

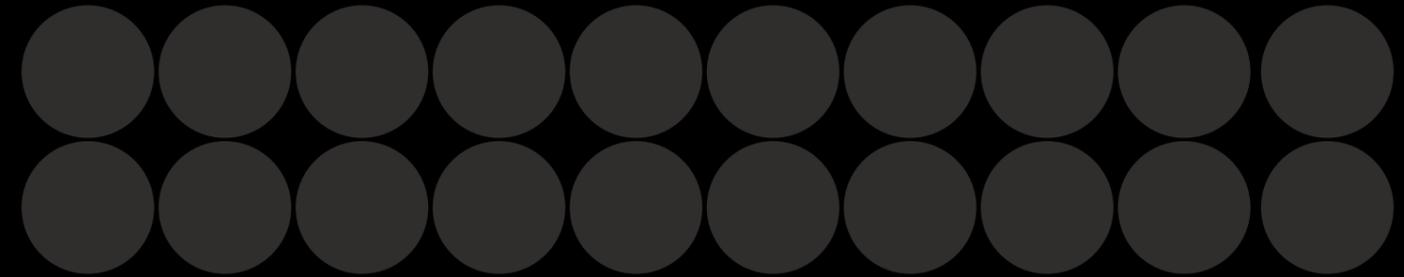
# ANNUAL INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSES IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS POLICY

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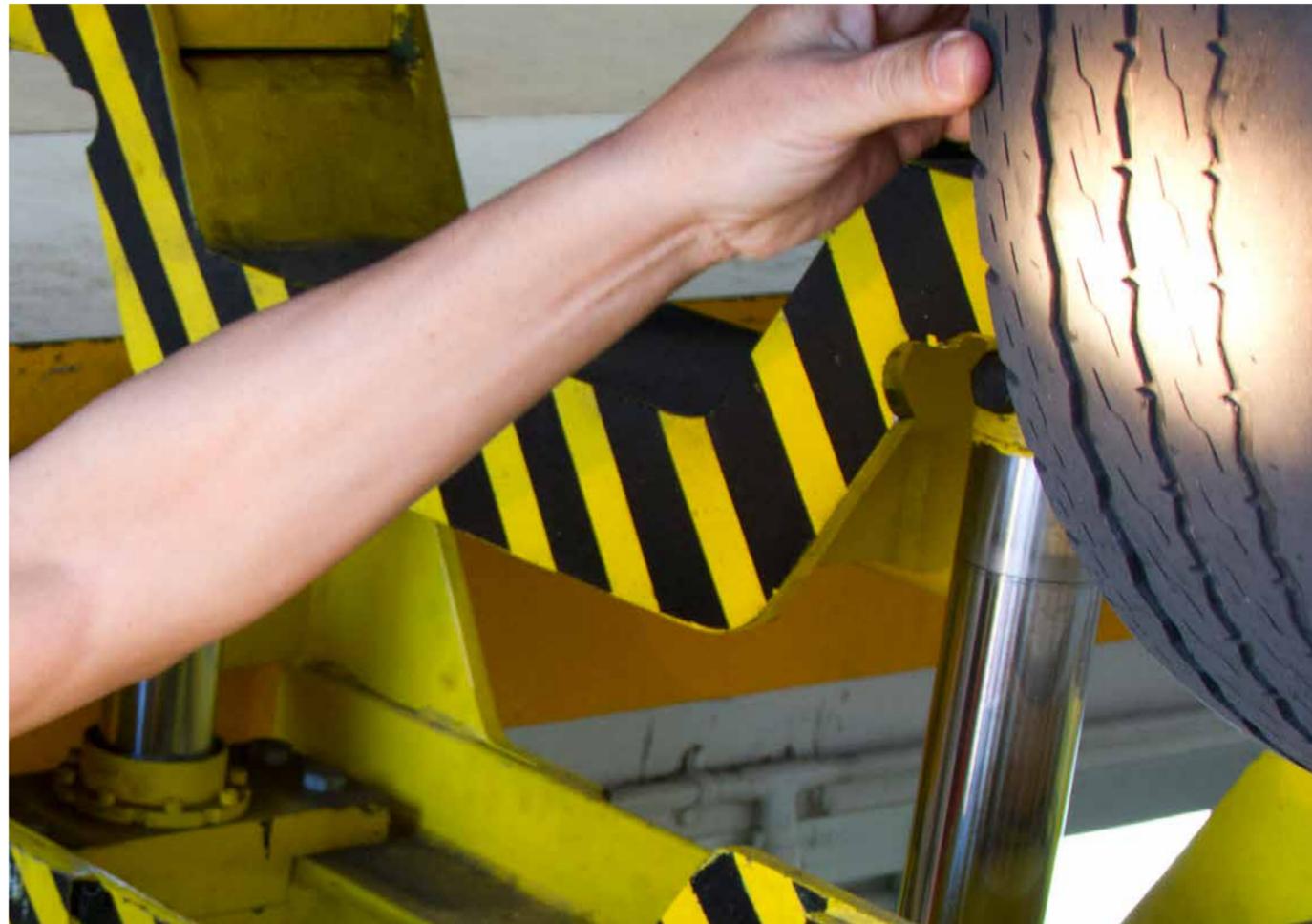


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## ANNUAL INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSES IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

**THIS POLICY SETS OUT THE REQUIREMENTS FOR BOTH ACCREDITED OR REGISTERED BUS OPERATORS TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE DIRECTOR, TRANSPORT SAFETY (SAFETY DIRECTOR) THAT THEIR BUS HAS UNDERGONE A SATISFACTORY SAFETY INSPECTION OUTSIDE VICTORIA.**

This policy applies to all operators of a bus service as defined in the *Bus Safety Act 2009 (Vic) (BSA)*.



### BACKGROUND

- Regulation 23(1) of the *Bus Safety Regulations 2010 (Vic) (BSR)* requires both accredited and registered bus operators to ensure that each bus used to provide a bus service undergoes an annual safety inspection by a licensed bus tester.
- BSR regulation 23(4) permits the Safety Director to exempt accredited and registered bus operators from the requirement to ensure that a bus undergoes a safety inspection if, in the opinion of the Safety Director, that bus has undergone a satisfactory safety inspection outside Victoria.

### POLICY STATEMENT

**THE SAFETY DIRECTOR MAY EXEMPT A BUS OPERATOR FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF BSR 23(1) AND RECOGNISE AN ANNUAL SAFETY INSPECTION UNDERTAKEN OUTSIDE VICTORIA IF, IN THE OPINION OF THE SAFETY DIRECTOR, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MET:**

- (1) The bus is a registered vehicle in a state or territory other than Victoria, or the bus holds vehicle registration issued by VicRoads and is operating in a state or territory other than Victoria, at the time when its annual safety inspection is required;
- (2) The annual safety inspection is conducted by a person who is authorised by a jurisdiction outside Victoria to test buses;
- (3) The annual safety inspection is based on the Australian Vehicle Standards Rules (the "Vehicle Standards") and the relevant Australian Design Rules ("ADRs");
- (4) The bus operator retains the inspection document detailing the results of the annual safety inspection for each bus inspected;
- (5) If the bus is greater than five tonnes gross vehicle mass (GVM) the annual safety inspection must include a roller brake test and a copy of the roller brake test report must be attached to the inspection document; and
- (6) A copy of the completed inspection document (including the roller brake test report for buses greater than five tonnes GVM) is forwarded to the Safety Director, Transport Safety Victoria within five days of the annual safety inspection.