

Licensed Vehicle Tester refresher course

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform Licensed Vehicle Testers (LVT) accredited before April 2013 of a refresher course requirement for light vehicle roadworthy examining mechanics.

To retain the accreditation mechanics will need to complete a one day course delivered by VicRoads approved training providers by no later than 30 November 2017. Information on training providers, locations and course costs can be found via the VicRoads website.

Why is VicRoads implementing a LVT refresher course?

VicRoads has developed a LVT refresher course in conjunction with approved training providers and industry to deliver:

- Updated guidance on how to provide consistent roadworthy testing to ensure all Victorian light vehicles meet appropriate safety standards
- Updates on the changes to roadworthy testing requirements, legislation and vehicle inspection standards
- The current audit requirements, common roadworthy testing issues, and how to appropriately respond and follow-up customer complaints
- The key competencies required to issue roadworthy certificates including administration, mechanical skills and vehicle modifications.

Does the LVT refresher course apply to me?

The LVT refresher course applies to light vehicle roadworthy examining mechanics who obtained accreditation before 1 April 2013. Those who obtained accreditation after this date have completed the current five day training course and do not have to do the refresher course at this time.

When is the LVT refresher course available?

The LVT refresher course will be available from 1 November 2015. Licence holders must ensure all accredited roadworthy examining mechanics on their licence successfully complete the course by 30 November 2017. To secure course places, it is recommended that bookings are made early.

What if I am an LVT in rural Victoria and need to complete the LVT refresher course?

VicRoads' approved training providers will offer courses in major rural locations to reduce the need for LVT examining mechanics to travel unnecessarily to complete this training.

What can I expect at the LVT refresher course?

This course is designed to inform LVTs of updates to regulations and VicRoads requirements of being an examining mechanic. It will include administrative and technical knowledge, an introduction to modifications, testing procedures, completion and understanding of documentation and your role as a LVT in Victoria.

It will be presented so that attendees can measure their current level of knowledge and focus on addressing any identified gaps.

There will be a test at the conclusion of the course based on the principles of high risk vehicle safety areas.

If an LVT does not pass the course assessment on the first attempt, they will be able to sit the assessment a second time as arranged by the course provider.

The course will be delivered across the state and will be made available week days, evenings and weekends.

The current provider for this course is Federation University, with other training providers coming on board next year.

What if I do not complete the LVT refresher course by 30 November 2017?

Authorised roadworthy examining mechanics who do not successfully complete the LVT refresher course by 30 November 2017 will have their accreditation to inspect and test vehicles withdrawn.

LVT licence holders will be held responsible for unauthorised roadworthy examining mechanics that undertake roadworthy inspection and testing.

Where can I get further information?

Further information including course dates, locations, contacts and booking details, as well as course costs, can be found on the VicRoads website at vicroads.vic.gov.au, search for LVT refresher.