

## The Quarantine System



Supporting New Zealand's Repair Certification Industry

### **About RepairCert NZ Information Sheets**

*These Information Sheets have been developed to provide operational information for Repair Certifiers, to assist them in correctly carrying out their repair certification responsibilities.*

## Purpose

To outline the process and requirements for placing a vehicle into quarantine ('on hold') during its entry certification recheck period for the purpose of repair. Quarantining allows extra time for necessary repairs without requiring the vehicle to undergo another full entry certification inspection, avoiding additional costs for the vehicle owner.

## Background

NZTA set up a quarantine system to allow sufficient time for repairs and sourcing parts without penalising vehicle owners during the entry certification process.

Under this system, a vehicle can be placed in repair quarantine for up to 180 calendar days from the Entry Certifier's first inspection date, until a repair certification (LT308) is issued, or until it has travelled 100 kilometres - whichever comes first. For example, the quarantine period will end once an LT308 is issued, even if the 180-day period has not yet passed since the entry inspection.

## Quarantine Requirements

### Entry into Quarantine

To place a vehicle into quarantine, a Repair Certifier must record specific notes in LANDATA within 21 working days of the Entry Certifier's first inspection date. These notes must include:

- the date the vehicle enters quarantine; and
- the quarantine location of the vehicle; and
- the vehicle's current odometer reading.

### Maintaining Quarantine

During the quarantine period, the vehicle must:

- not leave the quarantine location except for repair certification purposes (e.g., a wheel alignment); and
- remain under the control of the Repair Certifier.

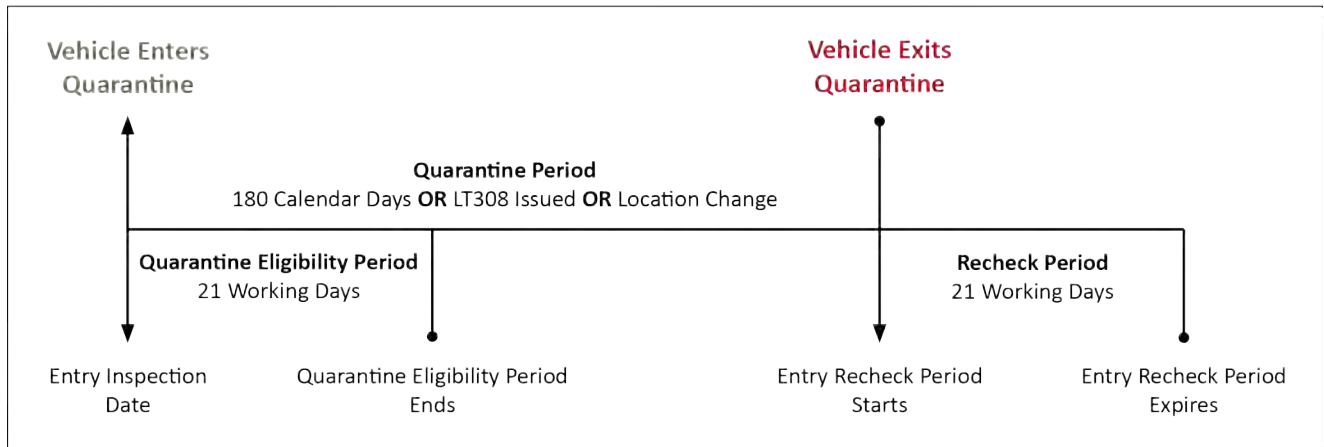
### End of Quarantine Period

The quarantine period concludes when:

- 180 calendar days have passed since the Entry Certifier's first inspection date; or
- the vehicle is moved for reasons other than repair certification (e.g., LVV certification or repairs unrelated to the LT308); or
- the LT308 is issued.

At the end of the quarantine period, the 21 working days recheck period for the vehicle’s entry inspection begins.

## Quarantine Timeline



## Full Entry Level Inspection

Another full entry-level inspection and fee is applicable if:

- the vehicle has travelled more than 100km from the odometer reading recorded at the Entry Certifier’s first inspection; or
- 21 working days have passed after the LT308 issue date; or
- 21 working days have passed since the date when 180 calendar days passed from the Entry Certifier’s first inspection date.

## Quarantine Guidelines

Since the duration of repairs may be uncertain at the time of the initial inspection, it is recommended the Repair Certifier places the vehicle into quarantine at this time if there is any doubt that the repairs will be completed quickly.

Quarantine notes should be entered into LANDATA along with the inspection notes within 24 hours of the initial Repair Certifier inspection. Like inspection notes, there is a 24-hour period to enter quarantine notes into LANDATA from the time the vehicle enters into quarantine.

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If the quarantine date, location, and odometer reading are not entered into LANDATA within 21 working days of the Entry Certifier's first inspection date, the vehicle will not be considered quarantined. Note that the quarantine period begins on the date of the initial entry inspection and not when the vehicle is entered into quarantine.

Repair Certifiers only need to enter the quarantine end date in LANDATA when the vehicle's location has changed (for a purpose other than repair certification). In all other cases, the end of the quarantine period is automatically determined by either the 180-day limit or the issuance of the LT308, so no additional recording is required.

The 21 working days entry recheck period starts when the quarantine period ends unless a vehicle has travelled more than 100 km, as this will require another full entry level inspection and fee. It is important to advise clients of the date that the 21 working day entry inspection recheck period starts (LT308 issue or 180 calendar days passed).



**Note:** Quarantine is not required if the vehicle has not undergone the entry certification process or if 21 working days have passed since the initial entry inspection as a full entry check and fee will be required.

## VIRM Requirements

The *Light Vehicle Repair Certification Vehicle Inspection Requirements Manual (Repair VIRM), Introduction, Section 3, Subsection 3-9 (Vehicle quarantine)* states that:

A repair certifier may operate a quarantine system for vehicles which they are undertaking the repair certification of. The quarantine period can be up to a maximum of 180 calendar days or 100km, whichever is the lesser, and will start from the entry certifier's first inspection date and mileage as recorded on the check sheet.

The repair certifier must meet the following requirements in order to quarantine a vehicle:

- The vehicle must not be driven or removed from the nominated quarantine site unless for the purposes of repair certification. The maximum distance allowable while in quarantine is **100km** from the mileage recorded on the check sheet. If this mileage distance is exceeded the vehicle must be referred to the KSDP for full entry level inspection.
- Details relating to any vehicle that is quarantined must be recorded on LANDATA by the repair certifier in the vehicle notes screen **including mileage, the dates when the vehicle entered quarantine, and the location of the quarantine.**
- The vehicle must be placed into repair certification quarantine within the 21 working days recheck period from the date recorded on the check sheet.

If these requirements are not followed – the vehicle is deemed to have not entered quarantine.

The *Entry certification VIRM, Section 3, Subsection 1-10 (Vehicle rechecks), Quarantine system for entry-level certification vehicles*, specifies when the recheck period begins after the repair quarantine period has ended:

Once the vehicle has been removed from quarantine for the purpose of repair the 21 working days recheck period will start.

## In Summary

The repair quarantine system is a valuable tool for Repair Certifiers, helping their clients avoid the cost of another full entry level inspection after repair certification. Strict adherence to quarantine entry requirements is essential to ensure the vehicle is properly quarantined. If there is any uncertainty about the duration of repairs, it is recommended a Repair Certifier quarantines the vehicle during the initial inspection.



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