

FAQs on End of Series (EOS) Derogations

What does “End of Series” mean? When a vehicle is first manufactured it must pass all the necessary safety and quality standards before it can be sold throughout Europe (European Type Approval). However, as time passes, safety and quality standards change so a vehicle manufactured a year or two ago, which hasn't yet been sold, may now not meet new regulations. This vehicle is still technically new as it has never been sold/used but because it doesn't meet current standards it's referred to as an “End of Series” i.e. last of its type.

What is a derogation? A derogation is a type of pardon that allows a current rule or law to be bypassed temporarily.

Why is an “end of series” derogation needed? Once a new vehicle is sold it must be registered with the Irish Authorities. Normally an end of series vehicle wouldn't be allowed to be registered because it doesn't meet with current laws. However, once it has been granted a derogation by the Road Safety Authority it can be registered as normal. This allows manufacturers/distributors additional time to sell off and register these unsold vehicles.

If an end of series vehicle doesn't meet current standards or regulations, is it safe? End of series derogations come with a cut-off date (e.g. 12 months from when the vehicle lost its type approval validity) which ensures that only minor differences in standards exist between current and newer models.

How do I apply for an End of Series (EOS) Derogation?

1. Click [here](#) or log onto www.rsa.ie and type “end of series vehicles” in the search box.
2. Choose the appropriate application form for your vehicle type e.g. passenger vehicle, motorbike etc.
3. Download and Print the relevant Application Form (Word) and Vehicle List spreadsheet (Excel).
4. Complete both form and spreadsheet and email it to: vehiclestandards@rsa.ie
5. The Excel Vehicle List will show the Date of Production of the Base Vehicle and whether it is a single/multi-stage build so there is **no need to include a Certificate of Conformity**, but the RSA reserves the right to request one.

Can I get an EOS Derogation for new vehicles intended for sale on the UK market? No. The RSA can only issue End of Series derogations for new vehicles intended for sale on the *Irish* market.

How long will it take to process my EOS Derogation application? Please allow a maximum of **10 working days** for processing an EOS Derogation application. This is provided that both the application form and spreadsheet have been completed properly. Failure to do this may result in a longer processing time.

How long does the derogation last?

Vehicle Type	Complete	Completed	Incomplete
Passenger and goods vehicles (<i>Categories: N1, N2, N3, M1, M2, M3</i>)	12 months	18 months	18 months
Motorcycles, Mopeds, Trikes and Quads (<i>L Category Vehicles</i>)	24 months	30 months	30 months

Please Note: The additional time provided by the derogation (e.g. 12 or 18 months) begins on the date changes were brought into law or the date the vehicle lost its type approval validity - NOT the date of the derogation application.

What is the qualifying criteria for applying for an End of Series (EOS) Derogation?

Vehicle Type	For a vehicle to qualify for an EOS Derogation
Passenger and goods vehicles (<i>Categories: N1, N2, N3, M1, M2, M3</i>)	The date of manufacture on the CoC must be at least 3 months before the new regulation comes into force.
Motorcycles, Mopeds, Trikes and Quads (<i>L Category Vehicles</i>)	The date of manufacture on the COC can be any day before the new regulation comes into force.

What can I do if my E.O.S. derogation has expired and the vehicle still hasn't been registered? Please contact the [National Standards Authority of Ireland](#) to explore the possibility of getting Individual Vehicle Approval certification.

What is the difference between a complete, completed and incomplete vehicle?

Complete Vehicles	Built in a single stage by the manufacturer and requires no further work
Completed / Multi-stage Vehicles	Built in multi stages involving more than one manufacturer
Incomplete Vehicle	Any vehicle which has yet to undergo one or more stages