

# VIRM: Entry certification amendment

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*Changes driven by an amendment to the Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Exhaust Emissions 2007.*

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# General amendments

## Pre-registration and VIN

### 2-1 Recording vehicles attributes

We're removing links to Tables 11-2-4 and 11-2-5.

#### 2 Mandatory and optional attributes

Vehicle attributes can be classified as mandatory, optional or not applicable depending on the type of vehicle. [Table 2-2-1](#) details which vehicle attributes are mandatory, optional or not applicable for each vehicle type.

All mandatory vehicle attributes must be recorded on the vehicle attribute worksheet before proceeding, with the exception of: test cycle, fuel consumption values, CO2 values and battery information where it is provided on the fuel consumption statement.

- [Table 11-2-4. Approved exhaust emission standards for new petrol-, CNG- and LPG-powered vehicles](#)
- [Table 11-2-5. Approved exhaust emission standards for new diesel-powered vehicles](#)

## Inspection and certification

### 1-1 Registering a vehicle for the first time in New Zealand

Small updates throughout the Technical information tab, especially Table 1-1-3.

#### 2 Proof of compliance with vehicle standards

A vehicle owner/importer must provide documentation that proves that the vehicle complies with New Zealand's legal requirements. Specific requirements depend on the vehicle's class, date of manufacture and/or date of first registration. Documents not described in [Table 1-1-3](#), or not displaying the correct Japanese characters, must be referred to the Waka Kotahi Vehicle Standards team for assessment.

Further proof of both frontal impact standards and exhaust emissions compliance is required unless specifically mentioned in the table below:

#### Table 1-1-3. Proof of standards compliance

For proof of brakes standard compliance for class MD3, MD4, ME, NB and NC vehicles, see [Technical bulletin 31](#). For proof of standards compliance for motorhomes, see [Technical bulletin 11](#).

Vehicle is...	Acceptable evidence of standards compliance
manufactured anywhere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a statement of compliance from the vehicle manufacturer. Example: See <a href="#">Reference material 19</a>.</li><li>• Refer to <a href="#">2.1 Statement of compliance</a> for notes relating to acceptance of a statement of compliance.</li></ul>

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<p>manufactured for European markets , or manufactured to European standards for other markets</p> <p>(EU includes the UK for the purposes of standards compliance)</p> <p>&gt;See 'Manufactured for the United Kingdom (UK) market' below for UK type approvals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a European Community (EC) Whole Vehicle Approval plate (see <a href="#">Reference material 29</a>) affixed to the vehicle showing an acceptable whole vehicle approval number, or a UK registration certificate (see <a href="#">Reference material 59</a>) that includes an acceptable whole vehicle approval number, or a UK Certificate of permanent export (see <a href="#">Reference material 64</a>) that includes an acceptable whole vehicle approval number, or an original Certificate of Conformity (see <a href="#">Reference material 49</a>) showing an acceptable whole vehicle approval number.</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• evidence of compliance with an approved frontal impact standard as required. Note that if the plate or UK registration certificate shows an approval number incorporating the '2001/116' or higher directive (refer to <a href="#">Reference material 29</a>), it can be used to confirm compliance with an approved frontal impact standard.</li> <li>• also refer to <a href="#">Technical bulletin 28</a> for evidence of compliance with emissions <a href="#">Note 2 for evidence of compliance with emissions to Euro 4</a>.</li> </ul> <p><b>or</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a European Community (EC) Whole Vehicle Approval plate (see <a href="#">Reference material 29</a>) indicating a second (or more) stage of manufacture affixed to the vehicle showing an acceptable whole vehicle approval number. ( see <a href="#">Technical bulletin 41:Entry certification procedures for certain modified vehicles</a>).</li> </ul>
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[...]

<p>a heavy vehicle previously registered in the European Union</p> <p>(EU includes the UK for the purposes of standards compliance)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• complies with with the brake, <del>exhaust emission</del> and seatbelt anchorage standards for heavy vehicles if the vehicle is registered on or after 1 January 2009.</li> </ul>
<p>a heavy vehicle from other countries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a list supplied by the manufacturer’s representative confirming compliance of nominated systems or components by Waka Kotahi may be accepted as evidence that the system or component complied with applicable standards at the time of manufacture.</li> </ul>

- Further evidence may be required to prove compliance with approved frontal impact standards. For information on determining frontal impact compliance, see [Vehicle structure 3-2 Determining frontal impact compliance](#).
- ~~Further evidence may be required to prove compliance with approved vehicle exhaust emissions standards. For information on determining exhaust emission standard compliance, see~~ [Technical Bulletin 28 Exhaust emissions standard compliance](#).

## 1-10 Vehicle rechecks

This change is unrelated to the emissions changes. We're removing some wording about quarantine to align with the *VIRM: Light vehicle repair*.

### Repair certifier quarantine system for entry-level certification vehicles

A vehicle that has undergone repair certification may be held in quarantine by an Waka Kotahi-appointed repair certifier for up to 180 days or **100km**, whichever is the lesser, from the date and mileage recorded on the check sheet. When the vehicle is re-presented the repair certifier must supply the LT308 ~~with the dates, mileage, reasons why the vehicle entered quarantine and the location of the quarantine~~.

- Details relating to any vehicle that is quarantined must be recorded in LANDATA by the repair certifier in the vehicle notes screen **including mileage, the dates when the vehicle entered quarantine, and the location of the quarantine**.

## 11-2 Exhaust emissions

We're making updates throughout this page to accommodate the new emissions requirements. This includes replacing all the tables and consolidating information under the Summary of legislation section.

Because the changes are so extensive, we've created a separate PDF showing you what's changed.

[Full preview of 11-2 Exhaust emissions](#)

We've also published a 'clean' version of these changes so you can see what it will look like without all the content we're deleting.

[Clean version of 11-2 Exhaust emissions](#)

## Technical bulletins

### Technical bulletin 28 Exhaust emissions standard compliance

We're making extensive changes throughout this page to accommodate the new emissions requirements.

This includes replacing all the tables related to vehicles imported from Japan and Europe, updating the image for Figure 28-1-1, and adding a new section *Emissions test regime codes to be keyed to LANDATA*.

Because the changes are so extensive, we've created a separate PDF showing you what's changed.

[Full preview of Technical bulletin 28](#)

We've also published a 'clean' version of these changes so you can see what it will look like without all the content we're deleting.

[Clean version of Technical bulletin 28](#)

## Reference materials

### Reference material 43 Exhaust emissions standards compliance information for heavy vehicles

This content is outdated so we're removing the page.

One paragraph (about heavy vehicles with emission code fields prepopulated in LANDATA via the manufacturers) has been incorporated into Technical bulletin 28 instead.