

# Motor Vehicles as Scrap Metal



This Fact Sheet provides information relating to motor vehicles as scrap metal arising from the commencement of the *Scrap Metal Industry Act 2016* on 1 March 2017.

## Am I allowed to accept motor vehicles as Scrap Metal?

Yes. If you intend to purchase a motor vehicle for scrap, you **MUST** ensure that it has an identifier such as a VIN, chassis or engine number. These details must be recorded so that police can verify details when required.

## What is considered to be a Motor Vehicle?

A motor vehicle is a *motor vehicle (other than a light rail vehicle) or trailer within the meaning of the Road Transport Act 2013* and includes the body, engine or chassis of a motor vehicle.

## What should I do if someone tries to sell a Motor Vehicle that does not have an identifier or it has been removed, obliterated, defaced or altered?

You **CANNOT** buy, sell or dispose of the item unless you have been provided with a written authority for disposal of that motor vehicle issued by the NSW Police Force. The written authority authorises you to purchase the item. If you suspect someone is trying to sell a stolen motor vehicle, you **MUST** inform police.

## How can I get an authority for disposal of a Motor Vehicle?

Only police can issue an authority for disposal. Contact your nearest police station for assistance.

## What should I record if the motor vehicle has been processed (cubed, crushed or shredded) prior to me purchasing it?

There is no need to record a unique identifier in these circumstances. Simply record a general description of the quantity and/or weight and indicate that the vehicle has been cubed, crushed or shredded (example: 4 x cubed motor vehicles).

It will always be the responsibility of the scrap metal dealer who received the motor vehicle in a pre-processed state to record its unique identifier.

## WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

The information provided in this Fact Sheet is for general guidance only. Applicants and licensees should familiarise themselves with the *Scrap Metal Industry Act 2016* and the *Scrap Metal Industry Regulation 2016*, which are available on the NSW Legislation website ([www.legislation.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au)).