

Information Bulletin

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Interstate Defect Notice Clearance

Heavy vehicles may be presented to "HV" Licensed Vehicle Testers seeking clearance of interstate issued defect notices.

When a heavy vehicle is issued with a defect notice in states other than Victoria, the notice either requires full inspection or rectification of specific defects. This often relates to the classification of defects as minor and major however that is not always the case.

In Victoria a full inspection requires a complete roadworthy inspection and the issue of a Certificate of Roadworthiness.

Most other states have an inspection station for heavy vehicles authorised to perform partial inspections to clear notices. These are usually referred to as Authorised Inspection Stations.

Heavy Vehicle Testers are effectively equivalent to Authorised Inspection Stations in other states.

The process described will allow "HV" Licensed Vehicle Testers to provide the inspection service necessary to clear interstate defect notices.

Partial Inspections

The following instruction is the process for clearing an interstate defect notice when a **full roadworthiness inspection is not required**.

The defect notice must be presented with the vehicle.

The defect notice will list the items for inspection.

1. Verify that the items listed have been rectified as required.
2. Where the notice requires details of the clearing station, use your HV roadworthy licence details, including your roadworthy licence number.
3. Using a letter that has your letterhead, list your roadworthy licence details
 - a. Tester number
 - b. Licence category (HV)
 - c. Address of premises
4. Also on the letter list the:
 - a. Vehicle details,
 - b. Defect notice serial number and state of issue,
 - c. The defects from the defect notice.
 - d. Under the defect write "I confirm that I have inspected the vehicle identified above and confirm the defects listed above have been rectified"
 - e. Date and sign the statement.
5. If you have a letterhead on your invoice then you can provide the required information on the invoice.

Full Inspection

The following instruction is the process for clearing an interstate defect notice when a **full roadworthiness inspection is required**.

A Full roadworthiness inspection and the issue of a certificate of roadworthiness are required.

Follow Up Action by Owner/Driver

The vehicle owner/driver can now present the defect notice and your inspection information to a VicRoads customer service centre without needing to present the vehicle. VicRoads will complete the data recording part of the process and notify the issuing state as required.