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3-2 Establishing whether the vehicle requires alternative fuel system inspection and certification

An alternative fuel inspection certificate is required for any vehicle fitted with an alternative fuel system that is in working order before it can be issued with a WoF or CoF.

Note: an alternative fuel system with all the necessary components connected is deemed to be in working order, whether or not it is charged. A system that has had the filler connection removed is deemed to be not in working order.

The following vehicles do not require alternative fuel system inspection and certification:

1. Forklifts, floor sweepers, polishers, tow tractors, elevating work platforms, industrial stationary engines, other LP Gas usage such as the gas supply system for appliances in caravans, mobile homes or for the propulsion of marine craft.
2. Any motor vehicle owned by a harbour board, shipping company or stevedoring contractor and used exclusively in connection with the embarking of ships' passengers or for loading and unloading ships' mails, cargo and passenger baggage and used on a public highway only when proceeding unladen from one wharf to another wharf or from its usual place of storage to a wharf and in returning to that place of storage.
3. Any motor vehicle normally propelled by mechanical power while it is being temporarily towed without the use of its own power.

4. Vehicles listed in the table below:

<p>a) a vehicle of class AB, LA or LB that does not have a motor or motors with a total power output of more than 2kW, and is not operated at a speed exceeding 50km/h</p> <p>b) an armoured vehicle used exclusively as equipment of the New Zealand Defence Force</p> <p>c) a traction engine</p> <p>d) a mechanically-propelled roller</p> <p>e) a crane fitted with self-laying tracks</p> <p>f) an excavator fitted with self-laying tracks</p> <p>g) a tractor or any other machine used solely in agricultural, land management or roading operations, whether for traction or otherwise, that is not operated at a speed exceeding 30km/h, together with any trailer operated only while being towed by that tractor or machine</p>	<p>h) a trailer designed exclusively for agricultural purposes and not operated except when being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) delivered from a manufacturer to the manufacturer's agent, or ii) taken to or from an agricultural show for display or demonstration purposes, or iii) taken from one part of a farm to another part of that farm, or from one farm to another farm owned or managed by the same person, or iv) taken to or from a farm by an agricultural contractor for the purpose of cultivation or harvest other than operations connected with the logging of trees and the cartage of fertiliser or lime or bulk liquids, or 	<p>i) a vehicle normally propelled by mechanical power while it is being temporarily towed without the use of its own power</p> <p>j) an all-terrain vehicle used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) in moving from the operator's place of residence to a road that is not a public highway, when the distance travelled is less than 3km, or ii) in connection with its inspection, servicing or repair, or iii) as an agricultural vehicle.
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