

Changes coming to the warrant of fitness

The government has announced changes to the frequency of warrant of fitness (WoF) inspections. The changes will save motorists and businesses time and money while maintaining road safety.

What's changing?

By July 2014 or sooner, the frequency of WoF inspections will change for some vehicles.

Age of vehicle	New WoF inspection frequency
New	An initial WoF inspection, another one at three years old, then one per year for the lifetime of the vehicle
First registered anywhere in the world on or after 1 January 2000	One per year for the lifetime of the vehicle
First registered anywhere in the world before 1 January 2000	Every six months for the lifetime of the vehicle

The change to WoF inspection frequency will apply to all vehicles that are currently required to get a WoF – including cars, utes, motorcycles, trailers, caravans etc.

When will the WoF inspection frequency change?

WoF changes will be introduced by July 2014 or sooner.

Until that time, vehicles will continue with their current inspection frequency, ie:

- » 12 monthly for vehicles less than six years old
- » six-monthly for vehicles six years or older.

What is needed to make the changes?

During 2013, the relevant transport rules will be amended to authorise the changes and the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) will update its computer systems to manage the new process.

How will I know when the changes are introduced?

The NZTA will run an information programme about the changes closer to the time they're introduced. Your WoF inspector will also be able to explain if the changes will affect your vehicle/s.



For more information visit
www.nzta.govt.nz/wof

