

Consultation now open on considering changes to light vehicle inspections

We're consulting on making changes to light vehicle inspections - warrants of fitness (WoFs) and certificates of fitness (CoF A).

New Zealand checks vehicles more often than most countries, but this doesn't always lead to better safety outcomes.

The changes proposed aim to reduce unnecessary costs for low-risk vehicles, while still maintaining safety standards for higher-risk vehicles.

We're seeking feedback on proposed changes to:

- **Inspection frequency:** vehicles less likely to be involved in crashes where mechanical faults are a contributing factor would need fewer inspections overall.
 - **New vehicles:** first WoF issued for 4 years.
 - **Vehicles 4-10 years old:** WoF required every 2 years.

 - **Vehicles over 10 years old:** WoF required every year.
 - **Light rental vehicles under 5 years old:** CoF A required every year.
- **Inspection scope:** WoF and CoF A inspections would require checks of Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) features. Inspectors would check fault lights for important ADAS safety features - like Automatic Emergency Braking and Lane Keep Assist - are not showing.
- **Enforcement and public awareness:** the possibility of higher fines or demerit points for not having a valid WoF/CoF A and other offences, like having bald or damaged tyres. Public education would help people understand how to maintain their vehicles between inspections.

Have your say

Go to our consultation hub to read the discussion document about the proposed changes and fill out the online form. The last day for providing feedback is **17 December 2025**.

[Visit our consultation hub](#)

All feedback will be considered before the Associate Minister of Transport makes a decision.

If you have a question about this consultation, please send it to:

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