



# SPECIAL NOTICE: inspection manual and in-service emission data

## Overview

The Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency has produced a new inspection manual (class 3, 4, 5 and 7 vehicles) because of changes to the MOT test which will be introduced on 20 May 2018.

## What you need to know

You must use the new manual from 20 May 2018. The MOT testing service will also be updated with the changes.

Read a draft of the new manual.

A new manual is also due to be produced for class 1 and 2 vehicles, but the test for these won't be changing immediately

## What you need to know

There are a number of changes you need to know about. The layout of the manual is different, with more sections and a different order.

There are also new defect categorisations:

- dangerous
- major
- minor

Minor defects must be identified and recorded and the vehicle owner should be advised to have the vehicle repaired. The vehicle will still receive a VT20 pass certificate.

The exact method of inspection will only be recorded where there's a specific need, for example, brake performance testing or emissions.

## What you need to do

### TESTERS

As a tester, you're responsible for keeping up to date with changes to the manual. You should review it and make sure you're ready for when the changes happen on 20 May 2018.

Completing your 2018 to 2019 annual training and assessment before 20 May 2018 will also help you prepare.

You can find regular updates in the Matters of Testing blog.

We'll publish more information between now and 20 May 2018 to help you with the changes.

### AUTHORISED EXAMINERS (AES)/AUTHORISED EXAMINER DESIGNATED MANAGERS (AEDMS)

You're responsible for making sure all your testers are fully aware of the changes to the inspection manual from 20 May 2018.

## Spark ignition engine emission testing

The 19th edition of the in-service exhaust emission data will be published on 1 February 2018. You'll be able to find the data on GOV.UK.

You'll also find a link at the bottom of the login page for MOT testing service.

## What you need to know

From 1 February 2018 until your exhaust gas analyser (EGA) database is updated, any vehicle listed that doesn't pass the basic emissions test, must be tested using the limits shown in the 19th edition. These may vary from those in your current EGA database.

AEs are responsible for ensuring their EGA database is updated by 20 May 2018. It may be possible to complete this at the same time as your diesel smoke meter devices are updated.