



# Freedom Camping changes

## WHAT THEY MEAN FOR PEOPLE WHO BUILD, MODIFY OR BUY/SELL VEHICLES FOR FREEDOM CAMPING

**Purpose:** This fact sheet seeks to show people who build, modify or buy/sell vehicles for freedom camping what the changes to freedom camping in a vehicle will look like for them. It also includes answers to some questions raised by stakeholders during public consultation.

**Key changes and timing:** Please note these timeframes are subject to Cabinet and Parliament processes – any deferrals to timeframes will be communicated on MBIE’s website.

### SUMMER 2022/23



- › Parliament amends the Freedom Camping Act 2011.
- › Vehicle-based freedom camping on council land must now be done in a certified self-contained vehicle, unless camping at a site specifically designated for freedom camping in non-self-contained vehicles.
- › The voluntary standard will still be used to certify self-containment, and blue warrant cards will still be issued as evidence of self-containment.
- › Only vehicles with a fixed toilet (not portable) will be able to be certified self-contained from now.

### WINTER 2023



- › Certification can be done by either existing issuing authorities (using the voluntary standard, and issuing blue warrant cards) or new certification authorities (using the technical requirements in Regulations, and issuing green warrant cards).
- › Potential buyers can access the register of self-contained vehicles to see whether a vehicle has been certified as self-contained.

### SUMMER 2023/24



- › Only certification authorities will be able to certify vehicles.
- › Only green warrant cards can be issued.
- › Blue warrant cards can no longer be issued from now but existing blue warrant cards will still be evidence of self-containment.

### WINTER 2024



- › Rental vehicles used for freedom camping must now be certified with a green warrant card.
- › Blue warrant cards on rental vehicles will no longer be evidence of self-containment.

### SUMMER 2024/25



- › All vehicles used for freedom camping must now have a green warrant card.
- › Blue warrant cards will no longer be evidence of self-containment.



# Frequently asked questions

## **What will I need to keep in mind when I build, import or modify vehicles for freedom camping?**

Vehicles with portable toilets will not be able to be certified as self-contained after enactment of the Bill. Only certifications involving fixed toilets will be valid.

Vehicle manufacturers that include a tent component in a vehicle (such as a vehicle with a tent on the roof) should note that any tent that is attached to a vehicle counts as a vehicle for the purposes of self-containment and enforcement.

## **What will I need to keep in mind when I look to buy or sell a vehicle for freedom camping?**

Vehicles with portable toilets will not be able to be certified as self-contained after enactment of the Bill. Only certifications involving fixed toilets will be valid.

A self-contained vehicle will be required for freedom camping on council land, unless that land is specifically designated for freedom camping in non-self-contained vehicles.

Vehicles that have a blue warrant card and sticker will need to be certified under the proposed new regulatory system by summer 2024/25 because these will no longer be evidence of self-containment going forward.

A new national register of self-contained vehicles will be established. As vehicles get certified under the new regulatory system and get issued a green warrant card, their details will be recorded in the register.

Potential buyers will be able to search the register and verify whether a vehicle is certified as self-contained.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Further information on the changes can be found at [www.mbie.govt.nz/freedomcampingchanges](http://www.mbie.govt.nz/freedomcampingchanges)