

Learn to drive the AA Way

Pre-Driving Vehicle Checklist

Before you start learning to drive you should have a basic knowledge of what you need to check to make sure your vehicle is safe and legal to drive.

- Vehicle position** - make sure the vehicle is sitting square to the road, demonstrating that all tyres have equal pressure. If it isn't, you will need to check the pressure in your tyres.
- Vehicle body** - there should be no obvious damage to the vehicle body that could be considered dangerous. Small dents are acceptable.
- Tyres and wheels** - the tyre tread depth must be at least 1.5 millimetres. Wheels should not be damaged.
- Indicators and brake lights** - should all be fully functional. If your vehicle has a high-mounted stop light, then that must also work.
- Headlights** - should work on both high and low beams.
- Windscreen wipers** - should be fully functional.
- Mirrors** - should be in the correct position for you to see behind you when sitting in the driver's seat.
- Horn** - should be fully functional.
- Safety belts** - should be fully functional and should not be frayed or damaged.
- Licence label** - must be current and displayed on the lower left-hand corner of the windscreen.
- Warrant of fitness (WoF) or certificate of fitness (CoF) label** - must be current and displayed on the top right-hand corner of the windscreen.
- Road user charges (RUC) licence** - if the vehicle requires a RUC licence, it must be current.

Please note: This material has been developed based on information from the NZTA website.