



## Information Bulletin IB-120

# Introduction of Revised Verification and Identification (minor) Inspection Policy

### Background

The Road Traffic (Vehicles) Inspection Order No.2 2018 created the following changes to the minor inspection policy:

- Vehicles less than 3 years old and having travelled less than 60,000 km are no longer required to have a minor inspection.
- All interstate vehicles wishing to be licensed in WA to have passed full inspection before a licence is granted.
- A new inspection exemption for vehicles previously licensed in Australia, less than 3 years old, travelled less than 100,000 km and being licensed to a Licensed Motor Vehicle Dealer. These vehicles can only be licensed to a Dealer and not to a third party.

### Eligibility

The minor inspection policy applies to any licensed vehicle requiring identity verification only, irrespective of the age of the vehicle. It applies to the following light vehicles (less than 4.5 tonnes Gross Vehicle Mass):

- Motor cars
- Motorcycles and scooters
- Derivatives and light commercial vehicles (utilities and tray tops etc.)
- Caravans and trailers for verification and identification purposes only.

This policy does not apply to:

- Factory new vehicles.
- Public passenger carrying vehicles (buses, taxis etc, whether used for hire and reward or not) or any other vehicle normally requiring an inspection prior to licence renewal.
- Boat trailers.
- Heavy vehicles.
- Dangerous goods vehicles. These vehicles will continue to be fully examined.
- Vehicles on the Written Off Vehicle Register (WOVR).

### Inspection procedures

The minor inspection includes:

- Recording of the vehicle details and particulars, and a full identity check.
- A visual inspection of the external condition of the vehicle, including tyres.
- A visual inspection of the vehicles interior.
- A physical assessment of the vehicle controls (i.e. checking movement of the steering wheel and application of the brakes).

A minor inspection does not include:

- Under body inspection.
- Jacking and suspension testing.
- Road testing.
- Physically checking operation of vehicle components such as doors, windows, seat belts, accessories, lights and heater demister etc.

### Full inspections by exception

An examiner may elect to fully examine any vehicle where they have a reason to believe the vehicle is unsafe, or that other issues warrant closer examination of the vehicle and its equipment. Some examples are:

- Modified vehicles.
- Accident damaged vehicles, whether on WOVR or not.
- One of a kind, individually constructed vehicles etc.
- Imported vehicles.
- Any vehicle presented where it is obvious the vehicle is unsafe or non-compliant with the standards.

Where a full inspection is necessary, Approved Inspection Station (AIS) inspectors may elect to charge the full inspection fee. Information about the fees and vehicle examination locations are provided at [www.transport.wa.gov.au](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au)

### Implementation

Effective Monday 1 September 2018.