



# warrant of fitness

## CHECK SHEET



CUSTOMER	INSPECTING ORGANISATION	DATE
New Zealand Government	Motor Trade Association	31/05/2025

Category	Pass/Fail	Comments
Industry Training	✓	Government finally listened to industry, led by MTA, and agreed to return workplace training to the automotive industry. Preserving MITO was the best outcome for learners, employers and the sector. Progress has now gone from zero to 100 with a 1 January deadline for the interim structure.
Immigration	✗	Reforms of the work visa and residency schemes are moving glacially, if not stalled, and the Green List review looks to be six months late. The labour shortage still exists, but hopefully light at the end of the tunnel.
Vehicle Safety	✓	Change to motorhome CoF poses safety concern, although 12-month WoF for vintage vehicles makes sense. Earns a pass by looking at adopting overseas technological advances.
Crime	✓	It's hard to deny Government's approach to crime has paid off. But service stations remain largely ignored and at risk. Must avoid temptation to adopt measures that would almost certainly put retail workers in more danger.
Road Safety	✓	Cracking down on drivers affected by drink and drugs and tougher penalties for boy racers and rogue drivers will find favour with long-suffering communities.
Business Support	✓	Proposed handbrake on 'woke banking' that penalises service stations is welcome to counter over-reach by banks.
Red Tape	✗	Still little sign of the vaunted pledge to reduce bureaucracy ... perhaps the switch in Deputy Prime Minister to David Seymour will get results.
Overall	✓	At the halfway mark of its term, the Government is roadworthy and travelling in the right direction in key areas, particularly vocational education. Listening to MTA and industry to return training to the sector earns them a big tick. Progress on crime and justice cannot be denied, although there are dangerous roads still to travel. Attention to vehicle safety is a good step, although early days. Immigration remains in neutral - acceleration is needed!

### NOTES

To be reviewed again in six months' time.