



Rules for vehicle roadworthy standards in Australia by State and Territory

Who can conduct a roadworthy inspection?



NSW QLD WA TAS ACT NT	Authorised Inspection Station
VIC	Licensed Vehicle Tester, operating from a nominated service station
SA	Vehicle Roadworthy Inspection Office (government operated)

Cost of inspection for light vehicles



Ranging between
\$40 – \$150
depending on the age of the vehicle, and location.

When do I need a roadworthy inspection?



Selling a vehicle



VIC

Must provide a current roadworthy certificate, vehicle transfer form and copy of registration certificate

QLD

Seller must provide a current inspection certificate

All other States & Territories

No certificate required

Registering a vehicle

Inspection required for same owner re-registering

NSW¹ | WA² | TAS³ | NT⁴

1. Most light vehicles more than 5 years old will require an eSafety check before they can be registered in NSW.
2. Public service vehicles required to undergo annual inspection (eg. buses etc.).
3. Only if vehicle registration expired more than 3 months previously.
4. Only specific vehicles over 10 years old or greater than 4.5 tonne.



Inspection required for new owner registering a used vehicle

NSW | VIC | QLD | ACT¹

1. Only for vehicles over six years old.



Moving interstate



Yes, a certificate is required

NSW¹ | QLD | WA | TAS | NT² | ACT | SA³

1. Authorised Unregistered Vehicle Inspection Scheme (AUVIS) for registering interstate vehicles.
2. Required only if the vehicles is over four years old.
3. A vehicle registered in another state or territory will need to be registered within 3 months of arrival.

No, a certificate is not required

VIC¹

1. If the vehicle is currently registered in the same name interstate and vehicle registration is still current or not expired by more than three months.

How long is my roadworthy certificate valid?



VIC	30 days
WA	30 days
TAS	30 days
ACT	30 days
NSW	6 Months
QLD	Licensed motor dealer 3 Months or 3000km
	All other sellers 2 Months or 2000km
SA	N/A – Vehicle must be roadworthy at all times
NT	Required for new cars after five years, 10 years and then annually,

Average age of vehicle fleet for light vehicles



ACT	10.1 years
NT	10.3 years
NSW	10.3 years
QLD	11.2 years
VIC	10.8 years
WA	11.7 years
SA	12.7 years
TAS	12.7 years
National average	11.0 years