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1-10 Vehicle rechecks





If a vehicle fails entry-level inspection, it may be presented for re-inspection after the faults have been fixed. In such cases, the entry certifier must be satisfied that the original compliance documentation is still valid (ie not more than 2 years old).

Table 1-10-1 describes the re-inspection procedure for vehicles being registered for entry or re-entry into service in New Zealand.

A vehicle that has failed the certification process must not be passed by any entry certifier unless the vehicle faults have been rectified.

Table 1-10-1. Re-inspection procedures

Required inspection procedures	Number of business days after the initial inspection		
	0 – 5	6 – 21	22+
Verify the identity of the vehicle			
Check each failed item			
Check operation of vehicle lighting			
Check tyres still meet requirements			
Check the vehicle has not been modified since initial inspection			

Required inspection procedures	Number of business days after the initial inspection		
	0 – 5	6 – 21	22+
Brake roller test	 (Note 2)		
Verification of specialist certification as required.			
Complete full entry-level certification inspection (Note 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This includes using a new check sheet. 			

Note 1

The only exceptions to this requirement is if the vehicle has been held within the entry certifier’s or a repair certifier’s quarantine system.

Note 2

A brake performance test is required following any brake system repair or component replacement.

Quarantine system for entry-level certification vehicles

An entry certifier can operate a quarantine system for vehicles presented for re-inspection within 90 days of the original inspection. The quarantine system may be applied to vehicles that are immobile awaiting parts or repairs required to rectify defects found during entry-level inspection or is awaiting original documentation. If a vehicle within the quarantine system is presented within 90 days of the original inspection, it will not be required to undergo invasive structural or brake inspections.

A quarantine system operated by an entry certifier must meet the following requirements:

- Vehicles must not leave the premises where the certification process commenced. There must be a designated area for storing quarantined vehicles.

- The entry certifier must have a means of identifying and tracking vehicles within the quarantine system. This may include the use of a quarantine label attached to quarantined vehicles.
- The entry certifier must store all vehicle ignition keys in a secure place.
- The vehicle may only be driven with the approval of the entry certifier on the premises where the vehicle is quarantined for the purposes of obtaining certification.
- A register of all vehicles being held in quarantine must be maintained. This must record the vehicle identification, the reason(s) the initial certification was rejected, the date the vehicle was quarantined, and the name and signature of the person allowing the quarantine.
- Details relating to any vehicle that is quarantined must be recorded in LANDATA by the entry certifier in the vehicle notes screen **including mileage, the dates when the vehicle entered quarantine, and the location of the quarantine.**
- Date of vehicle removal from quarantine **must** be recorded in LANDATA for the purpose of monitoring the 21 working days recheck period.

Once the vehicle has been removed from quarantine for the purpose of repair the 21 working days recheck period will start.

If these requirements are not followed – the vehicle is deemed to have not entered quarantine.

Repair certifier quarantine system for entry-level certification vehicles

A vehicle that has undergone repair certification may be held in quarantine by an NZTA-appointed repair certifier for up to 180 days or **100km**, whichever is the lesser, from the date and mileage recorded on the check sheet. When the vehicle is re-presented the repair certifier must supply the LT308.

- Details relating to any vehicle that is quarantined must be recorded in LANDATA by the repair certifier in the vehicle notes screen **including mileage, the dates when the vehicle entered quarantine, and the location of the quarantine.**
- The vehicle must be placed into repair certification quarantine within the 21 working days recheck period from the date recorded on the check sheet.

If these requirements are not followed – the vehicle is deemed to have not entered quarantine.

The entry certifier must inspect the vehicle to ensure that any other necessary items have been rectified before completing the remainder of the entry certification process. The inspection needs to be equivalent to an in-service fitness inspection, it will not be required to undergo invasive structural or brake inspections.