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## Waka Kotahi confirms new temporary approach to alleviate COF B service delivery problems

A week ago, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency finalised a temporary approval for WoF and CoF A inspectors to be able to inspect up to 6000 kgs to provide support during Covid-19 conditions that have further impacted capacity for CoF B inspections.

The following conditions were put through by the KSDPs to mitigate risk:

1. WoF/ CoF A inspectors are to complete online training and obtain sign-off
2. All VIs are to be observed conducting a CoF B inspection on a NB class vehicle and observation record completed prior to conducting tests without supervision
3. A CoF B VI must be available on-site should the WoF VI need some assistance
4. Inspecting Organisations will advise Waka Kotahi which VIs will be conducting these inspections

Waka Kotahi has also added the following conditions:

- Safer Vehicles (a section within NZTA) will have the ability to do spot quality checks (not a full review) at any time – a basic and quick check in
- A copy of the training plan/s
- Excludes airbraked or airbrake assisted vehicles
- This is time limited through to 30 June 2022

Waka Kotahi has stated they are running head first into the Christmas break and impacts of the changes may not be visible until the New Year.

Please note, the changes mentioned above are in place as a temporary provision through to 30 June 2022, but they will also inform other work that will look at the effectiveness of this for the future and Waka Kotahi will also do a progress-check at the midpoint to ascertain the effectiveness of the solution discussed above.

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