

# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## Specialised training and assessment for vehicle safety

A new training and assessment program is set to be introduced by Transport and Main Roads for members of the Approved Inspection Station scheme.

The Approved Inspection Station (AIS) scheme is responsible for ensuring vehicles meet minimum safety standards.

Transport and Main Roads Land Transport, Safety and Regulation Acting General Manager Joanna Robinson said the AIS Scheme played a key role in keeping defective vehicles off Queensland roads.

"When the community thinks of road safety, they tend to think of drivers and driver behaviour, but road safety also includes safe vehicles," Ms Robinson said.

"It makes sense that new and existing AIS scheme members are trained and assessed to do their job to a consistently high standard.

"Through this new training program, the community can have confidence there is a robust vehicle safety inspection scheme, where the operators have received specialised training in vehicle safety inspections."

Ms Robinson said the training would be provided by TAFE Queensland, the state's largest, most experienced training provider in practical, industry-relevant training.

"The Queensland Government has a strong track record of delivering innovative training and assessment to improve road safety outcomes," she said.

"This partnership between TAFE Queensland and Transport and Main Roads will build on this legacy."

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### Further information

- We will look to introduce specialised training and assessment for new and existing Approved Inspection Station (AIS) scheme members. AIS members play an important role in road safety by inspecting vehicles to ensure they meet minimum safety standards.
- Specialised training and assessment will ensure that new and existing AIS scheme members are trained to a consistently high standard.
- This will result in a more robust vehicle inspection scheme and will have positive impacts on road safety by keeping defective vehicles off Queensland roads.
- Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has partnered with TAFE Queensland, which is the state's largest and most experienced training provider, to develop the training program. They are automotive specialists who deliver practical industry-relevant training.
- TMR will engage with existing AIS scheme members soon to provide greater detail and ensure the successful implementation of the training

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