



# 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

Licenced Vehicle Tester, operating from a nominated service station

SA

Vehicle Roadworthy Inspection Office (government operated)

### Cost of inspection for light vehicles



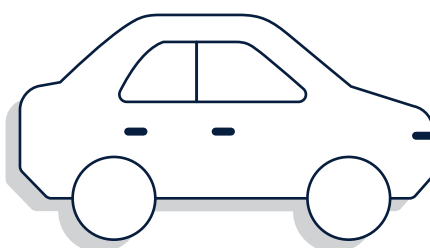
**\$50 – \$190**

depending on the age of the vehicle, and location.

### When do I need a roadworthy inspection?



#### Selling a vehicle



Qld | Vic

Seller must provide a current inspection certificate

All other  
States &  
Territories

No certificate required

#### Registering a vehicle

#### Inspection required for same owner re-registering

NSW<sup>1</sup> | NT<sup>2</sup> | Vic

1. For most light vehicles over 5 years old
2. One inspection required when vehicle between 5 and 10 years old, then annually from 10 years old.

Most jurisdictions also require annual inspection for public service vehicles (eg. taxis).



#### Inspection required for new owner registering a used vehicle

ACT<sup>1</sup> | NSW<sup>2</sup> | NT<sup>2</sup> | Qld | TAS

1. For most vehicles over 6 years old.
2. For most vehicles over 5 years old.



### Registering a vehicle interstate



#### Certificate required

ACT | NSW | NT<sup>1</sup> | Qld | SA<sup>2</sup> | Tas | WA

1. Only if the vehicle is over 5 years old.
2. Only if the vehicle is 3 years old and over 4.5 tonnes.

#### Certificate not required

Vic<sup>1</sup>

1. Only if vehicle currently registered interstate.

### How long is my roadworthy certificate valid?



Vic 30 days

WA 3 months

Tas 30 days

ACT 30 days

NSW 6 Months

Licenced motor dealer  
3 Months or 1000km

Qld  
All other sellers  
2 Months or 2000km

SA  
N/A – Vehicle must be roadworthy at all times

NT  
Required once between 5 and 10 years old, then annually

### Average age of light vehicle fleet



ACT 10.4 years

NT 10.4 years

NSW 10.5 years

Qld 11.4 years

Vic 11.0 years

WA 11.9 years

SA 12.8 years

Tas 13.0 years

**National average 11.2 years**