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## **3-10 Operating a vehicle without a current WoF or CoF**

A person must not operate a vehicle on the road unless it has a current WoF/CoF and complies with WoF/CoF requirements.

A person may legally operate a vehicle with an expired WoF/CoF **ONLY** if the vehicle is being operated **SOLELY** for the purpose of bringing it into compliance, and provided the vehicle is safe to be operated for that purpose.

The 28 days given after a failed WoF/CoF only relate to the payment of inspection fees and when a new inspection starts, see sections [3.6.6](#) and [3.9](#). The 28 days do **NOT** allow a person to continue using the vehicle for a purpose other than for bringing the vehicle into compliance.

Where a vehicle still has a current WoF/CoF when it is failed, it must be brought up to compliance before it can again be operated for other purposes up to the date the WoF/CoF expires.