

# Authorised Crane Inspection Station (ACIS) Scheme



## INFORMATION FOR CRANE OPERATORS

The Authorised Crane Inspection Station (ACIS) scheme starts in August 2010. Under the scheme, all SP2 mobile cranes with a GVM > 12 tonnes whose registration expires on or after 4 October 2010 will be required to undergo an annual safety inspection by an ACIS Examiner as part of their registration renewal.

### What type of cranes are affected?

The ACIS scheme applies to SP2 cranes. These are cranes that are mobile, have a Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) in excess of 12 tonnes, and are over-mass on one or more axle groups.

Two types of mobile SP2 cranes will require inspection under the ACIS scheme:

- **Purpose built cranes**  
These are mobile cranes comprised of a superstructure mounted on a chassis with the crane base incorporated as part of the chassis. These cranes are designed and built specifically as a crane and include all-terrain, rough-terrain and articulated cranes. These cranes do not have a compliance plate affixed.
- **Truck based cranes**  
These are mobile cranes comprised of a crane superstructure mounted on a standard cab chassis vehicle as supplied to the Australian market. They typically have a compliance plate fitted. These vehicles are not manufactured specifically as cranes, but are a truck with a crane attached.

### How often will my crane need inspecting?

Your crane will need to be inspected each year as part of the registration requirements.

### Who will inspect my crane?

Your crane will be inspected by an authorised ACIS Examiner.

### How can I find an ACIS examiner?

A list of current ACIS Examiners can be found on the RTA website.

### Can my crane be inspected at my site?

The ACIS Examiner can come to the crane's location as long as it meets the scheme's requirements for an inspection site. You should discuss these requirements with the ACIS Examiner prior to their visit.

### Is there an inspection fee?

The RTA sets a maximum fee for inspecting a crane under the ACIS scheme. This fee does not include the Examiner's travel costs, if required. The current fees are displayed on the RTA website.

### How will I know an inspection is due?

Your registration renewal papers will be stamped with 'Inspection Required'.

### When does the inspection have to be done?

Inspection reports are valid for 28 days and the inspection must be done before you renew your registration.

### Does a crane registered under NHVAS need an inspection?

If an SP2s crane is registered under and complies with the Maintenance Management module of the National Vehicle Accreditation Scheme (NHVAS), it is exempt from the ACIS scheme and does not require an annual inspection.