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# 1 Vehicle identification

## 1-1 Vehicle Identification

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### Reasons for rejection

#### Mandatory requirements

1. A vehicle first registered in New Zealand from 1 April 1994 does not have a valid VIN ([Note 1](#)).

#### Note 1

A vehicle without a VIN must be referred to a VIN issuing agent ([VTNZ](#), [VINZ](#), [NZAA](#)) to have a VIN attached. A valid VIN consists of 17 characters that never contain the letters I, O or Q, and that is capable of being decoded to provide identifying information about the vehicle.

#### Note 2

[Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002](#) specify the legal requirements for vehicle identification numbers (VINs)

### Summary of legislation

#### Applicable legislation

- [Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002](#).

#### Mandatory requirements

1. A vehicle first registered in New Zealand from 1 April 1994 must have a VIN.
2. A vehicle inspector or inspecting organisation must identify a vehicle before it is certified.