



Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule) Alternative Standard Amendments 2025

I, Anthony Chisholm, Assistant Minister for Regional Development, make the following determination.

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[SIGNED]

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1. NAME

- 1.1. This instrument is the Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule) Alternative Standard Amendments 2025.

2. COMMENCEMENT

- 2.1. This instrument commences on the day after it is registered.

3. AUTHORITY

- 3.1. This instrument is made under section 12 of the *Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018*.

4. SCHEDULES

- 4.1. Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

SCHEDULE 1 – AMENDMENTS**Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 3/04 – Seats and Seat Anchorages) 2017**

- [1] Clause 6.1, omit “parts, sections”, substitute “paragraphs”.
- [2] Clause 6.1, omit “Section” (wherever occurring), substitute “Paragraph”.
- [3] Clause 6.4, omit “The requirements of Appendix A paragraph 6.2”, substitute “Where applicable, the requirements of Appendix A paragraph 6.2”.
- [4] Clause 7.1, renumber as clause 7.4.
- [5] Insert a new clause 7.1 to read:
- “7.1. The technical requirements of the United Nations Regulation No. 17 - UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF VEHICLES WITH REGARD TO THE SEATS, THEIR ANCHORAGES AND ANY HEAD RESTRAINTS, incorporating the 11 series of amendments, are deemed to be equivalent to the technical requirements of this standard.”
- [6] Insert a new clause 7.2 to read:
- “7.2. The technical requirements of the United Nations Regulation No. 17 - UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF VEHICLES WITH REGARD TO THE SEATS, THEIR ANCHORAGES AND ANY HEAD RESTRAINTS, incorporating the 10 series of amendments, are deemed to be equivalent to the technical requirements of this standard.”
- [7] Insert a new clause 7.3 to read:
- “7.3. The technical requirements of the United Nations Regulation No. 17 - UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF VEHICLES WITH REGARD TO THE SEATS, THEIR ANCHORAGES AND ANY HEAD RESTRAINTS, incorporating the 09 series of amendments, are deemed to be equivalent to the technical requirements of this standard.”

SCHEDULE 2 – AMENDMENTS**Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 4/06 – Seatbelts) 2018**

- [1] Clauses 3.4 to 3.4.1, omit “Section” (wherever occurring), substitute “clause”.
- [2] Clause 5.1, omit “Section 6 Exemptions and Alternative Procedures”, substitute “clause 6 (Exemptions and Alternative Procedures)”.
- [3] Clause 6.1, omit “parts, sections”, substitute “paragraphs”.
- [4] Clause 6.1, omit “Section” (wherever occurring), substitute “Paragraph”.
- [5] Clause 6.6, omit “Section”, substitute “paragraph”.
- [6] Clause 7.1, omit “07”, substitute “09”.
- [7] Clause 7.2, omit “07”, substitute “09”.
- [8] Clauses 7.2 to 7.4.2, omit “Section” (wherever occurring), substitute “paragraph”.
- [9] Insert a new clause 7.5 to read:
- “7.5. The technical requirements of the United Nations Regulation No. 16 – UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF: SAFETY-BELTS AND RESTRAINT SYSTEMS, FOR OCCUPANTS OF POWER-DRIVEN VEHICLES, incorporating the 10 series of amendments, are deemed to be equivalent to the technical requirements of Appendix A, paragraph 5.3.1, paragraph 6 (Specifications) and paragraph 7 (Tests) of this standard.”
- [10] Insert a new clause 7.5.1 to read:
- “7.5.1. Seatbelts for side-facing seats must comply with the requirements of Appendix A for forwards-facing seats, except that upper torso restraints must not be provided.”
- [11] Insert a new clause 7.5.2 to read:
- “7.5.2. Appendix A, paragraph 8 of this standard, Requirements concerning the installation in the vehicle, other than paragraphs 8.1.5 and 8.3.5, must be met.”
- [12] Insert a new clause 7.6 to read:
- “7.6. The technical requirements of the United Nations Regulation No. 173 – UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF: THE INSTALLATION OF SAFETY BELTS, RESTRAINT SYSTEMS, CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS, ISOFIX CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS AND I-SIZE CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS, incorporating the original version of the regulation (00 series of amendments), are deemed to be equivalent to the technical requirements of Appendix A, paragraphs 8.1 to 8.3 of this standard.”

[13] Insert a new clause 7.7 to read:

“7.7. The technical requirements of the United Nations Regulation No. 174 – UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF A VEHICLE WITH REGARD TO SAFETY BELT REMINDERS, incorporating the original version of the regulation (00 series of amendments), are deemed to be equivalent to the technical requirements of Appendix A, paragraph 8.4 of this standard.”

