

Directive 2014/45/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 April 2014 on periodic roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles and their trailers and repealing Directive 2009/40/EC (Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER III

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING ROADWORTHINESS TESTS

Article 5

Date and frequency of testing

1 Vehicles shall be subject to a roadworthiness test at least within the following intervals, without prejudice to the period of flexibility applied in Member States under paragraph 3:

- a vehicles of category M₁ and N₁: four years after the date on which the vehicle was first registered, and thereafter every two years;
- b vehicles of category M₁ used as taxis or ambulances, vehicles of categories M₂, M₃, N₂, N₃, O₃ and O₄: one year after the date on which the vehicle was first registered, and thereafter annually;
- c vehicles of category T5 the use of which mainly takes place on public roads for commercial road haulage purposes: four years after the date on which the vehicle was first registered, and thereafter every two years.

2 Member States shall establish appropriate intervals within which vehicles of categories L3e, L4e, L5e and L7e, with an engine displacement of more than 125 cm³, are to be subject to a roadworthiness test.

3 Member States or competent authorities may establish a reasonable period during which the roadworthiness test is to be carried out, not exceeding the intervals laid down in paragraph 1.

4 Notwithstanding the date of a vehicle's last roadworthiness test, the Member State or competent authority concerned may require it to undergo a roadworthiness test before the dates referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 in the following cases:

- after an accident affecting the main safety-related components of the vehicle, such as wheels, suspension, deformation zones, airbag systems, steering or brakes;
- when the safety and environmental systems and components of the vehicle have been altered or modified;
- where the holder of the registration certificate of a vehicle has changed;
- when the vehicle has reached a mileage of 160 000 km;
- in cases where road safety is seriously affected.