

VIB28 Implementation of a Mobile Authorised Inspector Scheme

Vehicle Inspectors Bulletin

Introduction

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide guidance to Authorised Inspectors (AI's) on the implementation of the Mobile Authorised Inspector Scheme. The bulletin also provides guidance to AI's on what Mobile AI's are, how to apply for Mobile AI appointment and what requirements must be met as a Mobile AI, including where a Mobile AI can conduct inspections.

What is a Mobile Authorised Inspector

The Mobile AI is approved by the department responsible for the regulation of transport and appointment by the Register of Motor Vehicles under the *Motor Vehicles Act 1949*, to conduct vehicle inspections for the purpose of registration renewal in rural and remote areas of the Northern Territory.

Similarly to AI's, Mobile AI's are fulfilling a function of government and are required to exercise and perform their powers and duties in accordance with the conditions of their instrument, the Northern Territory Authorised Inspectors Business Rules and must comply with the applicable guidelines, inspection manuals and standards when conducting inspections.

How to apply for a Mobile Authorised Inspector Appointment

Any suitably qualified person interested in becoming a Mobile AI may apply to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles on the approved application form available [online](#).

A currently appointed AI does not automatically become a Mobile AI.

Currently appointed AI's wishing to become Mobile AI's, will need to also apply to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles on the approved application form, specifying a 'Business Type change' to a Mobile Authorised Inspector.

Suitable persons wishing to only be a Mobile Authorised Inspector should only choose the Mobile Authorised Inspector Business Type, however those wishing to also conduct inspections as an AI in an Approved Inspection Station such as a service station, repair workshop or dealership, should also choose that relevant Business Type.

These forms must be fully completed and must be returned to the department's Authorised Inspector Officer for assessment.

For more information on how to apply, please refer to rule 3.2 of the Northern Territory Authorised Inspectors Business Rules.

Requirements of a Mobile Authorised Inspector

Mobile AI Inspection Equipment List (excluding “H” compliance inspection)

The Business Rules have been updated to facilitate the implementation of a Mobile Authorised Inspector Scheme. Rule 4.3 of the Northern Territory Authorised Inspectors Business Rules provide that a Mobile AI must have all the specified equipment which is essential to conduct inspections in remote and rural areas of the Northern Territory.

A Mobile AI must also have at least one copy of the Business Rules and the relevant inspection manuals (light and/ or heavy vehicle inspection manual) for the class, or classes of vehicles for which the Mobile AI are approved to carry out inspections on.

What are ‘excluded Mobile AI zones’?

In order to provide a framework which enables a fair and equitable playing field to all participants of the Authorised Inspector Scheme, a Mobile AI is prohibited from conducting mobile inspections in the excluded Mobile AI zones.

Inspections which are conducted within the excluded Mobile AI zones, must only be conducted in an Approved Inspection Station (AIS) by an appointed AI.

An excluded Mobile AI zone is within the boundaries of the following Councils:

- Darwin Municipality
- Land covered under the Darwin Rates Act
- Darwin Waterfront Precinct
- Palmerston Municipality
- Litchfield Municipality
- Coomalie Shire
- Katherine Municipality
- Alice Springs Municipality

Note, a ‘municipality’ refers to a town or city that’s usually governed by a Mayor and Council.

Notwithstanding the above, a Mobile AI must not conduct Mobile inspections within a town outside the excluded Mobile AI zones, if there is AIS operating within that town, offering that type of inspection. In these circumstances, mobile inspections should be conducted more than 100km from the town where no inspection can be conducted by an AIS. For more information on excluded Mobile AI zones, please refer to rule 4.4 of the Northern Territory Authorised Inspector Business Rules.

Mobile Authorised Inspector Declarations

A Mobile AI is required to complete a Mobile Authorised Inspector Declaration, which is a declaration by a Mobile AI that a vehicle has been inspected at the location listed in the Declaration and in accordance with the Business Rules, the applicable inspection manuals and the standards. More information on how to complete this Mobile Authorised Inspector Declaration can be found under rules 4.5 and 5.5 of the Northern Territory Authorised Inspector Business Rules and via *VIB27 Authorised Inspector Inspection Reports*.

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