

VIRM update – Clean Car Standard

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There is an upcoming change to the Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Standard) Regulations 2022 due to take effect on 5 September 2024. It will impact both the *VIRM: Entry certification (new light vehicles)* and *VIRM: Entry certification*.

The amendment regulation has introduced a new disability vehicle definition that applies to the Clean Car Standard, however the requirements for certifying to an Emissions Standard are unchanged and continue to use the other definition.

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3.10 Motorsport, special interest and disability vehicles

Applies to:

- Disability vehicles as defined in the Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Discount Scheme Charges) Regulations 2022
- Special Interest vehicles (as defined in Part 2 of the Land Transport Rule: Frontal Impact 2001)
- Motorsport vehicles (as defined in Land Transport Rule: Frontal Impact 2001)

These vehicles can not be flagged using the VINdirect system. If the vehicle was modified in New Zealand, disability vehicles will be flagged by the Low Volume Vehicle Technical Association (LVVTA). For anything else, contact frr@nzta.govt.nz

To be excluded from the Clean Vehicle Standard a vehicle must be inspected and approved as a disability before the pre-delivery inspection is passed.

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Disability vehicle	<p>There are two definitions of disability vehicle used for entry certification; one for determining vehicle exhaust emissions compliance and one for providing an exclusion from the Clean Vehicle Standard.</p> <p>Vehicle exhaust emissions</p> <p>This definition is used to determine the approved emissions standards for a vehicle in section 11-2 Exhaust emissions and Technical bulletin 28: Exhaust emissions standards compliance</p> <p>Disability vehicle means a light vehicle that is used for the transportation of a person with a disability and is modified to do either or both of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• enable a person in a wheelchair to safely enter and exit the vehicle and enable the person and the wheelchair to be safely restrained while the vehicle is moving;• provide a person in a wheelchair or of limited mobility with assistance to enter and exit the vehicle through the use of a swivel or swing-out seat. <p>Clean Vehicle Standard</p> <p>This definition is used to determine if a vehicle is excluded from the Clean Vehicle Standard (including providing a CO₂ Account ID) and is the definition used for the 'Special Permits' field in the VIN screen.</p> <p>Disability vehicle means a light vehicle that is used for the transportation of a person with a disability and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• is modified to enable a person seated in a wheelchair to safely enter and exit the vehicle, and• is modified to enable the person and the wheelchair to be safely restrained while the vehicle is moving, and• has been inspected and approved as a disability vehicle by a person appointed under clause 2.2(1)(d) and (e) of the Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002 <p>The determination the vehicle is a disability vehicle must take place before or at the time it is entry certified in order to exclude the vehicle from the clean vehicle standard.</p> <p>The exclusion from the Clean Vehicle Standard does not exclude a vehicle from meeting an approved emissions std or from requiring a Fuel Consumption Statement.</p>
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Pre-registration and VIN

2-2 Vehicle attributes definitions

31 Special permit codes

There are several special permit codes that may be recorded against a vehicle. If the vehicle is a left-hand drive vehicle, the appropriate code must be recorded in the first 'special permit code' field (see [Table 5-3-1](#) for valid special permit codes for left-hand drive vehicles). Other special permit codes include:

- **IM** – Immigrants Vehicle
- **MS** – Motorsport vehicle
- **SP** – Special interest vehicle
- **DV** - Disability vehicle as defined in the Land Transport (Clean Vehicle [Standard Discount Scheme Charges](#)) Regulations 2022.

Disability vehicle means a light vehicle that is used for the transportation of a person with a disability and:

- is modified to enable a person seated in a wheelchair to safely enter and exit the vehicle, and
- is modified to enable the person and the wheelchair to be safely restrained while the vehicle is moving, and
- has been inspected and approved as a disability vehicle by a person appointed under clause 2.2(1)(d) and (e) of the [Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002](#)

Note: a different definition of disability vehicle is used for determining vehicle exhaust emissions standards compliance. See to [Definitions and abbreviations](#) for this definition.

A disability vehicle permit may be entered into the system by either the Low Volume Vehicle Technical Association at the time of modification certification, or by the entry certifier.

Disability vehicle means light vehicle that is used for the transportation of a person with a disability ([Note 5](#) ) and is modified to do either or both of the following:

- Enable a person in a wheelchair to safely enter and exit the vehicle and enable the person and the wheelchair to be safely restrained while the vehicle is moving;
- Provide a person in a wheelchair or of limited mobility with assistance to enter and exit the vehicle through the use of a swivel or swing-out seat.

