

# MINO-0489 – Clean Car Standard Overview for Motor Industry

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Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is intending to send an update about Clean Car Standard Scheme to the industry on the Friday, 14 October 2022.

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The Clean Car Standard and the Clean Car Discount form the central pillars of a range of government initiatives to tackle transport sector CO<sub>2</sub> emission levels as part of the effort to address climate change.

The Clean Car Discount, implemented in April this year, focuses on influencing vehicle demand. The Clean Car Standard on influencing vehicle supply.

The Clean Car Standard is a government target that regulates importers to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to specific targets by encouraging a greater supply of low and no emission vehicle imports to New Zealand.

Importers will receive credits for low or no emission vehicles and incur charges depending on the CO<sub>2</sub> ratings and weight of the vehicles brought into the country.

New vehicle distributors, and approved Category 1 used-vehicle importers, will comply on a fleet average basis. This means that across the year they have to ensure the average emissions of the vehicles they imported meet the CO<sub>2</sub> target for that year. If at the end of the year the average CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of the vehicles they imported were higher than the target they would have to pay a charge.

The legislation for the Clean Car Standard was passed in February and implementation settings of the Clean Car Standard are currently being finalised. The following information is based on what is provided in the legislation.

The regulations that set the formulas for the weight adjustment of targets, specify the types of vehicles excluded from the policy, and other details related to CO<sub>2</sub> accounts are expected to be available in November.

**If you're importing a light vehicle or motorcycle for sale or personal use from 1 December, changes are coming.**

Importers can register for a CO<sub>2</sub> account in November when the Clean Car Standard System is launched.

**From 1 December 2022**, importers of vehicles (including motorcycles) must have a CO<sub>2</sub> account with Waka Kotahi to progress vehicles through entry certification requirements in order to register the vehicle.

Motorcycles must also be assigned to a CO<sub>2</sub> account however they will automatically pass through the system without fees or credits.

**From 1 January 2023**, vehicles at entry certification will be compared to a calculated target. Those with a CO<sup>2</sup> emission rating above the target will incur a CO<sup>2</sup> debit or fee and those below a CO<sup>2</sup> credit - the higher the CO<sup>2</sup> rating the greater the fee. For vehicles that are below the calculated target, the importer receives a credit that can be used to offset fees. In this way importers will be encouraged to bring cleaner cars into New Zealand.

Waka Kotahi will notify you in November when you can register for a CO<sup>2</sup> account.

More information will be provided soon.

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