

Warrant of fitness check sheet specifications

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Overview

All warrant of fitness (WoF) check sheets must be approved by NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA). Check sheets require approval when they are developed for use for the first time and each time changes are made to the check sheet, including changing the logo.

There are two types of check sheets styles that may be approved, they may be in electronic or paper format:

- a detailed check sheet that lists individual components
- a check sheet in the form of a summary report that covers the broad inspection areas, this style must link to a detailed list of what components are inspected under each inspection area.

The requirements below apply to all check sheets. Where requirements may differ for summary reports, this is specified.

This document is to be read in conjunction with the [Vehicle inspection requirements manual \(VIRM\): In-service certification \(WoF and CoF\)](#)

Process for obtaining NZTA approval

1. Follow the requirements in this document to prepare your proposed check sheet. It may help to tick the boxes below to indicate that you have included each requirement.
2. Email your proposed check sheet with your contact details and any additional required information to vehicleregulationtechnical@nzta.govt.nz
3. During the approval process you may be asked to provide other information, particularly if in electronic format, you will be asked to demonstrate how the check sheet is used, stored or transmitted,
4. The final approved check sheet version must match the approval letter.

General requirements applicable to all check sheets

- If paper format is used, the check sheet must consist of a single page original and a duplicate page, with one copy to be given to the vehicle operator (eg marked 'Customer Copy'), the other kept by the WoF issuer as a record of the inspection.
- If electronic format is used the check sheet must be able to be printed or transmitted in PDF format and must be able to be stored and retrieved from the WoF issuer's records.
- The check sheet must contain an 'Appointed by NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi' logo. Contact channels@nzta.govt.nz to request a copy of the logo.
- A total area of at least 100cm² must be provided for 'Reasons for rejection' and 'Comments' by the vehicle inspector.
- Each check sheet must be uniquely numbered. These numbers must consist of at least seven characters and must be printed on the check sheet. The numbers may start anywhere but must be consecutive for each check sheet. For electronic check sheets a recheck must have an /R or /1 appended to the serial number.

- The check sheet must contain the version number and/or version date of the check sheet (eg 01/26, indicating that the check sheet was last approved/changed in January 2026).
- The check sheet must include the following information:
 - The words: 'This check sheet does not constitute a warrant of fitness.'
 - Words to the effect that rechecks must take place within 28 days after the original inspection, and that after this time a new inspection must be carried out and a new fee paid.
 - The words: 'Complaints regarding warrant of fitness issues should be first directed to warrant of fitness issuer'. Additional words may be added to the check sheet to meet the requirements for complaint statements contained in the Introduction section of the VIRM.
 - The words 'NZ Transport Agency reserves the right to recheck any vehicle following an inspection.'

Items required to be on the check sheet

- The check sheet shall contain all the items to be recorded and checked by the vehicle inspector during a WoF inspection. These items are the relevant items in List 1 and List 2, as specified below.
- Any additional items included must be relevant to the inspection requirements in the VIRM. The check sheet must indicate if an item is not a WoF requirement.
- The items on the check sheet may be listed in any order, but it is recommended that the inspection items in List 2 be numbered so that comments can be easily referenced.
- Each item in List 2 shall have a PASS/FAIL or YES/NO indicator, which must be marked by the vehicle inspector after each item is checked. Space must be allocated to record measurements for brake performance and tyre tread depth.
- The method of indicating PASS, FAIL and NOT APPLICABLE, shall be explained on the check sheet.
- For a check sheet that covers all vehicles, the items that do not apply to motorcycles or trailers may be annotated with * and # (or similar), as noted in List 2 below.
- A check sheet for one type of vehicle only shall identify the vehicle type (cars, motorcycles, utilities, trailers, etc).
 - For motorcycles and trailers, please refer to the lists below for the items that must be included on the check sheet.
 - For specialist vehicles (eg tractors, forklifts, unclassified vehicles), all the items in List 1 apply, but the List 2 inspection items may differ. Please refer to the VIRM for the items that must be inspected (use List 2 as guidance).

