

# In-service VIRM amendment effective 14 October 2013 (affects both WoF and CoF)

This VIRM amendment covers a range of general technical clarifications and changes.

The list of changes is now available:

- [WoF only list of changes](#)
- [WoF and CoF list of changes.](#)

## Overview of the changes contained in this amendment

- Clarify that in order for some heavy motorhomes to qualify for WoF, they must have been registered as motorhomes before 1/1/1992.
- ATVs that require a WoF will get inspected under the Unclassified vehicles section.
- Clarify new WoF/CoF expiry dates after a vehicle has been issued with a pink or green sticker or have had their WoF/CoF /temporary permit revoked.
- Clarify vehicle inspector five year work experience (change from five years continuous to five years cumulative).
- Clarify process for dealing with a vehicle that has its VIN or chassis number tampered with which includes completing a report form.
- A-frames will now be allowed to be fitted to vehicles that are required to comply with frontal impact standards provided certain requirements are met.
- Clarification on how to deal with seat covers fitted over seats with integrated airbags (this modification is allowed).
- Clarify towing and brake requirements for trailers with a laden weight below 2000kg when presented, but that will have a laden weight of more than 2000kg when normally operated on the road (eg car/boat/horse trailers)
- New Technical bulletin 9 for leaking/misting shock absorbers (previously in WoF news 17)
- New Technical bulletin 10 for brake test procedures for certain brake systems on certain vehicles, starting with BMW vehicles. This bulletin may expand or become more generalised in future.

## Changes affecting CoF only:

- Side marker lamps: The VIRM is being amended to retrospectively require side marker lamps on heavy vehicles manufactured from 1/1/2006 to only have amber light to the front (pre-2006 vehicles may continue to have amber or white to the front). This is because post-2006 heavy vehicles lamps fitted to heavy vehicles manufactured from 1/1/2006 must comply with approved standards which only allow amber to the front.
- Clarification of definition of and requirements for axle stop devices.
- Heavy vehicle specialist certifier codes have been updated throughout the VIRM (the codes changed on 1 August 2013).

## Information about further planned in-service VIRM amendments

Please note that there will be **two more in-service VIRM amendments issued over the next two months** as a result of legislation changes, as follows:

- Effective from 11 November 2013, mainly covering changes relating to WoF frequency for agricultural vehicles
- Effective 1 January 2014, mainly covering WoF frequency changes relating to vehicles other than agricultural vehicles and heavy vehicles exempt from CoF.