

# Inspections for private buses and limousines

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## **Pre-Registration Inspections for ‘private buses and limousines’**

**From 1 June 2008 the registration procedure for ‘private buses and limousines’ will change. These changes will effect all vehicles with more than 8 passenger seats (including minibuses and limousines) which are not intended to be used commercially for carrying paying passengers.**

The Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA) will inspect private buses and limousines before they can be registered with DVLA. The new pre-registration inspection (PRI) will apply to all applications to register a ‘private bus or limousine’ from 1 June, and to vehicles which are already registered with DVLA but are converted or modified from their original specification.



## New procedures from 1 June 2008

There will be no change for a PSV/bus that is intended to be used for hire and reward – an application for registration must be accompanied by evidence of compliance with COIF.

However, customers intending to register a vehicle as a **private bus or limousine** will have **two** options:

- 1** To provide a COIF certificate (or 'Certificate of Conformity' to COIF for vehicles that are COIF type certified vehicles, e.g. Ford Transit, LDV), whilst advising DVLA that the vehicle is not intended for carrying paying passengers at present. These vehicles will normally be taxed in the PLG class.
- 2** Present the vehicle, by appointment, at a VOSA testing station for inspection. The inspection, which is being termed a Pre Registration Inspection (PRI), is anticipated to take approximately one hour and will be free of charge. VOSA will issue an appropriate document in the case of successful applications. Customers will need to provide the original PRI document issued by VOSA, to DVLA before the vehicle can be registered and licensed. A vehicle, which fails the inspection, cannot be registered or licensed.

## Information

### The Pre-Registration Inspection (PRI)

Details of the PRI are given on the Department for Transport website [www.directgov.uk](http://www.directgov.uk).

### Certificate of Initial Fitness (COIF)

Details of the requirements of a Certificate of Initial Fitness (COIF) are available from:

#### VOSA

Welcombe House  
91/92 The Strand  
Swansea  
SA1 2DH

Or the following website:

<http://www.transportoffice.gov.uk>

### Certificate of Conformity (CoC) to COIF

Some manufacturers (Ford, LDV, etc.) have obtained Type Certification to COIF for certain minibuses. An applicant wishing to register such a vehicle as a private minibus should request the Certificate of Conformity from the manufacturer, if it is not provided with the vehicle.