SCHEDULE 3 – AMENDMENTS**Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 5/06 – Anchorages for Seatbelts)
2018**

- [1] Clause 6.1, omit “parts, sections”, substitute “paragraphs”.
- [2] Clause 6.1, omit “Section” (wherever occurring), substitute “Paragraph”.
- [3] Clause 6.2, omit “Sections”, substitute “paragraphs”.
- [4] Clause 6.3, omit “Sections”, substitute “paragraphs”.
- [5] Clauses 7.1 to 7.2.1, repeal.
- [6] Insert a new clause 7.1 to read:
- “7.1. The technical requirements of the United Nations Regulation No. 14 – UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF VEHICLES WITH REGARD TO SAFETY-BELT ANCHORAGES, incorporating the 09 series of amendments, as varied by clause 7.1.1 below, are deemed to be equivalent to the technical requirements of this standard.”
- [7] Insert a new clause 7.1.1 to read:
- “7.1.1. Any side-facing seats must have anchorages for seatbelt assemblies that comply with clause 5.2 of this standard.”
- [8] Insert a new clause 7.2 to read:
- “7.2. The technical requirements of the United Nations Regulation No. 14 – UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF VEHICLES WITH REGARD TO SAFETY-BELT ANCHORAGES, incorporating the 08 series of amendments, as varied by clause 7.2.1 below, are deemed to be equivalent to the technical requirements of this standard.”
- [9] Insert a new clause 7.2.1 to read:
- “7.2.1. Any side-facing seats must have anchorages for seatbelt assemblies that comply with clause 5.2 of this standard.”
- [10] Insert a new clause 7.3 to read:
- “7.3. The technical requirements of the United Nations Regulation No. 14 – UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF VEHICLES WITH REGARD TO SAFETY-BELT ANCHORAGES, ISOFIX ANCHORAGES SYSTEMS AND ISOFIX TOP TETHER ANCHORAGES, incorporating the 07 series of amendments, as varied by clause 7.3.1 below, are deemed to be equivalent to the technical requirements of this standard.”
- [11] Insert a new clause 7.3.1 to read:
- “7.3.1. Any side-facing seats must have anchorages for seatbelt assemblies that comply with clause 5.2 of this standard.”

SCHEDULE 4 – AMENDMENTS**Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 14/03 – Devices for Indirect Vision) 2023**

- [1] Clause 6.1, omit “parts, ”.
- [2] Clauses 8.1.1 to 8.1.2, renumber as clauses 8.1.2 to 8.1.3.
- [3] Insert a new clause 8.1.1 to read:
 - “8.1.1. The technical requirements of the United Nations Regulation No. 46 – UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF DEVICES FOR INDIRECT VISION AND OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITH REGARD TO THE INSTALLATION OF THESE DEVICES, incorporating the 06 series of amendments.”

SCHEDULE 5 – AMENDMENTS**Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 18/03 – Instrumentation) 2006**

- [1] Clause 4.1, omit “section”, substitute “clause”.
- [2] Clause 5, omit:
 “Compliance with the following parts, sections and annexes of Appendix A is not required for the purposes of this standard:
 Section 3 Application for approval
 Section 4 Approval
 Section 6 Modifications of vehicle type
 Section 7 Conformity of production
 Section 8 Penalties for non-conformity of production
 Section 9 Names and addresses of technical services responsible for conducting approval tests and of administrative departments
Annex 1 Communication concerning the approval or extension or refusal or withdrawal of approval or production definitely discontinued of a vehicle type with regard to the speedometer equipment including its installation pursuant to Regulation No. 39
Annex 2 Arrangements of approval marks
Annex 3 Test of speedometer accuracy for conformity of production”
- [3] Clause 5.1, repeal.
- [4] Insert a new clause 5.1 to read:
 “5.1 Compliance with the following paragraphs and annexes of Appendix A is not required for the purposes of this standard:
 Paragraph 3 Application for approval
 Paragraph 4 Approval
 Paragraph 6 Modifications of vehicle type
 Paragraph 7 Conformity of production
 Paragraph 8 Penalties for non-conformity of production
 Paragraph 9 Names and addresses of technical services responsible for conducting approval tests and of administrative departments
Annexes
 Annex 1 Communication concerning the approval or extension or refusal or withdrawal of approval or production definitely discontinued of a vehicle type with regard to the speedometer equipment including its installation pursuant to Regulation No. 39
 Annex 2 Arrangements of approval marks
 Annex 3 Test of speedometer accuracy for conformity of production”

[5] Insert a new clause 5.2 to read:

“5.2 Speedometers marked with an additional scale in miles per hour (mp/h) in accordance with paragraphs 5.1.2 and 5.1.4 of Appendix A are acceptable for the purposes of this standard, provided that the primary scale is marked in kilometres per hour (km/h) and the mp/h scale is the secondary scale.”