List 1: Items required to be recorded on all check sheets

(* not required for trailers)

- Inspecting Organisation trading name and address (can be Head Office address)
- Inspecting Organisation authority number
- Year
- Make
- Model
- Year first registered in NZ
- Registration plate number

- Chassis No/VIN* (recording trailer/tractor/forklift chassis/serial number is optional but recommended)
- Fuel type*
- Odometer reading*

Initial inspection

- Inspection date
- Vehicle inspector authority number
- Vehicle inspector's signature
- Indication of vehicle inspection pass or fail

Re-inspection/recheck

- Re-inspection (or recheck) date
- Vehicle inspector authority number
- Vehicle inspector's signature
- Indication of vehicle inspection pass or fail
- Re-inspection (or recheck) odometer reading*
- WoF expiry date
- WoF label number
- Vehicle Inspection and Certification (VIC) or LANDATA System Authorisation number

List 2: Inspection items

The following items are listed in the order in which they appear in the VIRM. All items must be listed on a detailed check sheet.

Where the check sheet is in the form of a summary report, the inspection items may be summarised, for example into broad inspection areas such as interior, exterior etc. For summary reports, NZ Transport Agency must be satisfied that the summary report provides a clear link to all the items inspected (ie all those listed below), and that systems and processes are in place to ensure complete inspections are carried out and correct records produced, filed and available for PRS/QMS reviews and investigations. Customers must be able to view the items that were inspected should they request to see them.

(* not required for trailers, # not required for motorcycles)

Vehicle identification

- VIN/chassis number

Vehicle exterior

- External projections
- Dimensions
- Footrests (motorcycle only)*

Vehicle structure

- Structure
- Corrosion

Lighting

Note: Cornering lamps, daytime running lamps, side-marker lamps, end-outline marker lamps, reversing lamps, cosmetic lamps may be summarised into 'Other lamps'.

- Headlamps*
- Front and rear fog lamps*
- Cornering lamps*
- Daytime running lamps*
- Direction indicator lamps (front)
- Direction indicator lamps (rear)
- Forward-facing position lamps
- Rearward-facing position lamps
- Side-marker lamps
- End-outline marker lamps
- Stop lamps
- High-mounted stop lamps
- Rear registration plate lamps
- Rear reflectors
- Reversing lamps
- Cosmetic lamps

Vision

- Windscreen*
- Other glazing
- Sun visors*
- Wipers*
- Washers*
- Rear view mirrors*

Entrance and exit

- Door and hinged panel retention systems

Vehicle interior

- Seats and seat anchorages*
- Head restraints*
- Seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages* #
- Airbags*
- Interior impact*
- Speedometer*

- Audible warning device*

Brakes

- Components
- ABS self-check*
- Service brake performance
 - percentage (for decelerometers) and/or recordings for each wheel (for roller brake machines)
- Service brake balance
- Parking brake performance
 - percentage (for decelerometers) and/or recordings for each wheel (for roller brake machines)
- Trailer breakaway brake
- Optional (recommended): Service brake recheck readings: percentage (for decelerometers) and/or recordings for each wheel (for roller brake machines)

Steering and suspension

- Steering mechanism
- Suspension mechanism

Tyres, wheels and hubs

- Tyre condition
- Tread depth (recorded in mm)
 - Allow for up to 3 axle configurations if applicable
 - Right side (F, M, R)
 - Left side (F, M, R)
- Optional (recommended): Tyre tread depth recheck readings recorded in mm as above
- Spare wheel security
- Wheels
- Hubs and axles
- Mudguards

Exhaust

- Exhaust system*
- Visible exhaust smoke*

Towing connections

- Towing connection

Miscellaneous items

- Engine and drive train *
- Fuel tank and fuel lines *
- Electrical wiring #

Alternative fuels*

- Alternative fuels system in working order (Yes/No)*

- Alternative fuels inspection certificate current (P/F)*
- Alternative fuels system safe (P/F)*

Modified vehicle*

- Valid LVV plate or data disc, declaration or authority card * (optional: add space to record the LVV plate number)