

WoF*news*



Farewell to the LTSA

The Land Transport Safety Authority and Transfund New Zealand are now one organisation – Land Transport New Zealand. You may continue to see our old names around for a while. Otherwise, business with us will continue as usual.

This means that your VIRM, Infosheets, PRS manual and WoF labels and the authority of our reviewers remain valid and in force under the new legislation.

For more information about Land Transport NZ you can visit www.landtransport.govt.nz

More detailed information will follow in our next newsletter.

Improving results

If you are interested in how your performance compares with others, then check your PRS scores with the averages below.

Average WoF PRS scores			
	2002	2003	2004
North	2.27	2.14	2.26
Central	2.36	2.29	2.48
South	2.43	2.38	2.53

WoF label ordering over Christmas

Due to the secure nature of WoF labels and how Christmas and New Year fall this year, it has been decided to close off orders for WoF labels from 20 December 2004 until 5 January 2005.

Please ensure you place your orders early to cover your needs over this period.

REMEMBER the last day for ordering WoF labels before Christmas is 20 December 2004.

WoF label stocks

As you know, we expect you to maintain adequate stocks of controlled documents. This means that you are not permitted to ask for supplies from another garage nor give out any of your own stock.

Coming soon ... Investigations of garages issuing high numbers of WoFs

Starting in 2005, we will be investigating garages issuing high numbers of WoFs.

A WoF should take a single inspector working alone on average 30 minutes to complete. Therefore a single inspector on average can put through roughly 16 WoFs a day.

We have found evidence of inspectors issuing over 50 per day! This makes a mockery of checking that vehicles are safe.

Be warned!

Additional space saver label

The latest label approved for VTNZ is shown below. This label already appears on our website and will be included in the VIRM in due course.



Tractor towing connections (again)

We refer once more to the VIRM: Tractors page 13, section 12, reason for rejection 3, which requires that, for tractors needing a WoF, tractor towbars must display the maximum towed mass and the maximum vertical load on or near the tow coupling from 1 July 2004.

This date has now been further postponed to 1 October 2005. You should continue to advise the operator of this requirement, but don't fail a tractor for not having the display until then.

Courier deliveries

Some WoF garages are still not signing for courier parcels. Our particular concern is WoF books that are controlled documents. It is important that these do not stray into unauthorised hands. While we have raised this matter with the courier, we need to remind you that you should not direct your deliveries to your corner dairy or any other unauthorised recipient.

The courier is charged with getting a signature as a receipt for these items and that signature should be from you or one of your staff.

Please help us with this.

Finally...

The VCU in Wellington, the TRC in Palmerston North and your local reviewers would like to pass on our best wishes to you for Christmas and New Year and our thanks for all the good work that you have achieved over the past years.

We know that you will be doing your bit to promote safety on the roads over the holiday period and we wish you a prosperous 2005.

WoF online help

XTRA – phone 0800 000 533
(for problems with accessing WoF online)

TRC – phone 0800 804 580/fax 06 354 6931
(for problems after you have accessed WoF online)

UNISYS – phone 0800 243 687
(for problems with user access codes and passwords)

TRC – phone 0800 108 809
(for phone inquiries from members of the public)

VCU – phone 0800 587 287
(for technical assistance and reporting staff movements)

feedback...?

We welcome your feedback. Please send any comments to:
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