



MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT
TE MANATŪ WAKA

Pursuant to *sections 152 and 155(1)(a) and (b)* of the Land Transport Act 1998,
and after having regard to the criteria specified in section *164(2)* of that Act

I, Hon Chris Bishop, Minister of Transport

make the following ordinary Rule:

Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance Amendment 2025

Signed at

This *31st* day of *July* 2025

Hon Chris Bishop
Minister of Transport

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Extent of consultation

New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) published a draft of the Rule, along with explanatory material, on its website for public consultation on 24 February 2025. A Notice about the consultation was published on the website of NZTA on 24 February 2025 and in the New Zealand Gazette on 24 February 2025. Consultation was open for submissions until 4 April 2025. NZTA received 13,234 submissions on the consultation draft, which were taken into account in finalising the draft Rule. The proposed Rule was then submitted to the Minister of Transport for signing.

Section 1 Preliminary provisions

1.1 Title

This Rule is *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance Amendment 2025*.

1.2 Principal Rule amended

This Rule amends the *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002* (the Principal Rule).

1.3 Commencement

This Rule comes into force on **1 September 2025**.

1.4 Objective

The objective of this Rule is to amend the frequency of inspections for private heavy motorhomes, veteran motor vehicles and vintage motor vehicles.

Section 2 Amendments to Principal Rule

2.1 Part 2 amended (Definitions)

In Part 2, insert the following definitions in alphabetical order:

Private heavy motorhome means a motor vehicle that is:

- (a) class MB, NB or NC;
- (b) permanently equipped with fixed equipment intended to make the vehicle suitable as a dwelling place and must include at least:
 - (i) one sleeping berth;
 - (ii) cooking facilities; and
 - (iii) a toilet that is permanently fixed to the vehicle and usable within the vehicle;
- (c) not used for the carriage of passengers for hire or reward;
- (d) not operated under a transport service licence.

Veteran motor vehicle has the same meaning as in the *Land Transport (Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2011*.

Vintage motor vehicle has the same meaning as in the *Land Transport (Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2011*.

2.2 Clause 9.5 amended (Expiry dates for warrants of fitness and certificates of fitness)

- (1) In clause 9.5(2), replace “Unless 9.5(3) applies” with “Unless 9.5(3) or 9.5(3A) apply.”
- (2) After clause 9.5(2), insert the following new clause:

9.5(3A) The expiry date for a certificate of fitness issued for a private heavy motorhome is 12 months after the reference date.

2.3 Schedule 4 replaced

Replace Schedule 4, expiry date for warrant of fitness for light vehicles applying on and after 1 July 2014, with the Schedule of this Rule.

Section 3 Schedule

3.1 Schedule 4 replaced

Ref: clause 2.3

Schedule 4

Expiry date for warrant of fitness for light vehicles applying on and after 1 July 2014

Ref. 9.5(4)(a)

WoF issued to	Expiry date
Vehicle (other than an agricultural motor vehicle) not previously registered in New Zealand or any other country	Three years after the reference date
Vehicle (other than an agricultural motor vehicle) before the third anniversary of the date of its first registration in New Zealand or any other country	The later date of: (a) date of third anniversary of first registration in New Zealand or any other country; or (b) 12 months after the reference date
Vehicle first registered in New Zealand or any other country on or after 1 January 2000, on or after the third anniversary of the date of its first registration in New Zealand or any other country	12 months after the reference date
Vehicle (other than an agricultural motor vehicle) first registered in New Zealand or any other country before 1 January 2000 except for veteran and vintage motor vehicles	6 months after the reference date
Veteran and vintage motor vehicles	12 months after the reference date
Agricultural motor vehicle that is operated at a speed exceeding 40 km/h and that is issued a warrant of fitness in accordance with 7.9(c)	12 months after the reference date