



Changes to LVV Operating Requirements Schedule (5th Amendment)

The purpose of this LVV Information Sheet is to communicate to LVV Certifiers a number of important changes that have been made to the LVV certification system, which are detailed in the 5th amendment of the LVV Operating Requirements Schedule. The new Operating Requirements Schedule should be read through at your earliest opportunity. Below is an overview of the changes that are incorporated within the latest version of the document.

New 'LVV-EX' certifier category

LVVTA and Land Transport NZ have recently established a new category for Exhaust Noise Emissions and Exhaust Gas Emissions. This means that those LVV Certifiers who are currently approved for noise testing have now been formally appointed for the purpose of providing the objective noise testing service as a separate category known as 'LV-EX' (rather than just relying on the informal list that previously existed).

Further, because of the similar skills and background that are required for exhaust noise emissions, and for understanding and applying the exhaust gas emission regime coming in later this year, those LVV Certifiers that have been issued with 'LV-EX' category are also automatically approved for exhaust gas testing.

This new category is detailed within 3.1(7) and 3.2(7) of the latest version (5th amendment) of the LVV Operating Requirements Schedule. New certificates of appointment, if they have not already gone out, will be sent out to all LVV Certifiers authorised for Objective Noise Testing by Land Transport New Zealand, which will record this new category.

New LVV certification plate pre-ordering system established

LVVTA and Land Transport NZ have been discussing for some time the feasibility of introducing a system whereby LVV Certifiers who provide a service to commercial manufacturers and installers can pre-order LVV certification plates. This has been agreed, and written into the 5th amendment of the LVV Operating Requirements Schedule, detailed in 4.2(1). There are several limitations on the criteria set down in 4.2(1), and it is intended to apply to only those manufacturers and installers who build and modify on a repetitive basis.

The intention behind the process is to enable the LVV Certifier to pre-order an LVV certification plate so that the plate can be fitted at the completion of the final inspection, thereby avoiding for the customer the 5-day or so delay between the final inspection, and ordering and fitting the plate. Those LVV Certifiers who provide commercial LVV certification services for manufacturers and installers who build or modify on a repetitive basis should study 4.2(1) of the

5th amendment of the Operating Requirements Schedule to gain an understanding of the criteria and requirements of the system.

In order to facilitate this process, an LVVTA 'F006 - Certification Plate Pre-order Request Form' will become available, and a new category has been established for LVV Certifiers in relation to pre-ordering LVV certification plates. There is a strict criteria applied to this so that the special service arrangement is not abused, or applied to people who do not need it. This information relating to the new certifier category is detailed within 3.1(15) and 3.2(15) of the 5th amendment of the LVV Operating Requirements Schedule.

Appointments will be made for this category on a case-by-case basis, by Land Transport New Zealand, as legitimate needs arise.

New scratch-built 'sub-categories'

There is a new section in the 5th amendment of the Operating Requirements Schedule that covers the new scratch-built 'sub-categories'. This is in 5.1. The details of this process should be studied by category 1D-authorized LVV Certifiers, together with LVV Information Sheet 01-2008 which outlines the background and logic associated with the new 'sub-category' system.

Finally:

If you have any queries or require any further clarification relating to this Information Sheet, please feel free to contact Kendall Bradley at the Wellington LVVTA office on (04) 477-4372.

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