuccessful in seeking a licence will be advised in due course.

## What happens with ECS?

If you are a current Engineering Certification Scheme (ECS) member, you will receive a separate letter with directions about the closure of the ECS.

ECS members must not issue ECS certificates after midnight 18 December 2011.

ECS members should advise their clients that any ECS certificates issued before the 19 December 2011 will not be recognised by RMS if they have not been presented to a Motor Registry by 18 June 2012.

Once you have accepted an offer by way of payment, the Licenced Certifier number will be issued on order of acceptance.

ECS members should note that VSCCS management office is now responsible for ECS and any enquiries or forwarding of ECS certificates should be to the VSCCS Manager and not the Centre for Road Safety (Safer Vehicles). See page 2 for VSCCS contact details.

## Penalty Offences

The new regulations create serious offences for:

- persons who falsely hold themselves out to be an RMS accredited examiner of non-standard vehicles.
- inspect and/or issue certificates of compliance for non standard vehicles if they are not duly authorised by RMS.

## Insurance requirements

It is a condition of holding a VSCCS Licence that RTA licensed certifiers have insurance for professional indemnity and public liability to cover the certification work they perform.

In response to requests from industry, the RMS has negotiated Principally Arranged Insurance (PAI).

PAI will assist VSCCS licensed certifiers by providing easy and simple access to the type of cover required at a competitive premium.

If you wish to use your own insurance, you will need to provide to RMS your insurance policy and any other relevant information required by RMS.

RMS will then assess your insurance policy to determine whether your insurance policy meets the requirements for holding a VSCCS licence.

You should contact the VSCCS Manager as soon as possible if you are considering making application to hold your own insurance.

## Further information

Further information about the VSCCS will be mailed next week to those persons who have been successful with their licence application.

For scheme information please visit  
<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/vscs>

If you have further questions please call the VSCCS administration on 1300 336 206 or email  
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