



Vehicle Safety Branch Information Bulletin

Vehicle Operations ***Introduction of revised Minor Inspection Policy***

1. Background

Advances in vehicle design and improved manufacturing have resulted in vehicles less than 3 years old and having travelled less than 60,000 km moving to a low risk category in terms of roadworthiness issues. Further, many vehicles now remain under new vehicle warranty during this period.

As a result, from Monday 13 November 2006, a minor inspection policy will be implemented for vehicles (in these low risk categories) that require an inspection for registration.

2. Eligibility

The minor inspection policy applies to light vehicles (less than 4.5 tonnes Gross Vehicle Mass) in the following categories that are less than 3 years old (based on the compliance date), where an odometer is fitted, have travelled less than 60,000km and are not recorded on the Written Off Vehicle Register (WOVR).

The following vehicles will be subject to a minor inspection:

- Motor cars
- Motorcycles and scooters
- Derivatives and light commercial vehicles (utilities and tray tops etc.)
- Caravans and trailers

This policy ***does not*** apply to:

- Public passenger carrying vehicles (buses, taxis etc, whether used for hire and reward or not) or any other vehicle normally requiring an inspection prior to registration renewal;
- Boat trailers;
- Heavy vehicles; and
- Dangerous goods vehicles.

These vehicles will continue to be fully examined.

The minor inspection policy also applies to any registered vehicle requiring identity verification or reassessment only, irrespective of the age of the vehicle.



3. Inspection procedures

The tasks for a minor inspection include:

1. Recording of the vehicle details and particulars, and a full identity check;
2. A visual inspection of the external condition of the vehicle, including tyres;
3. A visual inspection of the vehicles interior;
4. A physical assessment of the vehicle controls (i.e.: checking movement of the steering wheel and application of the brakes).

A minor inspection ***does not*** include:

1. Under body inspection;
2. Jacking and suspension testing;
3. Road testing; and
4. Physically checking operation of vehicle components such as doors, windows, seat belts, accessories, lights and heater demister etc.

5. Full inspections by exception

Notwithstanding the detail outlined in this policy, an examiner may elect to fully examine ***any*** vehicle where he/she has a reason to believe the vehicle is unsafe, or that other issues warrant closer scrutiny of the vehicle and its equipment. Some examples are:

- Modified vehicles;
- Accident damaged vehicles, whether on WOVV or not;
- One of a kind, individually constructed vehicles etc; and
- Imported vehicles.

Where a full inspection is deemed necessary and a minor inspection fee has been paid, no additional fee will be charged at DoT metropolitan centres unless the vehicle is rejected and requires re-inspection, which will require the payment of an additional minor inspection fee.

Where a full inspection is necessary, Approved Inspection Station proprietors may elect to charge the full inspection fee.



6. Implementation

Effective Monday 13 November, the policy detailed in this document will take effect at metropolitan inspection centres.

Due to communication issues, Approved Inspection Stations in country WA will implement the policy on Monday 20 November, or earlier if this can be arranged.

7. Inspection fees

Minor inspection fees (currently \$41.80) will apply for eligible vehicles.

An additional minor inspection fee will apply to any vehicle rejected as a result of a minor inspection.

Any queries with regard to interpretation and application of this policy should be referred to the Manager, Vehicle Operations on 9216 8697.

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