



Vehicle Inspection Due? Use the Three-Month Window

Description

Check the due date in OneMotoring, then book within the final three months. LTA warns that a result from an inspection done more than three months before the due date is not valid for road-tax renewal unless exceptional approval applies.

A Singapore vehicle owner planning road-tax renewal needs one outcome: book the periodic inspection in the valid window and avoid an unusable early result.

Build the inspection calendar

Situation	Practical next step
Private car is under three years	No periodic inspection under the standard age table
Car is three to ten years	Inspection is every two years
Car is over ten years	Inspection is annual
Taxi, private-hire, bus or goods vehicle	Use the specific vehicle-type row; frequencies differ and may be six-monthly

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Confirm frequency before booking

[LTA OneMotoring vehicle inspection guide](#): Inspection frequencies, three-month notice and early-inspection validity for road-tax renewal. [LTA inspection service directory](#): Due-date, history, authorised-centre and road-tax prerequisite services.

Type and age set the frequency

LTA's table distinguishes motorcycles, private cars, tuition cars, taxis, chauffeured private-hire cars, buses, goods vehicles and trailers. Do not copy a private-car interval to a commercial or vocational vehicle. Check the registered scheme and age shown in OneMotoring. [LTA OneMotoring vehicle inspection guide](#).

The valid window has a hard edge

LTA sends a notice within three months before the due date and says owners need not present the notice at inspection. More importantly, an inspection performed more than three months early is not valid for road-tax renewal. Work from the due date, not from a convenient service appointment months earlier. [LTA OneMotoring vehicle inspection guide](#).

Do a pre-check before paying for a test

Review tyres, brakes, lamps, indicators, wipers, horn, mirrors, seat belts, windscreen, body condition and visible leaks or noise. LTA's inspection also covers structural, steering, suspension and emissions items that require the authorised centre. A workshop check cannot issue the statutory result. [LTA OneMotoring vehicle inspection guide](#).

Link inspection to road-tax dependencies

Road-tax renewal also depends on valid insurance and other prerequisites. Put insurance end date, inspection due date, booking, repair buffer and road-tax deadline on one calendar. A pass after the road-tax deadline may still leave the vehicle unusable in the gap. [LTA inspection service directory](#).

Keep the pass and repair trail

Save the result, defect sheet, repair invoice and reinspection evidence. If illegal modifications are identified, LTA may apply the Enhanced Inspection Regime. Do not remove or conceal a modification only for the test; resolve its legality and safety. [LTA OneMotoring vehicle inspection guide](#).

Choose an LTA-authorised centre, not just a workshop

A statutory periodic inspection can be completed at any LTA-Authorised Inspection Centre. LTA's current list covers JIC at Jalan Papan, STA at Boon Lay and Sin Ming, and VICOM centres at Bukit Batok, Changi, Kaki Bukit, Sin Ming and Yishun. Check the centre's current operating hours and booking arrangements directly before travelling. A workshop may perform a useful pre-check or repair, but it does not issue the periodic-inspection result unless it is one of the authorised centres listed by LTA. [LTA OneMotoring vehicle inspection guide](#).

Read a failure sheet by vehicle system

The periodic inspection covers structural integrity, wheels and suspension, service and parking brakes, steering, body components such as seat belts and door latches, lights and indicators, and exhaust emissions and noise. If the vehicle fails, group every cited defect under those systems, obtain itemised repairs and retain the defect sheet with the later result. Do not ask only whether a warning lamp has been cleared; ask which measured or observed defect was corrected. Illegal engine or exhaust modifications can also trigger LTA's enhanced inspection regime after repeat findings. [LTA OneMotoring vehicle inspection guide](#).

Protect a repair buffer

A private car turns ten and has an inspection due on 30 November. The owner's valid ordinary window starts on 30 August, books in October and keeps three weeks for repairs before road-tax renewal. The start date is an illustrative calculation from LTA's three-month rule.

Car is over ten years: Inspection is annual. **Taxi, private-hire, bus or goods vehicle:** Use the specific vehicle-type row; frequencies differ and may be six-monthly.

Prepare the vehicle

1. Check registered vehicle type and age
2. Retrieve the exact due date
3. Book within the final three months
4. Run a lights-tyres-brakes pre-check
5. Align insurance and road-tax dates
6. Retain pass and repair evidence

Inspection timing errors

- Using the private-car table for every vehicle
- Inspecting more than three months early
- Waiting until road tax expires
- Treating a workshop check as statutory inspection
- Hiding an illegal modification

Continue the motoring check

After Vehicle Inspection Due? Use the Three-Month Window, [understand the next vehicle-policy change](#). Then [separate insurance renewal from inspection timing](#). Both resolve a different task from vehicle inspection due date three months Singapore.

Questions readers ask about vehicle inspection due date three months Singapore

Can I inspect more than three months early?

LTA says that result will not be valid for road-tax renewal without exceptional handling. [LTA OneMotoring vehicle inspection guide](#).

Do I need the inspection notice?

No, if the vehicle is due. [LTA inspection service directory](#).

How often is a three-to-ten-year-old private car inspected?

Every two years under LTA's current table. [LTA OneMotoring vehicle inspection guide](#).

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