Preparing for Vehicle Inspection

This information sheet is provided as a general guide to help customers prepare for a vehicle inspection, where one is required for their vehicle.

Vehicle inspection requirements vary by State or Territory, vehicle type, gross vehicle mass (GVM), age and others whereby a vehicle inspection may be required when registering or renewing the registration of a vehicle. Not all vehicles require periodic inspections. (For example, some Isuzu N-Series vehicles have a GVM of 4,500 kg and may not be subject to heavy vehicle-specific inspection requirements.) Please check with your relevant State or Territory road authority whether an inspection applies to your vehicle and when it is required.

Where an inspection is required for your vehicle, you may be responsible for:

- Ensuring that your vehicle is maintained and roadworthy in accordance with applicable laws and standards
- Booking and presenting the vehicle for inspection, where required
- Paying any applicable fees associated with booking, inspection, and defect clearance
- Providing a copy of any required inspection certification or roadworthy documentation to IFSA within the communicated timeframe.

General Preparation Considerations

The following points are provided as general considerations only. Should an inspection be relevant to your vehicle in its State or Territory, these may assist in preparing for an inspection. They are not exhaustive and do not replace applicable regulatory requirements:

- The person presenting the vehicle for inspection should hold the appropriate licence for the vehicle type
- Where applicable to the vehicle and journey, drivers may be required to complete a work diary (for example, where travel exceeds regulated distance limits)
- The vehicle should be presented in a condition that allows inspection, including being reasonably clean (including the underside)
- The vehicle may need to be unladen at the time of inspection (subject to inspection requirements)
- Loose items in the cab should be secured or removed to allow safe inspection access.

Vehicle Condition (General Observations)

Whether or not a regulatory inspection is required, operators should keep their vehicles roadworthy. If preparing for an inspection, consider checking for obvious defects, including (but is not limited to):

- Braking systems operating correctly and without visible leaks
- Tyres meeting minimum legal tread requirements and free from significant damage
- Steering and suspension components in serviceable condition
- Required lights functioning
- Windscreen condition not impairing driver visibility
- Wipers and washers functioning
- Body, cab, and mounting structures secure
- Exhaust system secure and without obvious leaks.

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Inspection requirements and criteria are determined by the relevant State or Territory road authority and may differ between vehicles and circumstances (including registration renewal, transfer of ownership or defect clearance). Heavy vehicle-specific requirements may apply only to certain vehicles. Please confirm what applies to your vehicle with the relevant authority, and seek independent advice where required.

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