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Applicable requirement	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.
Approved vehicle standard	means a vehicle standard with which a vehicle is required to comply by an applicable requirement.
Certify	means in relation to a vehicle, or specific aspect of a vehicle, to make a record of determination under section 6.6(1)(a) or 7.6(1)(a) of the Rule that confirms that the vehicle inspector or inspecting organisation has determined that the vehicle or specific aspect of the vehicle complies with the applicable requirements.
Class	in relation to vehicles, means a category of vehicle of one of the groups A, L, M, N, and T, as specified in Table 1 in section 3.4 of this introduction.
Compliance label	means an attachment to the vehicle in the form of a label that confirms compliance with applicable requirements.
CRA	means Collision Repair Association
De-registered	means that a vehicle's New Zealand registration has been cancelled in accordance with Part 17 of the Land Transport Act 1998 .
Enter service	in relation to a vehicle, means to begin to be operated in service on the road in New Zealand for the first time in compliance with registration requirements of Part 17 of the Land Transport Act 1998 .
Inspection and certification	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"> • examining vehicles • determining whether or not a vehicle or specific aspect of a vehicle complies with applicable requirements • issuing evidence of vehicle inspection • recording and making available information about vehicles (including their systems, components, devices, fittings and equipment).
Inspection and certification document	means a document required, produced or issued in the inspection and certification process, including a plate, a label, an electronic record and a check sheet.

Inspection and certification outcome	<p>in relation to a vehicle, means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • production of a record of determination as appropriate to the inspection and certification activity, or • provision of other records and information about the vehicle to the NZTA or other persons, or • production of evidence of vehicle inspection.
Inspecting organisation	<p>means an organisation appointed under section 2.2 of the Rule which is responsible for inspection and certification outcomes. A repair certifier is an inspecting organisation and a vehicle inspector.</p>
KSDP	<p>means key service delivery partner. They are defined as organisations that are contracted or appointed by the Transport Agency to deliver regulatory products or services and who have sufficient market share and/or are of sufficient size and standing within an industry segment to be able to represent and influence the customer expectation of that industry segment.</p>
Land Transport document	<p>has the meaning stated in the Land Transport Act 1998.</p>
Manufacturer's operating limits	<p>means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in relation to a motor 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 • 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.
Modify	<p>in relation to a vehicle, means to change the vehicle from its original state by altering, substituting, adding or removing any structure, system, component or equipment, but does not include repair.</p>

Motor vehicle	<p>means a vehicle drawn or propelled by mechanical power, including its structure, systems, components and equipment; it includes a trailer, but does not include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a vehicle running on rails • an invalid carriage • 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 • a trailer running on one wheel and designed exclusively as a speed measuring device or for testing the wear of vehicle tyres • 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 • a pedestrian-controlled machine
MTA	mean Motor Trade Association
NZTA	means NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi
RCA	means Repair Certifiers Association
Record of determination	means a record, in paper or electronic form, that a vehicle or specific aspect of a vehicle complies or does not comply with applicable requirements
Re-enter service	in relation to a vehicle previously certified for entry into service on the road in New Zealand and that has been deregistered, means to begin to be operated in-service again
Registered	in relation to a vehicle, means registered under Part 17 of the Land Transport Act 1998
Registration number	means the combination of numbers or letters, or numbers and letters on a registration plate, issued under Part 17 of the Land Transport Act 1998 .
Repair	in relation to a vehicle, means to restore a damaged or worn vehicle, its structure, systems, components or equipment; it includes the replacement of damaged or worn structures, systems, components and equipment with equivalent undamaged or new structures, systems, components and equipment.
Repair certifier	means a person appointed by NZTA to undertake and be responsible for the repair certification process as set out in the VIRM .
Repairers	means repair businesses and workshops in New Zealand who undertake structural and other repairs to motor vehicles.
Safe tolerance	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.

Specialist inspection and certification	means inspection and certification of a specific aspect of a vehicle.
Statement of compliance	means a statement in a format specified by the NZTA confirming that a vehicle or component complied with one or more approved vehicle standards when manufactured or modified.
Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)	means a group of letters and numbers consisting of 17 characters that is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • affixed to a vehicle in accordance with the relevant standard prescribed under Regulation 90V of the Traffic Regulations 1976, and • capable of being decoded to provide identifying information about that vehicle.
Vehicle inspector	means a person appointed under section 2.2 of the Rule to carry out inspection and certification activities in accordance with the requirements and conditions imposed by the NZTA.
Vehicle standard	means a technical specification with which a vehicle, its structure, systems, components or equipment must comply, and which is adopted by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the New Zealand Standards Council; or • any international, national or regional organisation with functions similar to those of the New Zealand Standards Council.
Warrant of Fitness	means evidence of vehicle inspection, issued under sections 6.8(b) or 7.9(b) or 7.9(c) of the Rule to a vehicle in sections 7.9(b) or 7.9(c) of the Rule.
Water damage	in relation to a vehicle, means damage to a vehicle's critical safety system as a result of exposure to water.