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Dear James

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 23 November 2021 for information about enforcement of expired warrants of fitness and vehicle licences.

I have answered each part of your request below.

1. *Number of infringement notices issued by Police for 'out of date' WOF/Rego during the current exemption period. If possible, please break this down by Auckland v Rest of New Zealand.*

I have interpreted "current exemption period" to mean the temporary extension period that saw warrants of fitness (WOF), certificates of fitness (COF), vehicle licences (regos), vehicle certifications, driver licences, and driver endorsements which were set to expire between 21 July and 30 November 2021 temporarily extended to 30 November 2021. The extension was effective from 15 September 2021.

Please refer to Table One.

Table One: Number of infringement offences issued between 15 September 2021 and 30 November 2021 for expired warrants of fitness or vehicle licences.

<i>Location</i>	<i>Offence Notices</i>
Tāmaki Makaurau	2618
Rest of New Zealand	10,432

Please note that the extension was only applicable to the aforementioned documents which would have expired between 21 July 2021 and 30 November 2021. A person who drove a vehicle with a WOF/COF or vehicle licence that expired before 21 July was still liable for an infringement offence notice.

The responsibility of drivers to ensure their vehicles are in a safe condition also did not change. Driving a vehicle that was in an unsafe condition during the extension period

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may have seen the driver issued with an infringement offence notice for operating a vehicle not up to warrant or certificate of fitness standard.

- 2. Number of Police checkpoint's specifically targeting 'out of date' WOF/Rego during the current exemption period. If possible, please break this down by Auckland v Rest of New Zealand.*

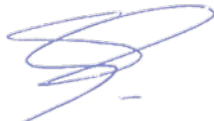
I have not identified any instances of checkpoints being set up specifically for the purpose of targeting 'out of date' warrants of fitness or vehicle licenses during the extension period.

- 3. Since I am most perturbed by the imminent issue of an infringement notice to someone, which would have gone ahead had they not produced the NZTA website information above, please provide ALL communications to front line staff about the current exemption and enforcement guidelines during this period.*

I have attached the guidance from the National Road Policing Centre that was issued to staff on 10 September 2021. This information was issued a second time on 5 November 2021. The guidance may have also been reiterated in various forms at a local level.

I trust this information is satisfactory in answering your request.

Yours sincerely



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Temporary Extn of driver licences and WoF and CoF

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As a result of the Delta outbreak the Ministry of Transport has advised that driver licences, Warrants of Fitness (WoFs), Certificates of Fitness (CoFs), vehicle licences ('regos') and licence endorsements that expired on or after 21 July 2021 will be valid until 30 November 2021.

Key points:

- WoFs and CoFs, driver licences, vehicle certifications and endorsements for driver licences issued under the Vehicle Standards Compliance Rule 2002 that expired on or after 21 July 2021 will be deemed valid from Wednesday 15 September, until 30 November 2021.
- The requirement to display a valid vehicle licence (Rego) if the vehicle licence expired on or after 21 July 2021 is also suspended.
- If transport documents expired before 21 July 2021 and have not yet been renewed, drivers should be encouraged to do so as soon as practicable.

More information:

Ministry of Transport media release -

<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/govt-parks-expiry-licenses-wofs-and-regos>

Waka Kotahi (NZTA) supporting information - <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/about-us/coronavirus-disease-covid-19-services-update/documents-with-temporary-extensions/>

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