



For:

- RTA Inspectors, Vehicle Regulations
- RTA Motor Registry Managers
- Engineering Signatories
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A.I.S. Rules - Reminders

Checking headlight aim

Recent spot checks revealed an increasing number of vehicles being used on the road with incorrectly aimed headlights. A vehicle with incorrectly aimed headlights used at night can be a serious threat to road safety. It can cause visibility problems and be blinding to drivers of other vehicles.

When inspecting a vehicle under the Rules for AIS, Rule 106.04 stipulates that a check of headlight aim must be conducted, and the vehicle rejected if the aim is incorrect. This rule also stipulates a headlight tester must be used for this check.

Authorised examiners are reminded of their obligations under this rule and to ensure headlight testing devices are serviceable and readily available for use during inspections.

Unregistered vehicles without compliance plates

AUVIS only

Rule 237 of the Rules for AIS stipulates that vehicles manufactured after 1 August, 1972 require a compliance plate to be fitted. Where a compliance plate is not fitted the Authorised Examiner requires evidence of the vehicle's origin.

To verify a vehicle's origin the owner must supply any of the following documentation:

- previous NSW registration papers, or
- registration papers or an official letter from another state or territory registration authority confirming a minimum of two years registration in that state or territory, or
- vehicle import approval if the vehicle is imported and has no previous registration in Australia.

A form 1106 (Unregistered Vehicle Without Compliance Plate) must be completed where evidence of origin is required.

There is an increasing practice to fax the 1106 form to the RTA's Vehicle Standards Section whenever a vehicle owner can not supply satisfactory evidence of the origin of the vehicle. The Vehicle Standards Section is not responsible to look for or provide documentation for a vehicle for registration. This responsibility rests entirely with the vehicle owner.

If the owner is unable to supply the necessary documentation they should be referred to:

- an RTA Motor Registry if the vehicle was previously registered in NSW,
- the interstate registering authority, if the vehicle was previously registered in another state or territory, or
- the Federal Office of Road Safety, if the vehicle is imported and has no previous registration in Australia.

Issuing of inspection reports without a certificate of registration

The RTA has received complaints from customers who have been refused an inspection by an AIS because they have not produced a Certificate of Registration.

Under the Rules for AIS it is not a requirement for registration papers to be produced when an inspection is conducted. Rule 11.02 (b) indicates the number plate and chassis number/VIN should be checked against the Registration Certificate if the certificate is available. If the certificate is not available the numbers should be checked against the Registration Label.

To refuse an inspection because a customer does not produce a Certificate of Registration causes undue inconvenience to vehicle owners. An inspection should not be refused for this reason.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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