Certificates of Conformity and Rule Of The Road

VOSA operate a voluntary 'Partial MSVA Inspection' to assist some of our customers who may be affected by legislation concerning 'Rule of the Road'. Below is a list of frequently asked Questions and Answers but if you should need further advice please do not hesitate to contact us.

MSVA Partial Inspection - Frequently Asked Questions

What does Rule of the Road (RoR) mean?	Rule of the Road refers to whether the vehicle is set up for use on the left or right hand side of the road (in terms of headlights, speedo, mirrors). Some may be suitable for both.
Can I use a 2002/24 model Certificate of Conformity (CoC) to register my vehicle?	Yes, but it must state that the vehicle is suitable for use on the left hand side of the road and that the speedo has mph. Some motorcycle (not moped, trike or quad) CoCs may be refused by DVLA because they do not contain the latest emissions information. In this case a full MSVA will be required.
What if the CoC is not a left hand RoR?	You can apply for a Partial MSVA Inspection at one our MSVA test stations.
What vehicles will be affected?	Vehicles with ECWVTA for European countries in which they drive on the right hand side of the road and/or use metric speed measurements. Some quadricycles originally approved with hydraulic parking brakes may also be rejected for registration by DVLA.
What modifications do I need to make to the vehicle?	It will depend on how the vehicle is set up but generally the headlight will need to be suitable for driving on the left hand side of the road so that it does not dazzle other road users, the speedo should show mph and mopeds with only one rear view mirror must have it fitted to the right hand side of the vehicle. If the vehicle is a quadricycle with an hydraulic parking brake this system will need to be converted to purely mechanical operation.
How much does the inspection cost?	It costs £12.00 (£10 + £2 vat). It is a voluntary inspection so it attracts VAT.
How long does the inspection take?	It should only take about 15 - 20 minutes. Only headlights, speedo and sometimes mirrors on mopeds are checked. Quadricycle parking brakes will be checked for both construction and performance.
How do I apply?	Application forms are available from www.dft.gov.uk/vosa (PMSVA1) or can be e-mailed to you or you can just book by telephoning VOSA on the National Number – 0300 123 9000 . Ask to be transferred to your chosen Test Station. The fee can be taken at the time of test.
Can the vehicle be driven to the test?	No, because the test is voluntary, the vehicle would have to be transported.
Will the test station give me a pass certificate?	Yes they will issue a Ministers Approval Certificate which must be presented to the DVLA with the CoC for Registration.
What if the vehicle fails?	You will need to rectify the failure item and apply for another partial inspection.
If I have a query about the test who should I contact?	Contact VOSA on 0300 123 9000 .