

REPAIRCERT NZ UPDATE

Supporting New Zealand's Repair Certification Industry



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Repair Certifier Listing

We became aware recently that some of the contact information relating to Repair Certifiers on the Waka Kotahi website was out of date and incorrect, in particular that a number of Repair Certifiers who have retired or are no longer practicing remain on the list, and that some new Repair Certifiers who should be on the list aren't there.

After discussions about this with Waka Kotahi, it has been agreed that the national Repair Certifier listing will be managed by RepairCert NZ, and this took effect on Monday 28 March. The RepairCert NZ website is currently under construction and won't be completed until later in 2022, however, the 'Home Page' is up and accessible, and this now hosts the Repair Certifier listing.

Waka Kotahi staff have assisted us by removing the old Repair Certifier listing from their website, and replaced this with a link to take someone looking for Repair Certifier information on the Waka Kotahi website directly to the RepairCert NZ website, where the information will now live.

While we've made best efforts to ensure that the information has been brought up to date, we'd appreciate it if all Repair Certifiers could have a look at the listing on the RepairCert NZ website, and ensure that their details are correct. Please contact us at RepairCert NZ as soon as possible if anything needs updating.

From here on, if you require any changes or updates to your information on the Repair Certifiers' listing, just get in touch with RepairCert NZ directly, and we can ensure that changes to the listing are made quickly and correctly. We should be able to make any required changes on the same day as we're advised.

Note that a Google search of key words such as 'repair certifier list' or similar may bring up the old listing, so it's best to go directly to www.repaircert.nz ■



Find a Repair Certifier



Name	Phone	Mobile	Email	Location
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Damon Barakat	-	077 829 8744	damon_b@hotmail.co.nz	Auckland (Dunehunga)
Duncan Morrison	-	021 981 140	dm@trata.co.nz	Auckland (Papatoetoe)
Intaze Khan	-	022 635 7247	lightvehiclecert@gmail.com	Auckland (Penrose)
Jason Smith	-	027 334 4024	ccarv.rp@trata.co.nz	Auckland (Birkdale)
John Hindmarsh	-	021 256 7965	johnc@repaircert.nz	Auckland (Penrose)
Kevin Mearns	-	021 969 7357	kem@repaircert.nz	Auckland (Henderson)
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Adam Cassidy	(03) 768 7420	-	awassidy1@gmail.com	Greymouth (Gladstone)
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Alan Henderson	(03) 688 0208	027 272 2637	alanhenderson@trata.co.nz	Tinianu
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Steve Gaskin	(04) 568 4837	027 898 854	stgaskin@trata.co.nz	Wellington (Petone)
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Waka Kotahi Website – Support for the Public

The Waka Kotahi website has previously referred members of the public who are looking for technical support about repair certification to the Repair Certifiers' Association (RCA).

With the establishment of RepairCert NZ, it has been agreed with Waka Kotahi and the RCA that RepairCert NZ will take over this ongoing technical support service to the public from the RCA (who have been providing support on a purely voluntary basis). All references on the Waka Kotahi website to the RCA have now been changed to RepairCert NZ. This will enable RepairCert NZ to help members of the public who are looking for technical support relating to repair certification.

The section on the Waka Kotahi website (under “*what’s involved in getting certification*”) now says: “*If the certifier identifies that the vehicle has been damaged or repaired before it arrived, they must decide whether a specialist repair certifier needs to inspect the repairs. RepairCert NZ can provide more assistance in helping you through this process.*”

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ADAS Declaration Form

WAKA KOTAHI
NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY

Declaration form for advanced driver assist system inspections

Certifier details

Company name
Certifier name
Certifier ID

Vehicle details

Make
Year of manufacture
Model
Model code
VIN/chassis
Odometer reading
Reason for inspection

Details of company performing the inspection

Company name
Technician's name
Address
Phone number
Mobile number
Scanner/calibration equipment used
Date program last updated

Components inspected

Radar
 Lidar
 Cameras
 Sonar/ultrasound
 Global positioning system
 Heads-up display (where applicable)

Calibration process used:
 Static
 Dynamic
 Static and dynamic
 Self-calibrating

Declaration

I confirm that:

- I am sufficiently competent and experienced to carry out inspections, testing, and calibration on advanced driver assist systems, and
- I have carried out an inspection on the vehicle specified above using suitable testing equipment, and I confirm that the inspection did not identify any faults in those systems or components identified in this declaration form.
- I have carried out an ADAS calibration on the vehicle specified above using suitable calibration equipment, and I confirm that the calibration has returned the system to within manufacturer's specifications and requirements.

