

ACT adopts NTC recommendation

As of December 2017, the ACT government revised the regulation covering the after market application of automotive window film on windows behind the B pillar for passenger vehicles registered in the ACT.

Details of the new regulation can be found in the *Motor vehicle windscreen and window tinting requirements and standards* page on the Access Canberra website, or on the WFAANZ website in the AUTO LAWS page. WFAANZ strongly advises anyone involved with the after market application of window film in the ACT to review this information, and become familiar with the new requirements that are effective immediately.

Get clear on the revisions

The regulations for the front passenger side windows remains 35% VLT.

A coating or tint applied on windows rear of the driver must have a resultant VLT of no less than 20%. This includes the rear passenger side windows and the rear window.

Any window film applied on any vehicle window must be non-reflective. Reflectance must not exceed 10% and must be uniform, without distortion or bubbling.

Glazing used in the front windscreen must have a VLT of at least 70%.

A strip on the upper 10% of the windscreen, or the area above the highest point of the arc of a windscreen wiper, may have applied window film at any VLT.

No other coating or tinting is permitted on the windscreen, and that includes optically clear window film.

Glazing used in an interior partition of a motor vehicle must be 70% VLT.

KEEP IN MIND

- The new 20% VLT allowance applies to the windows **behind** the driver only
- Windows next to or in front of the driver must still adhere to a 35% VLT limit
- The 20% and 35% VLT allowances cover the combination of glass **and** film. So if window film is applied to privacy glass behind the driver, for example, the combination of glass and film cannot be darker than 20% VLT. Installers must be aware of the VLT of the privacy glass **before** they apply film, to ensure the combination does not exceed the limit
- The regulation prohibiting the use of window film - even clear window film - on the greater part of the windscreen remains unchanged
- Clear window film cannot be applied to privacy glass with 35% VLT or darker (front windows) or 20% VLT or darker (windows rear of the driver)

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