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## 7 Definitions and abbreviations

<p><b>Alternative Fuel Inspection Certificate</b></p>	<p>means evidence of vehicle inspection relating to the periodic in-service inspection and certification of an alternative fuel system. (Note: this is the alternative fuel inspection label that is affixed to the windscreen.)</p>
<p><b>Alternative Fuel System Installation Certificate</b></p>	<p>means an inspection and certification document relating to the installation of an alternative fuel system (MOT4069 form).</p>
<p><b>Alternative fuel system</b></p>	<p>means a fuel storage and conducting system that is used to provide liquid petroleum gas, compressed natural gas or any other pressurised liquid or gaseous fuel (other than petrol or diesel) for the purpose of propulsion of a vehicle.</p>
<p><b>Alternative fuel system inspection and certification</b></p>	<p>means inspection and certification of an alternative fuel system comprising either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) specialist inspection and certification required for the issuing of an Alternative Fuel System Installation Certificate (not covered in this manual), or</li> <li>b) in-service inspection and certification required for the issuing of an Alternative Fuel Inspection Certificate.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Applicable requirement</b></p>	<p>means any requirement specified or incorporated in an Act, regulation, code or rule that applies to the design, construction, condition, equipment, modification, repair or maintenance of a specific vehicle. All applicable requirements for in-service inspection and certification are contained in this manual.</p>
<p><b>Authorised agency, in relation to any alternative fuel system or component of such a system</b></p>	<p>means a person or firm who is authorised as an authorised agency by NZTA under Regulation 90G of the Traffic Regulations 1976.</p>
<p><b>Authorised person, in relation to any alternative fuel system or component of such a system</b></p>	<p>means a person who is declared by Regulation 90E of the Traffic Regulations 1976 to be an authorised person, or any person authorised by NZTA under Regulation 90F of the Traffic Regulations 1976 as an authorised person.</p>
<p><b>Certificate of fitness (CoF)</b></p>	<p>means evidence of vehicle inspection issued to vehicles listed under 3.3.1 of the Introduction of the VIRM: In-service certification.</p>
<p><b>Certify</b></p>	<p>means, in relation to a vehicle, or specific aspects of a vehicle, to make a record of determination that confirms that the vehicle inspector or inspecting organisation has determined that the vehicle or specific aspects of the vehicle complies with the requirements in Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002.</p>

<b>Charged, in relation to any alternative fuel system</b>	means containing sufficient CNG or LPG to cause a properly fitted and operative fuel gauge for that system to register other than empty.
<b>CNG</b>	means compressed natural gas.
<b>Compliance plate</b>	means an attachment to a vehicle in the form of a plate that confirms compliance of the vehicle's alternative fuel system with AS/NZS 2739 or AS/NZS 1425.
<b>Corrosion damage</b>	is where the metal has been eaten away, which is evident by pitting. The outward signs of such corrosion damage is typically displayed by the lifting or bubbling of paint. In extreme cases, the area affected by the corrosion damage will fall out and leave a hole.
<b>De-registered</b>	means that a vehicle's New Zealand registration has been cancelled.
<b>Determination</b>	means a record, in paper or electronic form, that a vehicle or specific aspect of a vehicle complies or does not comply with requirements in this rule.
<b>Evidence of vehicle inspection, in relation to a vehicle</b>	means any certificate, label, or document issued as evidence of the completion of the periodic vehicle inspection requirements in respect of that vehicle.
<b>Forklift</b>	means a motor vehicle (not fitted with self-laying tracks) designed principally for lifting, carrying and stacking goods by means of one or more tines, platens or clamps.
<b>Inspecting organisation</b>	means a person or organisation appointed by NZTA who is responsible for inspection and certification outcomes.
<b>Inspection and certification</b>	means the performance of two or more of the following, for the purposes of determining compliance with applicable requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) examining vehicles</li> <li>b) determining whether or not a vehicle or specific aspect of a vehicle complies with applicable requirements</li> <li>c) issuing evidence of vehicle inspection, a conditional permit or a certificate of loading</li> <li>d) recording and making available information about vehicles (including their systems, components, devices, fittings and equipment).</li> </ul>
<b>Inspection and certification document</b>	means a document required, produced or issued in the inspection and certification process, including a plate, a label, an electronic record and a checksheet.

<p><b>Inspection and certification outcome</b></p>	<p>in relation to a vehicle means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) production of a record of determination as appropriate to the inspection and certification activity, or</li> <li>b) provision of other records and information about the vehicle to NZTA or other persons, or</li> <li>c) production of evidence of vehicle inspection, conditional permits or certificates of loading.</li> </ul>
<p><b>LPG</b></p>	<p>means liquefied petroleum gas.</p>
<p><b>Manufacturer's operating limits</b></p>	<p>means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) in relation to a vehicle, the allowance provided by the vehicle manufacturer in terms of performance capability and dimensions, relative to deterioration, malfunction or damage beyond which the safe performance of the vehicle, as defined by the vehicle manufacturer, is compromised, and</li> <li>b) in relation to a system, component or item of equipment, incorporated in or attached to a vehicle, the allowance provided by the system, component or equipment manufacturer in terms of performance capability and dimensions, relative to the deterioration, malfunction or damage, beyond which the safe performance of the system, component or item of equipment (and consequently the vehicle) is compromised.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Motor vehicle</b></p>	<p>means a vehicle drawn or propelled by mechanical power, and includes a trailer, but does not include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) a vehicle running on rails</li> <li>b) an invalid carriage</li> <li>c) a trailer (other than a trailer designed solely for the carriage of goods) that is designed and used exclusively as part of the armament of the New Zealand Defence Force</li> <li>d) a trailer running on one wheel and designed exclusively as a speed measuring device or for testing the wear of vehicle tyres</li> <li>e) a vehicle designed for amusement purposes and used exclusively within a place of recreation, amusement, or entertainment to which the public does not have access with motor vehicles</li> <li>f) a pedestrian-controlled machine.</li> </ul>
<p><b>OE</b></p>	<p>means original equipment fitted at the time of manufacture of the vehicle, or a part supplied by the vehicle manufacturer.</p>

<b>Operate</b>	in relation to a vehicle means to drive or use the vehicle on a road, or to cause or permit the vehicle to be on a road or to be driven on a road, whether or not the person is present with the vehicle.
<b>Operation in service</b>	in relation to a vehicle means to be operated on the road in New Zealand after having been registered in compliance with registration requirements.
<b>Repair</b>	means to restore a damaged or worn vehicle, its structure, systems, components or equipment, and includes the replacement of damaged or worn structures, systems, components or equipment with equivalent undamaged or new structures, systems, components or equipment.
<b>Rule</b>	means Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002, Rule 3500/1.
<b>Safe tolerance</b>	means the tolerance within which the safe performance of the vehicle, its structure, systems, components or equipment is not compromised, having regard to any manufacturer's operating limits.
<b>Vehicle identification number (VIN)</b>	means a group of letters and numbers consisting of 17 characters that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) is affixed to a vehicle in accordance with the relevant standard prescribed under the Traffic Regulations 1976, and</li> <li>b) is capable of being decoded to provide identifying information about that vehicle.</li> </ul>
<b>Vehicle inspector</b>	means an individual appointed by NZTA to carry out inspection and certification activities in accordance with requirements and conditions imposed by NZTA.
<b>Warrant of fitness (WoF)</b>	means evidence of vehicle inspection issued to a vehicle listed under 3.3.2 of the Introduction of the VIRM: In-service certification.