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## 9-1 Water damage

### Requirements

	What the Transport Agency expects of you	How the Transport Agency will assess your performance
9.1.1	<p><b>Correct technical decisions</b></p> <p>You thoroughly inspect all repairs to water damaged vehicles and correctly determine whether they comply with all Transport Agency requirements, taking into account technical information provided by the Transport Agency such as the <a href="#">VIRM: Light vehicle repair certification</a>.</p>	<p>The Transport Agency will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• talk to you</li> <li>• observe you at work</li> <li>• inspect vehicles which you have certified</li> <li>• inspect inspection and certification documents you use and complete.</li> </ul> <p>The Transport Agency may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• take into account outcomes from complaints, random re-inspections and 'mystery shopper' exercises since your last review.</li> </ul>
9.1.2	<p><b>Technical competence</b></p> <p>You are competent in all technical aspects relating to water damaged vehicles.</p> <p>This means you are competent in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the assessment of repairs to water damaged vehicles</li> <li>• Transport Agency requirements (including <a href="#">VIRM</a> requirements) relating to repairs to water damaged vehicles and the assessment of repairs to water damaged vehicles</li> <li>• Transport Agency guidelines relating to repairs to water damaged vehicles</li> <li>• the operation of the equipment you use for inspecting repairs to water damaged vehicles.</li> </ul>	<p>The Transport Agency will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• talk to you</li> <li>• ask questions to check your competence relating to repairs to water damaged vehicles and the assessment of repairs to water damaged vehicles</li> <li>• observe you at work</li> <li>• inspect inspection and certification documents you use and complete</li> <li>• inspect your <a href="#">Training record</a>.</li> </ul> <p>The Transport Agency may administer a short test on repairs to water damaged vehicles and the assessment of repairs to water damaged vehicles.</p>

**9.1.3**

**Technical equipment**

You have:

- a hand-held inspection lamp
- assorted hand tools.

The equipment is in good condition and working order.

The Transport Agency will inspect your technical equipment.

## Scores

	Score			
	0	1	2	3
9.1.1	<p><b>Correct technical decisions</b></p>			
	<p>You do not thoroughly inspect all repairs to water damaged vehicles and correctly determine whether they comply with all Transport Agency requirements.</p> <p>The area of non-compliance is <b>likely to compromise</b> the safety of vehicle occupants or other road users.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an airbag has not been replaced, or</li> <li>• the brake fluid has not been changed.</li> </ul>	<p>You do not thoroughly inspect all repairs to water damaged vehicles and correctly determine whether they comply with all Transport Agency requirements.</p> <p>The area of non-compliance <b>may compromise</b> the safety of vehicle occupants or other road users.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the vehicle has not been treated as though it has been fully immersed.</li> </ul>	<p>You do not thoroughly inspect all repairs to water damaged vehicles and correctly determine whether they comply with all Transport Agency requirements.</p> <p>The area of non-compliance is <b>unlikely to compromise</b> the safety of vehicle occupants or other road users.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• corrosion protection has not been reinstated, or</li> <li>• a tail lamp assembly has been retained but not stripped and inspected.</li> </ul>	<p>You thoroughly inspect all repairs to water damaged vehicles and correctly determine whether the repairs comply with all Transport Agency requirements.</p>
9.1.2	<p><b>Technical competence</b></p>			

<p>You demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• some competence in the technical aspects relating to repairs to water damaged vehicles, or</li> <li>• a level of competence that <b>may compromise</b> the safety of vehicle occupants or other road users.</li> </ul> <p>This means there are <b>some gaps in your knowledge</b> of, or skills in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the assessment of repairs to water damaged vehicles, or</li> <li>• Transport Agency requirements (including <a href="#">VIRM</a> requirements) relating to repairs to water damaged vehicles, or</li> <li>• Transport Agency guidelines relating to repairs to water damaged vehicles, or</li> <li>• the operation of the equipment you use for inspecting water damaged vehicles.</li> </ul>	<p>You demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• adequate competence in the technical aspects relating to repairs to water damaged vehicles, or</li> <li>• a level of competence that is <b>unlikely to compromise</b> the safety of vehicle occupants or other road users.</li> </ul> <p>This means there are <b>minor gaps in your knowledge</b> of, or skills in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the assessment of repairs to water damaged vehicles, or</li> <li>• Transport Agency requirements (including <a href="#">VIRM</a> requirements) relating to repairs to water damaged vehicles, or</li> <li>• Transport Agency guidelines relating to repairs to water damaged vehicles, or</li> <li>• the operation of the equipment you use for inspecting repairs to water damaged vehicles.</li> </ul>	<p>You can demonstrate <b>comprehensive competence</b> in the technical aspects relating to repairs to water damaged vehicles.</p> <p>This means you can demonstrate <b>comprehensive knowledge</b> of, and skills in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the assessment of repairs to water damaged vehicles, and</li> <li>• Transport Agency requirements (including <a href="#">VIRM</a> requirements) relating to repairs to water damaged vehicles, and</li> <li>• Transport Agency guidelines relating to repairs to water damaged vehicles, and</li> <li>• the operation of the equipment you use for inspecting repairs to water damaged vehicles.</li> </ul>
<p>This means there are <b>significant gaps in your knowledge</b> of, or skills in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the</li> </ul>		

<p><b>9.1.3</b></p>	<p><b>Technical equipment</b></p>			
	<p>Not all of the specified equipment is available. Where equipment is available, some or all of it is not in working order.</p>	<p>All specified equipment is available and in working order, but some or all of it is in poor condition.</p>	<p>All specified equipment is available, in working order and in at least adequate condition.</p>	<p>All specified equipment is available and in good condition and working order.</p>