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Heavy Vehicle Inspections – Frequently Asked Questions

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1. What is the status of the procurement process for stage two?

A procurement process to select a System Manager for the heavy vehicle inspection scheme has now concluded, without a recommendation to award a contract. Periodic heavy vehicle inspections will not proceed at this time.

2. Is an inspection at Change of Ownership still required? Where can I get one?

Yes, Change of Ownership Inspection requirements are still in place. All heavy vehicle inspection services will be provided by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) in both the regional and metropolitan zones. Bookings can be made by visiting the [Service SA site](#) for more details.

3. Which vehicles need a Change of Ownership inspection?

All vehicles and trailers with a Gross Vehicle Mass or Aggregate Trailer Mass over 4.5 tonnes that are three (3) years of age and over from date of manufacture must pass a roadworthy inspection prior to the vehicle being registered in the new owner's name. This includes vehicles in the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator Maintenance Accreditation Scheme, but excludes buses that already undergo an annual inspection and special purpose vehicles such as tractors, agricultural and road making equipment.

4. What is the cost of an inspection, and how long is it valid?

An inspection fee plus a pre-paid booking fee will be charged for each appointment. You can find out more details at the [Vehicle Inspection Fee](#) site. A passed inspection is valid for 12 months.

5. Do I need to have my vehicle inspected before I sell it, or is this the new owner's responsibility?

A heavy vehicle must have a passed inspection to be registered in the new owner's name. While the vehicle may be sold without an inspection, it cannot be registered by the new owner without a passed inspection.

6. What happens if faults are identified with my heavy vehicle?

The vehicle will have a 'fail' result recorded against it and cannot be transferred or registered in the new owner's name. Once repairs have been completed, the vehicle will undergo another inspection at an additional cost and, once passed, it can be transferred and registered.

7. What is inspected and how long does an inspection take?

Inspections are guided by the [National Heavy Vehicle Inspection Manual](#) developed by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) to enable a nationally consistent roadworthy approach to heavy vehicle inspections.

8. Restricted Access Vehicle inspections

From 1 August 2020, the requirements for Restricted Access Vehicles to undergo an annual inspection or to be in the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme will be removed, in line with the National Notices. Change of ownership requirements are still in place. More details are available on the [Heavy vehicle inspection page on SA.GOV.AU](#).

IMPORTANT:

If the vehicle or trailer was last registered interstate it will also require an Identity Inspection.

Contact 13 10 84 for further information.