



From 1 March 2018 vehicles coming into NZ will be required to have Electronic Stability Control (ESC).

Vehicles coming into New Zealand will be required to have ESC as follows:

- 1) *All new class MA, MB, MC and NA light passenger and goods vehicles certified for entry into service from 1 July 2015*
- 2) *Used class MC vehicles (four wheel drive SUVs and off-road vehicles) inspected at the border from 1 March 2016*
- 3) *Used class MA vehicles (passenger cars) with engine capacity greater than 2 litres inspected at the border from 1 March 2018.*
- 4) *All other used class MA, MB and NA light passenger and goods vehicles inspected at the border from 1 March 2020.*

The requirement to have ESC will not apply to some specialist vehicles, such as vintage, motorsport and scratch-built vehicles. This is consistent with other Land Transport Rules.

From 1 July 2015 all owners of vehicles fitted with ESC, no matter when they were imported, will need to ensure that their ESC is working.

(www.via.org.nz)

The VIA website has the most recent lists of cars that fall into three categories:
[VIA ESC Lists.](#)

Green (vehicles that are likely equipped with an NZTA-approved version of ESC) - [VIA Green List Dec 2017.pdf](#)

Amber (vehicles need to be physically verified to have an NZTA-approved form of ESC) [VIA Amber List Dec 2017.pdf](#)

RED (vehicles to avoid as they are not fitted with ESC) - [VIA Red List Dec 2017.pdf](#)