

1 February 2017 (WoF only)

VIRM: In-service certification VDAM update – effective 1 February 2017

Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2016

In November 2016, the Vehicle Dimensions and Mass (VDAM) Rule 2016 was signed, coming into effect on 1 February 2017.

The rule sets vehicle size and weight limits, and vehicle configuration requirements. Although there is a focus on heavy vehicles, light vehicles and motorcycles are affected too, and you should familiarise yourself with all the changes

It is intended to strike a reasonable balance between the risks that heavy vehicles present to public safety, and the efficient operation of the heavy vehicle fleet within the constraints imposed by the road network.

As a result of the new rule, there are updates to the dimensions sections across the VIRM. The changes are largely similar, with variations according to vehicle type.

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