The DV code must be keyed before or at the time the vehicle is entry certified - that is, the compliance indicator is set to Yes.

If a disability vehicle does not require LVV certification or has overseas certification (as acceptable in [Technical bulletin 41](#)) please record in Notes: 'disability vehicle, factory fitted'.

If a vehicle does not meet the disability vehicle requirements and the customer wishes to query this, they should email fuelconsumption@nzta.govt.nz and include photos of the disability modification and evidence of the disability (such as ACC funding documents).

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Only the bullet points above need to be determined, Waka Kotahi will check if the vehicle is used for the transportation of a person with a disability.

Vehicles fitted with the following will not be Disability Vehicles:

- swivel seat cushions
- swivel seats fitted for other purposes, such as those fitted to motorhomes or US conversion/day vans:

If a disability vehicle does not require LVV certification or has overseas certification acceptable in Technical Bulletin 41 (ie it has first stage manufacturer fitted equipment) please record in notes "disability vehicle, factory fitted".

If a vehicle does not meet the disability vehicle requirements and the customer wishes to query this, they should email fuelconsumption@nzta.govt.nz and include photos of the disability modification and evidence of the disability (such as ACC funding documents):

37 CO₂ Acct ID

This field contains the Clean Vehicles Standard Carbon Dioxide Account ID of the importer (as defined in Part 13 of the Land Transport Act 1998).

This is mandatory from 1 December 2022 for class MA, MB, MC, MD1, MD2, and NA vehicles that have a GVM of 3500kg or less (except those excluded below) when the Compliance Ind flag is set to yes. It is preferred that this field is populated using the fuel consumption statement function. The field cannot be changed once the importer has accepted the vehicle in the Clean Car Standard System. The importer will need to change the CO₂ account ID in the Clean Car Standard System, this will update the field in LANDATA.

Note: the following vehicles are excluded from the Clean Car Standard and do not need a CO₂ account:

- vehicles with a Special Permit code of 'SP' (Special interest vehicle), or
- vehicles with a manufactured date of 40 years or more before the date of entry certification, or
- vehicles with a registration type 'S' (Low Volume Vehicle - Scratch-built), or
- vehicles with a registration type 'R' (re-registrations of vehicles previously registered in NZ. This does not include vehicles recorded on LANDATA as 'Overseas Visitors Vehicles', these can be identified by the transaction type of MR2C in TRANLOG and no entry certification recorded), or
- vehicles with a special permit code 'MS' (motorsport vehicle), or
- vehicles first certified for entry prior to 1 December 2022, where the vehicle was not registered within 2 years of entry certification and entry certification has lapsed, or
- vehicles with special permit codes of 'DV' (disability vehicle). Refer to 31 Special permit codes above.

Inspection and certification

11-2 Exhaust emissions

Compliance with approved standards

1. A vehicle that is required to comply with an approved (or a more recent version, or a higher) exhaust emission standard did not comply or cannot be demonstrated to have complied with at least one of the standards listed in the following tables or in [Technical bulletin 28](#) at the time the vehicle was manufactured or modified.

The following tables only list approved vehicle exhaust emissions standards. More recent versions of the standards and higher standards (as well as approved standards) are listed in [Technical bulletin 28](#).

- [Table 11-2-1](#) Exhaust emissions requirements for class MA, MB, MC, MD1, MD2, NA vehicles (except used-import disability vehicles) [see Note 3](#)
- [Table 11-2-2](#) Exhaust emissions requirements for class MA, MB, MC, MD1, MD2, NA used-import disability vehicles [see Note 3](#)
- [Table 11-2-3](#) Exhaust emissions requirements for class MD3, MD4, ME, NB, NC vehicles
- [Table 11-2-4](#) Exhaust emissions requirements for class LA, LB, LC, LD, LE vehicles

Note 3

Disability vehicle means a light vehicle that is used for the transportation of a person with a disability and is modified to do either or both of the following:

- enable a person in a wheelchair to safely enter and exit the vehicle and enable the person and the wheelchair to be safely restrained while the vehicle is moving;
- provide a person in a wheelchair or of limited mobility with assistance to enter and exit the vehicle through the use of a swivel or swing-out seat.

A different definition of disability vehicle is used to exempt vehicles from the Clean Vehicle Standard.