

VIRM: Light vehicle repair certification

Amendment date	Reason for amendment	Amendment details
30 July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes a change where if there is proof from the insurance company that a vehicle was written off for reasons other than body or structural damage, no referral to a repair certifier is required unless the structural condition of the vehicle exceeds the threshold for requiring repair certification. The VIRM now no longer requires surface corrosion cleaning, treating, and recoating to need certification, unless significant damage or deterioration is discovered during the cleaning process. If no significant damage or deterioration is identified during the inspection a repair certifier may issue an LT307 after cleaning or retreatment of the area has been done. <p>30 July 2025 amendment preview</p>	30 July 2025 amendment changes
21 August 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change in contact details for NZTA Clarification on vehicles entering repair quarantine 	10 August 2025 amendment preview
3 June 2024	Change to clarify confusion in regard to when the re-check period starts for a vehicle placed into quarantine at a used entry site and at what point a repair certifier can place a vehicle into quarantine.	3-9 Vehicle quarantine
21 February 2024	<p>Amending Technical bulletin 4 to match changes to the corresponding content in the Entry VIRM.</p> <p>Entry certification changes</p>	Technical bulletin 4: Threshold for requiring repair certification
1 October 2022	This amendment specifies that vehicles that have had acid wash treatment should be sent to repair certifiers for assessment.	1 October 2022 changes
5 April 2022	Addition of a new form and changes to Category C	5 April changes

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1 April 2021	<p>This amendment includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • further clarification around the repair quarantine system • an additional appointment requirement • the introduction of motorcycle repairer categories. 	<p><u>1 April 2021 list of changes</u></p>
1 August 2020	<p>This amendment adds clarification to the vehicle quarantine process and adds a number of new sections to a redesigned introduction section 3, and also a new technical bulletin. These new sections focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the repair certifiers evidence of the repair and inspection process • the requirements of a repair certifiers register of repairers they use • the requirements of maintaining profiles on repair shops • information to assist repair certifiers develop shop profiles, including the requirements of different categories of repair shops. 	<p><u>1 August 2020 list of changes</u></p>
13 May 2020	<p>Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency has amended the VIRM to allow for some inspection and certification documents to be presented electronically. This is to assist businesses with contactless operation. The following documents will be able to be emailed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LT307s, and • LT308s. 	<p><u>Introduction 3 Inspection and certification process</u></p>
13 December 2017	<p>In this amendment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New instruction on what to do if no LANDATA record is available or if you are unable to key in the NOTES screen. • Deviations from Table 9-1-1 are no longer considered by the Transport Agency. • Updated water and fire damage process and contact details. 	<p><u>13 December 2017 list of changes</u></p>

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10 April 2017	<p>In this amendment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clarification over how specialist repair certifiers should treat hail-damaged vehicles (and how to deal with written-off damaged vehicles, such as those that have been stolen and recovered or maliciously damaged) • clarification that an LT307 is not to be used for any written off vehicles • allow the border check damage flag to be removed if the specialist repair certifier is satisfied that the safety systems of the vehicle haven't been affected and the damage is purely cosmetic. 	10 April 2017 list of changes
7 October 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • References to the LT307 added and the procedure for using it outlined • New requirement regarding door intrusion beams • Welding standards referenced • Changes to water damage deviation process and component replacement • Changes to Threshold for requiring repair certification to align with VIRM: Entry certification. 	7 October 2016 List of changes
29 October 2013	Amendment to water damaged vehicle file review and LT351W issue.	Cover letter 9-1 Water damage

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1 October 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General amendment and clarifications • Addition of Fire damage section. <p>Additionally, three changes come into effect on 1 January 2014. These items have been delayed 3 months to give you an opportunity to set up or modify processes and to purchase any equipment that you may need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement for notes to be entered in Landata against all vehicles that you inspect - This lines up with the Entry requirements, will give NZTA a better picture of what vehicles are being inspected and areas of damage, stop vehicles being shopped around between certifiers and assist certifiers when a vehicle is shifted between cities. • Certifiers to ensure the repairer is capable of carrying out the repair to the specified repair standard - This is currently required but not enforced and many of you already do this. This has been included to clarify that you as repair certifiers must ensure that the repairer has the knowledge, ability and equipment to carry out the repair according to the repair method issued. • Inclusion of an endoscope in the equipment specifications 	1 October 2013 List of changes