Roadworthiness In Namibia

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NAMIBIA

Population: 2,1 Million
Location: South West of Africa

Vehicle Population: 300 000
Driver Population: 250 000

Annual Vehicle Population Growth Rate: 8.32%
Annual Driver Population Growth Rate: 6%
OUTLINE

• Overview: Ministry of Works and Transport
• Overview: Roads Authority
• Overview: Division: Transport information and Regulatory Services
• Tools
• Vehicle and Driver Testing Centre's
• eNaTIS
• Roadworthy Testing
• Future of Roadworthy Testing in Namibia
• Law enforcement
OVERVIEW

MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT
- Responsible for enabling legislation and regulation of Vehicle and Driver Testing and Vehicle Registration and Licensing.
- Assigned the function to the Roads Authority.

ROADS AUTHORITY
- Core Function - Management of National Road Network
- Functions assigned to it by MWT
  - Management of the vehicle and driver testing function in the country.
  - Management of the National Register for motor vehicles and drivers
  - Overload Control
Division: Transport Information and Regulatory Services

**Mission:**
To regulate Road Transport, Vehicle and Driver Testing and Licensing for quality mobility and road safety.

**Key Functional Areas**
- Regulate vehicle registration, licensing and roadworthy testing
- Regulate driver testing and licensing
- Manage Registering Authorities
- Administer Namibian Traffic Information System
- Regulate National and Cross-Border Road Transportation
• **Enabling Legislation**
  – Road Traffic and Transport Act (Act 22 of 1999)
  – Road Traffic and Transport Regulations, 2001

• **National Register for Vehicles and Drivers**
  – Namibian Traffic Information System (eNaTIS)

• **Standards**
  – South African Bureau of Standards Codes (SABS) for vehicle testing
  – Driver Testing Manual
  – Standard Operating Procedure Manuals
VEHICLE AND DRIVER TESTING CENTRES

• 33 Registering Authorities
• 21 approved for vehicle and driver testing and licensing
• 12 are for vehicle registration and licence renewals only
• Local Authorities are involved in the operating of registering authorities and TI&RS manage the agreements
• No Private Testing Stations in Namibia
eNaTIS

• National Register for Vehicles and Drivers
  – Vehicle Testing, Registration & Licensing
  – Driver Testing and Licensing
  – Operator Registration and Licensing
  – Infrastructure Registration
  – Registration of Manufacturers, Importers and Builders
Private Vehicles
Currently, no periodic testing, only upon change of ownership.

Annual Testing: Road Traffic Quality Systems Vehicles
• Buses
• Motor vehicles with GVM over 3500kg
• Vehicles with seating capacity of 12 + passengers
• Public Passenger Transport Vehicles (Passengers for reward)
ROADWORTHY TESTING

• **Main Focus areas**
  – Verify vehicle Identifiers
  – Tyres & braking systems
  – Fittings and equipment
  – Electrical systems
  – Suspension
  – Wheel Alignment
  – Engine
  – Steering mechanisms
  – Reflectors, indicators & lights
  – Windscreens (obstructing sight)
  – Overall vehicle dimensions (length, width, height, positioning of seats)
ROADWORTHY TESTING

• Equipment
  – Brake testers
  – Scuff Gauges
  – Hydraulic Axle Play-wear Detector
  – Headlamp Tester
  – Calibration systems
Brake Roller Tester
Brake Roller Tester
Display Unit
Scuff Gauge
Testing equipment enhancements

– Camera integration with vehicle testing equipment for proof that the vehicle was tested.

– Exploring the integration of handheld devices for the testing of vehicles

– Test equipment upgrade (Replace hydraulic with electronic components)

– Continuous calibration of testing equipment
CHALLENGES

- Funding for additional testing centers
- Upgrading existing ones
- Corruption in vehicle, driver testing and licensing
Fraud & Corruption

- CCTV Camera and Access Control System deployment
- Integrated vehicle testing camera solution
- Liaise with the Police, ACC and RA to expose corrupt officials.
- Carry out regular inspections (Internal & External Audits)
Angry looking vehicle: Not welcome on our roads
Thank You!