



Category L Type Approval requirements

From 1 January 2025, a number of changes for the first registration or entry into service of EU Category L vehicles comes into force under EU Regulations 168/2013 and 134/2014. This document provides an overview of the regulatory changes and the eligibility criteria for vehicles within EoS applications.

The RSA is granting end-of-series derogations to eligible vehicles that don't meet the updated requirements outlined below.

Derogation Eligibility Requirements*		
Primary Eligibility Criteria	Valid CoC issued on or before 31/12/2024	
Derogation Limits	100 vehicles or 10% of vehicles first registered in Ireland in the preceding 2 years** whichever is higher	

* Additional eligibility criteria will apply depending on the requested derogation

****** Evidence of registered vehicles may be requested

Note: Where a vehicle is granted a derogation from one of the below regulations, further end of series applications for that vehicle will not be processed.

Noise Emissions

Regulation (EU) No. 134/2014 – outlines the type-approval requirements for category L vehicles regarding their environmental and propulsion unit performance. From 1 January 2025, EU category L vehicles are required to comply with the noise emissions requirements outlined in the table below.

1 January 2025, Noise Emissions Requirements		
Vehicle Category	UNECE Regulation No.	
L1e	63.02	
L2e, L4e, L5e, L6e, and L7e	9.07	
L3e	41.05	

Additional Noise Emissions Eligibility Criteria:

• Category L3e and L4e noise emissions must be type approved to ECE 41.04

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Motorcycle OBD Requirements

Regulation (EU) No. 168/2013 - on the approval and market surveillance of two- or three-wheel vehicles and quadricycles.

From 1 January 2025, certain EU category L vehicles are required to comply with the Euro 5 OBD requirements as outlined in the table below.

1 January 2025 OBD requirements			
OBD Requirements	Description	Scope	
Stage I	Requires vehicles to be fitted with an onboard diagnostic (OBD) system meeting the OBD Stage I requirements including any operating mode which significantly reduces engine torque using the Euro 5 OBD threshold limits.	Applies to: L3e, L4e, L5e, and L7e	
Stage II	Requires vehicles to be fitted with an onboard diagnostic (OBD) system meeting the OBD Stage II requirements, including those relating to catalytic converter monitoring, using the Euro 5 OBD threshold limits.	Applies to: L3e (except L3e-AxE and L3e-AxT), L4e, L5e-A, and L7e-A	

Additional OBD Eligibility Criteria:

- Type approved on or before 31 December 2023
- Type approved to Euro 5 emissions

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