



Modification declarations

For vehicles that were modified prior to the start of the LVV certification process in 1992, a Modification Declaration was issued, which provided a vehicle registration number to link the document to the vehicle, and a detailed list of all of the modifications that were present as at 1/1/1992. Modification Declarations were completed by Authorised vehicle Inspectors, and copies of these were to be returned to NZTA (then Land Transport Safety Authority) for safe-keeping. Unfortunately, a significant number of these declarations were misplaced, and copies of these are no longer available. However, LVVTA retain thousands of remaining Modification Declarations, and verified copies of these can be purchased on request by phone or email.

While many vehicles that would have been issued with a Modification Declaration will no longer be on the road, many still are, and owners of these vehicles must present the Modification Declaration at every WoF inspection.

Validity

The big catch with Modification Declarations is that they are only valid if the vehicle has been continuously registered since the date the declaration was issued. Any vehicles that have had their registration lapse will require LVV Certification. In this situation, the Modification Declaration can be used by the LVV Certifier as evidence that the modifications pre-date current requirements. A different, less stringent, set of requirements will be applied to any modifications specified on the Modification Declaration.

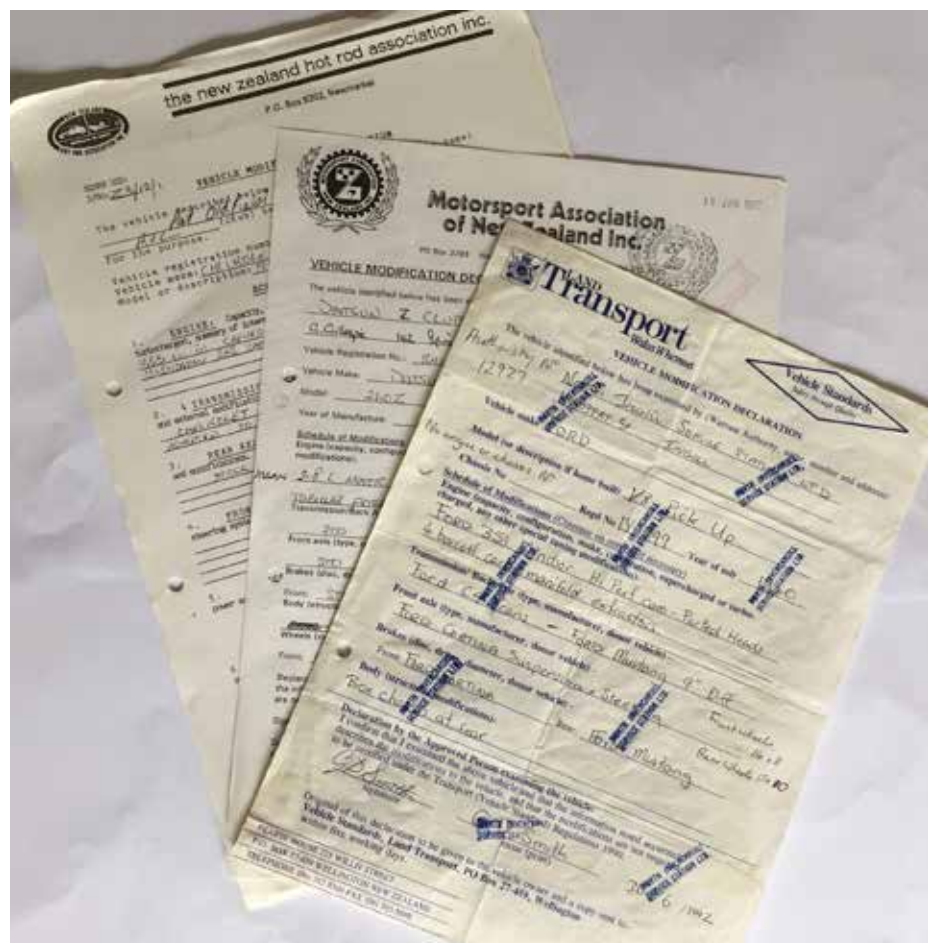
Fraud

AVI's should also assess Modification Declarations to ensure that they have not been edited in any way, such as additional modifications being listed, or modification descriptions being blanked out and changed or altered. LVVTA are aware of a number of cases of this fraudulent activity, and where cases are found they should be referred to the NZ Police and LVVTA. LVVTA has also seen counterfeit Modification Declarations for vehicles manufactured well after 1992, which are clearly not valid. AVIs should pay close attention to ensure that the Modification

Declaration they are presented with is valid, and any copies must have the official LVVTA stamp and be laminated.

Recertification

Where the Modification Declaration has been confirmed as legitimate but vehicle modifications differ to what is recorded (other than the number plate), the vehicle must be failed and sent to an LVV Certifier, for example, if the Modification Declaration lists a 1.6-litre engine, but the vehicle is fitted with a 2-litre engine. The LVV Certifier will inspect and certify all of the modifications, which will be listed on the new LVV certification plate.



To request a copy of a Modification Declaration or talk about anything in relation to LVV Certification, contact the LVVTA Tech Team on 04 238 4343 or email tech@lvvta.org.nz.