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## **5-7 Establishing whether a vehicle may be inspected and certified for entry into service**

A vehicle that requires inspection and certification for entry into service (see part 6) can be inspected and certified for entry into service only if:

- a) the vehicle's identity (by VIN or chassis number) is established without doubt, and
- b) the vehicle has been inspected at the border in accordance with section 4 of Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002 (applies only to used vehicles that are to be registered in New Zealand for the first time) (Note 1), and
- c) the VIN process has been completed (see Pre-registration and VIN), and
- d) the vehicle owner has presented proof that he/she is lawfully entitled to the vehicle.
  - For an absentee owner who is not able to present identification in person, a copy of their identification is acceptable. This should be filed with the entry certification paperwork.

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

#### [Pre-registration and VIN](#)

#### **Note 1**

For requirements regarding the Takata Alpha airbag recall see:

#### [Technical bulletin 43: Takata airbag recall.](#)

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