Full name
Signature
Date of inspection

Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri
New Zealand Government

We are pleased to report that the ADAS Declaration Form that has been under development for some time (by the RCA, RepairCert NZ, and some of the Waka Kotahi Certification Officers) has now been formally approved by Waka Kotahi, and has been issued to the Repair Certifiers via a VIRM update, today, 4 April 2022.

RepairCert NZ is developing an Information Sheet to provide some basic guidance to help the Repair Certifiers in the areas of:

- basic principles of ADAS, including some of the common terms and definitions; and
- helping in the understanding of the risks associated with these systems not being correctly calibrated; and
- how to identify the situations in which the ADAS Declaration Form is to be used; and
- how to fill out the ADAS Declaration Form; and
- where to access helpful reference material about ADAS.

We expect that this Information Sheet will be released to the Repair Certifiers by mid-April. Note that the new ADAS Declaration Form, issued within the Repair VIRM update today, can be used as of Tuesday, 5 April 2022. ■

Amendment to Category C Repairer Criteria

A concern which has been raised by many Repair Certifiers is the way in which the Category C repairer criteria is written in the *Repair Vehicle Inspection Requirements Manual* (VIRM). The specific concern is that a Category C repairer (which is, generally, a small shop not involved in modern collision repair, or even a suitably competent person working in a home garage) can carry out repairs to a vehicle, however is limited to only non-structural repairs.

The current wording within the VIRM is shown below, with most relevant part of it shown in grey-shading:

“Able to repair pre-1990 vehicles using best industry practice. For example, rust repairs, patching and replacement of panels.

Proven work skill will be required to undertake the repair.

Note: If the vehicle requires structural (including corrosion of structural areas) damage repairs, and specialist knowledge or equipment is required, the repairs will be required to be undertaken by a Category A repairer.”



It's generally considered that a person who is a competent welder should be able to carry out rust repairs to floors and other structural areas on vehicles constructed of mild steel, so the consequence of this wording is that it potentially prevents a skilled panel-beater (who, for whatever reason, is not a Category A repairer) from carrying out repairs which he or she is entirely capable of doing. Many repair certifiers have expressed the view that "I have to tell a highly experienced and highly-skilled tradesman that he's not allowed to do a simple welding job now". The capable tradesmen lose work, the customers have additional cost and inconvenience imposed on them, the Category A repairers are too busy to deal with these smaller jobs anyway, so the customers are impacted even further.

Discussions with the RCA who were heavily involved in the development of the original repairer Category system (which is generally considered a big step forward in the overall repair certification system) show that this consequence wasn't what was intended, and the issue is one of wording rather than intent.

Waka Kotahi and the RCA developed some new wording to replace the existing wording in the VIRM to resolve the problem some time ago, but for whatever reason it hadn't gained traction. RepairCert NZ has recognised the importance of getting this resolved, and has worked with Waka Kotahi to get this job up to the top of the pile, and gain the necessary high-level approvals within Waka Kotahi to amend the VIRM. This formal approval has now been given, and the Repair VIRM is being updated to reflect the change, and has been issued, today, 4 April 2022.

The new wording removes the requirement for structural repairs to be limited to only Category A repairers, and enables a Category C repairer to carry out structural repairs on pre-1990 vehicles - provided the Repair Certifier is satisfied the repairer is up to the task and has the right equipment. This is the new wording below:

“Able to repair pre-1990 vehicles using best industry practice. For example, rust repairs, patching and replacement of panels.

Proven work skill will be required to undertake the repair.

Note: If the vehicle requires structural (including corrosion of structural areas) damage repairs, and specialist knowledge or equipment is required, the repair certifier must be satisfied the repairer has proven work skills and knowledge/equipment for the type of repair being carried out.”

Because formal approval has been given by Waka Kotahi, Repair Certifiers may apply the new requirement, as set out above, effective immediately as at the date of this RepairCert NZ Update. ■