[6] Clause 6, omit:

“The technical requirements adopted by the United Nations - Economic Commission for Europe Regulation No. 39 – UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF VEHICLES WITH REGARD TO THE SPEEDOMETER EQUIPMENT INCLUDING ITS INSTALLATION, incorporating the 00 series of amendments, shall be deemed to be equivalent to the technical requirements of this rule”.

[7] Insert a new clause 6.1 to read:

“6.1. The technical requirements of the United Nations Regulation No. 39 – UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF VEHICLES WITH REGARD TO THE SPEEDOMETER AND ODOMETER EQUIPMENT INCLUDING ITS INSTALLATION, incorporating the 02 series of amendments, are deemed to be equivalent to the technical requirements of this standard.”

[8] Insert a new clause 6.2 to read:

“6.2. The technical requirements of the United Nations Regulation No. 39 – UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF VEHICLES WITH REGARD TO THE SPEEDOMETER AND ODOMETER EQUIPMENT INCLUDING ITS INSTALLATION, incorporating the 01 series of amendments, are deemed to be equivalent to the technical requirements of this standard.”

[9] Insert a new clause 6.3 to read:

“6.3. The technical requirements of the United Nations Regulation No. 39 – UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF VEHICLES WITH REGARD TO THE SPEEDOMETER EQUIPMENT INCLUDING ITS INSTALLATION, incorporating the original version of the regulation (00 series of amendments), are deemed to be equivalent to the technical requirements of this standard.”

SCHEDULE 6 – AMENDMENTS**Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 92/00 – External Projections)
2018**

- [1] Clause 5.2, omit “Section 6 Exemptions and Alternative Procedures”, substitute “clause 6 (Exemptions and Alternative Procedures)”.
- [2] Clause 6.1, omit “parts, sections”, substitute “paragraphs”.
- [3] Clause 6.1, omit “Section” (wherever occurring), substitute “Paragraph”.
- [4] Clause 7.1, renumber as clause 7.2.
- [5] Insert a new clause 7.1 to read:
 - “7.1 For category MA, MB and MC vehicles, the technical requirements of the United Nations Regulation No. 26 – UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF VEHICLES WITH REGARD TO THEIR EXTERNAL PROJECTIONS, incorporating the 04 series of amendments, are deemed to be equivalent to the technical requirements of this standard.”

SCHEDULE 7 – AMENDMENTS**Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 93/00 – Forward Field of View)
2018**

- [1] Clause 5.4, omit “MA, MB and MC”, substitute “MA, MB, MC, and NA”.
- [2] Clause 5.4, omit “Section 6 Exemptions and Alternative Procedures”, substitute “clause 6 (Exemptions and Alternative Procedures)”.
- [3] Clause 6.1, omit “parts, sections”, substitute “paragraphs”.
- [4] Clause 6.1, omit “Section” (wherever occurring), substitute “Paragraph”.
- [5] Clause 7.1, repeal.
- [6] Insert a new clause 7.1 to read:
- “7.1. For category MA, MB, MC, and NA vehicles, the technical requirements of the United Nations Regulation No. 125 – UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITH REGARD TO THE FORWARD FIELD OF VISION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER, incorporating the 03 series of amendments, are deemed to be equivalent to the technical requirements of this standard.”
- [7] Insert a new clause 7.2 to read:
- “7.2. For category MA, MB, MC, and NA vehicles, the technical requirements of the United Nations Regulation No. 125 – UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITH REGARD TO THE FORWARD FIELD OF VISION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER, incorporating the 02 series of amendments, are deemed to be equivalent to the technical requirements of this standard.”
- [8] Insert a new clause 7.3 to read:
- “7.3. For category MA, MB, MC, and NA vehicles, the technical requirements of the United Nations Regulation No. 125 – UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITH REGARD TO THE FORWARD FIELD OF VISION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER, incorporating the 01 series of amendments, are deemed to be equivalent to the technical requirements of this standard.”
- [9] Insert a new clause 7.4 to read:
- “7.4. For category MA, MB, and MC vehicles, the technical requirements of the United Nations Regulation No. 125 – UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITH REGARD TO THE FORWARD FIELD OF VISION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER, incorporating the original version of the regulation (00 series of amendments), are deemed to be equivalent to the technical requirements of this standard.”
- [10] In Appendix A, beginning on the next line after “Supplement 1 to the 01 series of amendments – Date of entry into force: 8 October 2016”, insert:
- “ Supplement 2 to the 01 series of amendments – Date of entry into force: 30 September 2021
Supplement 3 to the 01 series of amendments – Date of entry into force: 8 October 2022”

- [11] Appendix A, paragraph 1.1, after “M₁”, insert “ and N₁”.
- [12] Appendix A, paragraph 1.3, after “M₁” (wherever occurring), insert “ and N₁”.
- [13] Appendix A, paragraph 5.1.3(b), omit “Within zone A located”, substitute “Any”.