

Repairable Write Off Labels

This information is being made available to presenters and operators of vehicles which are recorded as being a Repairable Write Off (RWO) and the requirement of affixing and clearing of Written Off Vehicle Labels.

A RWO is a vehicle assessed as a total loss but can still be re-registered for use following the correct repair process and successfully passing the required inspections and clearing the Written Off Vehicle Register (WOVR) status. Additional information is available on the Transport website relating to Written Off Vehicles which can be found at

www.transport.tas.gov.au

WOVR Label Process

Legislation relating to Written Off Vehicles can be found in Part 6, Division 8 of the *Vehicle and Traffic (Driver Licensing and Vehicle Registration) Regulations 2021*. This legislation can be summarised below.

- A Written Off Vehicle status is applied to the vehicle when a prescribed person being an insurer, loss assessor, dealer, auto parts dismantler or auction house notifies the Registrar of Motor Vehicles of that assessment (form MR11).
- The Registrar of Motor Vehicles will then issue a Written Off Vehicle Label that must be affixed to the vehicle by a prescribed person.
- The label will clearly state whether the vehicle is a Repairable Write Off or a Statutory (non-repairable) Write Off.
- Labels are easily identifiable - Statutory Write Off Labels are yellow in colour and Repairable Write Off labels are blue in colour and all labels feature a unique serial number.
- Once a Written Off Vehicle Label is affixed to a vehicle, the only person authorised under legislation to remove the label and clear the WOVR status are Transport Inspectors.
- It is an offence for any other person to remove a Written Off Vehicle Label from a vehicle.
- A Transport Inspector will only remove the label once the vehicle has been through the entire WOVR process and a clearance is issued.

It has come to the attention of Transport Inspectors that vehicles are often being presented to the Transport Safety Unit for WOVR clearance without labels being affixed to the vehicle. Legislation is clear that it is an offence for labels to be removed by any other person other than a Transport Inspector.

Presenters are reminded that they are not to remove any label issued to a WOVR status vehicle and the label must remain affixed when presented for a WOVR clearance inspection.

In the event a WOVR label needs to be removed as part of the repair process, evidence of the label being affixed must be recorded and presented as part of the repair diary at the time of WOVR inspection.

Whilst legislation surrounding WOVR labels is not new, their removal prior to inspection and clearance has not been enforced. A period of amnesty and an educative approach will be applied in the short term.

As of 1 January 2024, any vehicle not affixed with a WOVR label issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles or supporting evidence that a label was fitted and needed to be removed as part of the repair process, will not be considered for its WOVR clearance and subsequent registration. Unauthorised removal of a WOVR label is an offence and may result in prosecution.