

MIN-4064 Update on Vehicle Licensing Reform Phase 2 Evaluation (Repair Certifiers)

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Provide an update on work underway as part of the Vehicle Licensing Reform Phase 2 Evaluation (Repair Certifiers).

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:

Update on company overseeing the reform

- In August 2021, RepairCert NZ became the contract holder to oversee the Vehicle Licensing Reform Phase 2 (the Reform). RepairCert NZ operate under the established and successful Low Volume Vehicle Technical Association (LVVTA) platform and provide advice, guidance and mentoring to certifiers and inspecting organisations. It also supports Waka Kotahi in its mentoring and auditing role.
- RepairCert NZ was formed to manage the performance of the Repair industry and have been engaging with the sector by holding recent roadshows around New Zealand, provide regular training models and career pathway opportunities. They also support Waka Kotahi with regular monthly reporting.
- While Waka Kotahi is not in a place to instruct RepairCert NZ on how they set up their governance structure, we do not have any current concerns on their management of the Repair industry.
- In previous years, Waka Kotahi has given funding to the Repair Certifiers Association (RCA) to operate. In 2020, Waka Kotahi issued a Request for Proposal to tender for the funds available to assist Repair Certifiers and the wider industry.
- The RCA was not successful in their bid and due to waning membership, requested Waka Kotahi provide them with additional funding. This request was declined.
- While the RCA bid was unsuccessful, Waka Kotahi advised it could fund bespoke pieces of work that would contribute to industry. The RCA were looking to research how this may look in practice and advise Waka Kotahi of its ideas. To date, Waka Kotahi have not received any further updates.

Update on the Warrant of Fitness (WOF) / Certificate of Fitness (COF) frequency

- In December 2022, senior members of the NZ Federation of Motoring Clubs (FOMC) were advised of the Director of Land Transport's provisional agreement to extend the WOF/COF period from 6 to 12 months for private motorhomes and classic and vintage vehicles.
- The FOMC are aware that this was not a blanket exemption for all vehicle owners.
- The FOMC were advised that while Waka Kotahi will draft the exemption notice, the ongoing responsibility of the agency would ideally be at a minimum. The FOMC will need to develop a process to prove they can maintain a strict level of control to ensure members maintain compliance of these vehicle categories.

- At the conclusion of the meeting, the FOMC agreed to formulate a process based around our expectations which would be presented to us for approval once completed.
- Waka Kotahi has not yet received a response, but we are aware the FOMC are proactively working on a proposal for motorhomes, classic and vintage vehicles. This work currently does not include Military or Veteran vehicles that needs a much larger scope of work.

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