

AIS Industry Survey – Application/Entry Requirements

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is seeking your feedback in relation to the changes to the AIS approval process which was implemented late in 2014.

The results of this survey will be considered in the development of policy and your personal details will not be sought or collected. While no personal information will be collected, you are asked to provide information in relation to your AIS station and your role in the vehicle inspection industry. This information is requested as there may be conflicting views or specific concerns raised from participants in specific industry sectors.

Industry role

Do you have an AIS approval and what role do you perform at that AIS?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed AIS | <input type="checkbox"/> Director |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile AIS | <input type="checkbox"/> Approval Holder (AH) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Approved Examiner (AE) |

Which vehicle types is your station accredited to inspect?

- Light Trailer (LT)
- Light Vehicle (LV)
- Heavy Trailer (HT)
- Heavy Vehicle (HV)
- Motorcycle (MC)

Part 1 – AIS approval process

In 2014, TMR made a number of changes to the approval processes for a new AIS including the removal of examinations for proprietors, nominees and examiners and the introduction of a 6 monthly confirmation audit.

1. Do you support an examination or training course for AH’s and AE’s as a mandatory requirement before approval?

- Yes (please include reasons)
- No
- Unsure or this question is not relevant to my business

Comments:

2. If an entry level requirement was introduced what form should it take?

- Certificate level training and assessment administered by TAFE or equivalent organisation.
- A test administered by TMR
- Some other form of test (please provide details)
- Unsure or this question is not relevant to my business

Comments:

3. Do you believe additional qualifications/testing are required to inspect hybrid and electric vehicles?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure or this question is not relevant to my business

Comments:

4. Do you think that TMR performing an audit within 6 months of an AIS being granted approval to operate is a better system than what was in place before 2014?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure or this question is not relevant to my business

Comments:

The Business Rules for an AIS put the onus on an AH to ensure that each AE engaged to conduct vehicle inspections is currently accredited as an approved examiner, accredited for the types of vehicles they inspect, does not inspect vehicles that the AIS is not approved to inspect and has a current driver licence for the type of vehicle the approved examiner is road testing (for example, a manual driver licence of the appropriate class is required to road test a manual vehicle).

5. Do you think that TMR should amend legislation to help ensure compliance with driver licence requirements or should the responsibility for ensuring an AE holds the correct driver licence for the vehicles to be inspected remain with the AE or AH?

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| TMR should play a greater role | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Industry should be held accountable | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Responsibility should be shared between TMR and industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Comments:

The Business Rules for an AIS are not prescriptive in relation to the equipment an AIS must have. It states that an AH must ensure that the AE has and uses the equipment necessary for inspecting vehicles of the type listed in the AIS approval and that the equipment necessary for inspecting vehicles is maintained in accordance with manufacturers' specifications.

6. Do you think that TMR should mandate specific equipment as a requirement of an AIS?

- Yes – go to Q7
- No – go to Q8
- Unsure or this question is not relevant to my business

Comments:

7. If you answered yes to Q6, what aspects of the inspection requirements would you recommend equipment be mandated for?

- Brake performance
- Headlight aim
- Window tint properties (light transmittance)
- Engine fault codes
- Safety equipment fault codes (airbags, stability control, anti-lock brakes, and so on)

Comments:

8. What type of testing equipment is currently available to you when performing an inspection?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic brake meter with print and/or save function | <input type="checkbox"/> Fault scan tool (OBD2) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic brake meter | <input type="checkbox"/> Headlight aimer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manual brake meter | <input type="checkbox"/> Light transmittance (tint) meter manual |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fault scan tool (OBD2) with print and/or save function | <input type="checkbox"/> Light transmittance (tint) meter electronic |

Comments:

9. Do you think that TMR should mandate size requirements for fixed AIS depending on the type of vehicle the AIS is approved to inspect?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure or this question is not relevant to my business

Comments:

10. Do you think a site inspection by TMR should be conducted prior to approval to ensure that AIS has an appropriately sized inspection area for the vehicles the AIS is applying for?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure or this question is not relevant to my business

Comments:

TMR has recently introduced an electronic safety certificate system called Inspection Certificates Online (ICO). This system automatically lodges certificates with TMR which, in a number of cases, allows the customer to perform an on-line transaction. At this time TMR is still allowing AISs to use paper certificates however, in the future, will transition over to ICO and only allow paper certificates to be used when ICO is unavailable.

11. Do you believe that TMR should mandate the use of ICO for all AIS?

Yes
 No

Comments:

12. Are you likely to sign up for /use ICO if TMR does not mandate its use?

Yes
 No – why

Comments:

Additional information

13. Do you have any general or additional comments about any issue relating to the operations of AISs?

Additional comments:

Thank you for your time.