

# Newsletter

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## Latest news on Individual Vehicle Approval (IVA)

It is coming close to the introduction of the new Individual Vehicle Approval (IVA) Test. The implementation date is **3 August 2009**. This newsletter is to keep you up to date with the progress of the scheme so far.

Our aim during the transition is to provide a continuous inspection service.

Applications for the current SVA test for passenger cars (except special purpose vehicles such as wheel chair accessible vehicles, hearses and motor caravans) will not be accepted after the **3 July 2009**. All applications submitted before this date must be accompanied by the relevant documentation for SVA and will be allocated, where possible, an appointment before **31 July 2009** which is the final date for conducting an SVA test. The last date for SVA retests is 18 December 2009.

Applications that are not supported by the required documentation may be returned to the applicant who will then need to re-apply for an IVA inspection. However, every effort will be made to support applicants to provide the correct documentation.

Any SVA applications received after 3 July 2009 will be required to undergo an IVA test and must be accompanied by the relevant documentation for IVA.

## Inspection Manual online

Information on the Technical Standards that will be applicable to any of the various categories is available in the latest versions of the IVA Inspection Manuals online at [www.transportoffice.gov.uk/IVA-manuals](http://www.transportoffice.gov.uk/IVA-manuals)

## IVA Information Guide

The IVA Information Guide contains general information about the scheme and is available on our website [www.dvni.gov.uk](http://www.dvni.gov.uk) Driver and Vehicle Testing\ Vehicle Testing\ECWVTA-IVA.

## How to obtain an IVA Application Form

Application forms will be available soon in local Licensing Offices and Test Centres. Or by contacting the IVA Section on 02890 541841.

Alternatively, they can be downloaded from our website [www.dvni.gov.uk](http://www.dvni.gov.uk), Driver and Vehicle Testing\Vehicle Testing\Downloads section.

## Cost of IVA Inspection

A list of fees is available on our website.

**REMEMBER – all vehicles inspected by the 31 July 2009 will, where necessary, have up until 18 Dec 2009 to be presented for a retest inspection. Any SVA certificates issued will only be valid until 31 December 2009 for registration purposes.**

## Accreditation of Test Centres

All IVA tests are carried out to a quality standard; DVA Test Centres conform to standards laid down by ISO (International Organisation for Standardisation). ISO 17025 specifically focuses on the general requirements for the competence of testing and calibration in test centres.

## Model Report

The Model Report is used to prove compliance on a subsequent vehicle on the basis of a series of tests conducted previously on a "master vehicle" It enables the DVA examiner to check that the specification of a subsequent vehicle is the same as the original.

These Model Reports will be in place for IVA and will reflect the revised criteria applicable under the IVA Scheme.

## Some frequently asked questions

### What is Individual Vehicle Approval (IVA)?

In October 2007, the current European Type Approval scheme for passenger cars known as European Whole Vehicle Type Approval (ECWVTA) was amended by new European legislation. Due to this legislation, European Type Approval will now extend to cover other vehicle groups for the first time. Individual Vehicle Approval (IVA) is a UK National approval scheme for passenger cars, buses, coaches, light and heavy

goods vehicles, trailers and some special purpose vehicles such as motor caravans and hearses. Similar to SVA, IVA is a pre registration inspection for vehicles imported, assembled or manufactured in very small numbers or as individual vehicles.

### When will my vehicle need an IVA inspection?

When your vehicle will need a mandatory IVA inspection will depend on what category of vehicle it falls into. The implementation dates for IVA for M1/N1 vehicle categories is set out in the table below.

### What is "Optional" IVA?

From the **3 August 2009** passenger cars must comply with the new legislation. However, "optional" IVA will also be available from this date for buses, coaches, trucks and trailers prior to their mandatory implementation dates.

For further information regarding the Individual Vehicle Approval (IVA) scheme please visit our website:

[www.dvani.gov.uk](http://www.dvani.gov.uk), Driver and Vehicle Testing\Vehicle Testing\ECWVTA-IVA Link.

Email us at:

[dva.ivaqueries@doeni.gov.uk](mailto:dva.ivaqueries@doeni.gov.uk)

### What will the differences be between SVA and IVA for a kit car?

You will need to refer to the IVA inspection manual for M1 passenger cars which is currently available on the Transport Office website ([www.transportoffice.gov.uk/IVA-manuals](http://www.transportoffice.gov.uk/IVA-manuals)).

The manual shows the list of inspection requirements for **Basic\*** and **Normal\*** IVA for M1 passenger vehicles.

*\*Basic IVA equates to Standard SVA*

*\*Normal IVA equates to ESVA (Enhanced SVA of R class)*

IVA is **mandatory** for **M<sub>1</sub>** and **N<sub>1</sub>** vehicles from\* :

Category	Implementation Date
Passenger cars – M <sub>1</sub>	3 August 2009 *
Special Purpose passenger - M <sub>1</sub>	29 <sup>th</sup> April 2012*
Light goods vehicles**- N <sub>1</sub>	29 <sup>th</sup> October 2011*
Special Purpose light goods**- N <sub>1</sub>	29 <sup>th</sup> October 2014*

*\*Unless your vehicle already has an approval certificate, is a 'Special Purpose' vehicle or is more than 10 years old at the time of application.*

**\*\*Note: SVA (Single Vehicle Approval) is mandatory for N<sub>1</sub> light goods vehicles up until 29<sup>th</sup> October 2011.**