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## **8 Repairer categories, capabilities and requirements**

The capabilities and requirements relative to the specific categories of repairers are set out in the table below and should be used as a guide when a repair certifier is creating a repairer register/shop profile.

The repair certifier must have an individual shop profile for audit purposes. Each site that has been issued a work instruction to repair a vehicle must be listed.

If further clarification is required or the repair certifier comes across a situation not covered, they must contact a regional Certification Officer for advice.

## Light vehicle repairer categories, capabilities and requirements

| Repairer category        | Repairer and repair technicians:<br>minimum capabilities  | Repairer premises and equipment:<br>minimum requirements  |
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| <p><b>A (Note 1)</b></p> | <p>Able to perform all classes of work from single panel repairs to major body structural repairs, unless specialised repair required. Aluminium, composite, carbon fibre repairs must go to a manufacturer recommended repairer.</p> <p>Variations will be considered for panel shops that aren't manufacturer approved. The repair certifier can contact the regional Certification Officer for guidance. Any variations must be recorded in the vehicle file.</p> <p>All repair technician's will be required to hold current manufacturer's, I-CAR or equivalent welding certificates for the material being welded.</p> <p>See all categories requirements for specific capabilities and qualifications.</p> | <p>Repairer required to have a <a href="#">shop profile</a></p> <p>Site complies with Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 requirements.</p> <p>Required to be a Structural Repair Centre. If the repair centre is a current member of either CRA, or MTA (Collision Repairer - Structural Specialist member) they would automatically be deemed to be compliant with the repair structural shop criteria in all respects. The repairer will be required to provide repair technicians' profiles including relevant industry qualifications (National Certificate in panel beating or another qualification considered to be the equivalent by the NZQA).</p> |
| <p><b>B</b></p>          | <p>Able to perform single panel repairs and minor body damage repairs. For example, sills/dogleg <b>outer</b> skin repairs/replacement.</p> <p>Note: this DOES NOT include complete sill/dog leg/pillar or similar replacement. This must be done by a Category A repairer.</p> <p>Repair technicians to be on file with minimum I-CAR or similar welding certificate.</p> <p>See section 'Categories A and B' below for requirements for specific capabilities and qualifications.</p>   | <p>Repairer required to have a <a href="#">shop profile</a>.</p> <p>Repairers are required to have a dent machine with copper nail tooling etc.</p> <p>Site complies with Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 requirements.</p> <p>Appropriate glue dent removal systems.</p>  |

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| <p><b>C</b></p> | <p>Able to repair pre-1990 vehicles using best industry practice. For example, rust repairs, patching and replacement of panels.</p> <p>Proven work skill will be required to undertake the repair.</p> <p>Note: If the vehicle requires structural (including corrosion of structural areas) damage repairs, and specialist knowledge or equipment is required, the repair certifier must be satisfied the repairer has proven work skills and knowledge/equipment for the type of repair being carried out.</p> | <p>Repair certifier required to develop shop or individual profile only.</p> <p>Site complies with Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 requirements.</p>  |
| <p><b>D</b></p> | <p>The majority of work performed is sandblasting. The repairer must be able to perform the required surface rust rectification process (no patching is allowed in the rectification process).</p>  | <p>Sandblasting repair premises is required to have a profile of equipment for sandblasting and treating and for the rust proofing process.</p> <p>Site complies with Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 requirements.</p> <p>The repairers rust process is to be approved by RepairCert NZ.</p> |

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| <p><b>Categories A and B</b></p> | <p>In categories A and B any staff member undertaking any form of welding must have an appropriate certificate.</p> <p>All repair technicians must be suitably qualified and trained in undertaking any work in any of the above categories.</p> <p>For example, they have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• relevant industry qualifications (National Certificate in panel beating or another qualification considered to be the equivalent by the NZQA)</li> <li>• proof of recognized ongoing industry training (minimum 10 hours per year recorded on a training record (I-CAR, Thatcham, manufacturer courses, etc)</li> </ul> <p>Note: the 10 hours training may be shared over more than one staff member.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• current welding certificates (AS/NZS 1554), qualified welding certificate, or I-CAR welding certificate to carry out welding repairs to the appropriate standard.</li> </ul> | <p>Repair shops must have the required equipment to carry out the repairs being undertaken.</p> |
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**Note 1**

For Category A shops there is a three-month lead-in time for the creation of full shop profiles.

## Motorcycle repairer categories, capabilities and requirements

| Repairer category | Repairer and repair technicians:<br>minimum capabilities  | Repairer premises and equipment:<br>minimum requirements   |
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| <p><b>A</b></p>   | <p>Able to perform all categories of work and major structural repairs, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• steel or aluminium frame repairs</li> <li>• steering head and swing arm repairs</li> <li>• component straightening.</li> </ul> <p>All technicians to hold current welding certificates for the applicable material.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calibrated 3D measuring machine, chassis machine and associated tooling.</li> <li>• Trammel bar set.</li> <li>• Digital inclinometer.</li> <li>• Workshop press and associated tooling.</li> <li>• TIG and MIG welders with specific welding area.</li> <li>• Raised bike bench.</li> <li>• Body jacks, drills, sanders, grinders.</li> <li>• Full selection of hand tools.</li> <li>• Comprehensive procedures for all tasks performed.</li> <li>• Equipment calibration certificates.</li> <li>• Supply proof of membership to CRA/MTA.</li> <li>• Site complies with Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 requirements.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>B</b></p>   | <p>Able to perform all of C category and component repairs to triple clamps, wheel rims, and forks to within manufacturers specifications.</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calibrated measuring equipment, dial gauge, V blocks, and associated tooling.</li> <li>• Trammel bar set.</li> <li>• Raised bike bench.</li> <li>• Workshop press and associated tooling.</li> <li>• Body jacks, drills, sanders, grinders.</li> <li>• Full selection of hand tools.</li> <li>• Comprehensive procedures for all tasks performed.</li> <li>• Equipment calibration certificates.</li> <li>• Complies with Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 requirements.</li> </ul>   |

| Repairer category | Repairer and repair technicians:<br>minimum capabilities   | Repairer premises and equipment:<br>minimum requirements   |
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| C                 | Able to perform only component replacements, including triple clamps, swing arm, forks stanchions/sliders or complete fork set, replacement of fairing panels, fuel tank, wheel rims, handlebars <b>(no repairs permitted)</b> . | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calibrated measuring equipment, dial gauge, tape measure, V blocks, and associated tooling.</li> <li>• Trammel bar set.</li> <li>• Raised bike bench.</li> <li>• Body jacks.</li> <li>• Full selection of hand tools.</li> <li>• Detailed procedures for all tasks performed.</li> <li>• Equipment calibration certificates.</li> <li>• Complies with Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 requirements.</li> </ul> |

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