

Vehicle Inspectors Bulletin



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Inspection of Federal Interstate Registered vehicles

Background

The introduction of the Interstate Road Transport Act in 1985 saw the creation of the Federal Interstate Registration Scheme (FIRS). Vehicles registered under FIRS may only engage in interstate or international trade.

A FIRs vehicle is required to have an annual roadworthiness inspection in the state in which it is registered. In the case of a NSW registered FIRs vehicle it must be inspected annually under the Heavy Vehicle Inspection Scheme (HVIS).

The Interstate Road Transport Regulation 1986 allows the annual inspection of a FIRs vehicle to take place at different times where certain circumstances apply. These requirements are set out below.

Inspection requirements

NSW registered FIRS vehicles can have their annual inspection for registration renewal within the following periods.

- If the vehicle is normally garaged within 250km radius of any RTA facility capable of conducting the inspection, the inspection may be completed up to 45 days prior to re-registration.
- If the vehicle is normally garaged more than 250km radius from any RTA facility capable of conducting the inspection, the inspection may be completed up to 120 days prior to re-registration.
- If the vehicle is normally garaged more than 250km radius from any RTA facility capable of conducting the inspection and the owner will experience hardship by presenting the vehicle for inspection, the inspection may be completed up to 180 days prior to re-registration.

Note: For the purposes of establishing registration, all heavy vehicles are now required to have their inspection conducted at a Heavy Vehicle Authorised Inspection station (HVAIS):

For:

- RTA Inspectors Vehicle Regulation
- Engineering Signatories
- RTA Registry Service Managers
- HVAIS Proprietors & Examiners

Exemptions from RTA (HVIS) Inspection

- In special cases, where an inspection cannot be conducted at an RTA Heavy Vehicle Inspection facility within the time periods in this bulletin, a FIRS vehicle may be permitted to have their inspection conducted at a Heavy Vehicle Authorised Inspection Station (HVAIS). However, before this can occur the vehicle's owner must first obtain approval from their nearest RTA Vehicle Regulation Unit (for details contact the RTA's Technical Enquiries - see below).
- A NSW FIRS registered vehicle is exempt from the requirement to have an annual RTA inspection if it is operated under the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme (NHVAS) Maintenance Module or TruckSafe. In this case, evidence of accreditation under one of these schemes must be produced prior to registration renewal.



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