THE MARKET / A PRICE SNAPSHOT

What a WOF Costs in Christchurch

Published WOF prices from Christchurch testing stations and garages, the new WOF intervals from 1 November 2026, yearly costs and 6,771 Google reviews on 15 profiles. Checked on 14 November 2026.

ONE CAR WOF
$55 to $96

Regular published prices $70 to $96; $55 is a weekday offer. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

CARS REGISTERED FROM NOV 2019
$35 to $48 a year

A WOF every two years from 1 November 2026, at $70 to $96 a check. [6] [7]

PRE-2000 CARS
$70 to $96 saved

A year, now that the WOF is yearly instead of six-monthly. [6] [7]

What the data shows

The WOF Shop lists **$70** for a car ($75 Saturday), AA **$91** or **$81** for members, VINZ **$96** incl GST. Bridgestone Select Riccarton advertises **$55** on weekdays for a limited time. VTNZ, the largest provider, shows no WOF price on its website; Google's AI Overview gives about $92. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [12]

There is no regulated fee: govt.nz says providers set their own price and a basic WOF is usually $50 to $90. Only VINZ states GST. [3] [8]

The standard WOF

Job	In the price	Not in the price
One WOF inspection, petrol car, weekday.	The inspection and the WOF label if it passes.	Repairs, a recheck after 28 days (AA), Saturday surcharges, other vehicle types.

Method. We read the WOF pages of 12 providers and every Google review on 15 profiles (6,771). Prices in NZD as published; GST as stated. No provider was asked for a quote. [10]

01 / PRICES

Every published WOF price

Car, light truck or 4x4, motorcycle. Figures not from a provider's own price list are marked.

Provider	Car	Light truck / 4x4	Motorcycle	GST	Src
The WOF Shop	$70 ($75 Sat)	$80 ($85 Sat)	$60	Not stated	[1]
AA Auto Centres and Vehicle Testing	$91 / $81 members	–	$66 / $61 members	Not stated	[2]
VINZ	$96	–	–	Incl	[4]
Bridgestone Select Riccarton	$55 offer	–	–	Not stated	[5]
VTNZ	about $92*	–	–	–	[12]
Pit Stop City	$79**	–	–	–	[10]

*Google AI Overview; no price on vtnz.co.nz. **A customer's Google review, December 2025. The WOF Shop also lists trailers $60, forklifts $120 and mechanical work from $130 an hour. [1] [10] [12]

Not a Christchurch price. Google's AI Overview for "wof cost christchurch" cites Tony's $49 WOF, which Tony's lists only at Auckland branches. [11] [12]

No WOF price online

Yuriy's WOF/COF, Vehicle Inspection Centre (no website), Auto Super Shoppe, McLean Motors, Mechanics on Grafton, Pit Stop, The Mechanics, Street Auto and VTNZ. [10]

02 / THE NEW INTERVALS

How often you now need a WOF

Changes announced on 16 April 2026, in force from 1 November 2026.

Vehicle	Before	From 1 November 2026	Src
New vehicles	Second WOF at 3 years	Second WOF at 4 years (new from 1 Nov 2026)	[6]
4 to 14 years, registered from 1 Nov 2019	Yearly	Every 2 years	[6] [7]
4 to 14 years, registered Nov 2013 to Oct 2019	Yearly	Every 2 years from 1 Nov 2027	[6] [7]
14 to 26 years	Yearly	Yearly	[6]
Registered before 2000	Six-monthly	Yearly	[6] [7]
Light rental vehicles (CoF A)	Six-monthly	Yearly	[6]

WOF fees a year

First registered	Before	From 1 Nov 2026
Nov 2019 to 2022	$70 to $96	$35 to $48
2000 to Oct 2013	$70 to $96	$70 to $96
Before 2000	$140 to $192	$70 to $96

SEO4 arithmetic at $70 (The WOF Shop) and $96 (VINZ). Fees only. [1] [4] [6]

Outdated pages. On 14 November 2026 NZTA's main WOF page and at least one Christchurch garage page still showed the old intervals. [9]

03 / PRICE HISTORY AND FAILS

What customers say they paid

WOF prices mentioned in Google reviews. Each figure is one customer's account.

Provider	Reported price, year
VTNZ (three branches)	$57 (2017), $69 (2021), $72 (2022), $78 (2023), $80 (2024), about $90 (Jan 2026); $120 "premium" WOF (2023)
AA Vehicle Testing Hornby	$57 non-member (2018), $72 (2023), $85 (Oct 2025); price list now $91
Pit Stop City	$75 (2023), $79 (2025)
Independents	Yuriy's $50 to $60 (2020 to 2023), Vehicle Inspection Centre $63 (2022), McLean $50 to $55 (2024), Street Auto $35 GrabOne (2025)

After a fail

202 of 1,401 low reviews mention a failed WOF. Several describe a large repair quote and a pass or cheaper repair elsewhere: $500 quote fixed for $145; $550 quote against $160; a $1,000-plus estimate. We could not check who was right. [10]

AA rechecks free within 28 days at the same inspecting organisation. Ask other providers for their recheck terms, and whether you can take the fail sheet elsewhere for repairs. [2]

04 / REVIEWS AND WHO TO CALL

Chains 3.8 stars, independents 4.7

6,771 Google reviews on 15 profiles. National chain sites average 3.82 and 30% of reviews are three stars or fewer; independents 4.66 and 8%. Chain reviews include licensing, and most low ones are about waiting.

Three to call first

Rated 4.8 or higher with at least 50 reviews, ranked by new reviews in the last 12 months.

Provider	Phone	Rating, reviews	New in 12 months
1. The Mechanics	03 379 9080	4.9, 361	89
2. Vehicle Inspection Centre	03 357 0911	4.8, 216	75
3. Auto Super Shoppe Burnside	03 358 5381	4.9, 483	45

SEO4 Price Score

Eight checks, 0 to 2 points: price, GST, recheck terms, other vehicles, rating, new reviews, replies, share of low reviews.

Provider	Score	Provider	Score
AA Auto Centre City	11/16	Pit Stop City	6/16
AA Vehicle Testing Hornby	10/16	Vehicle Inspection Centre	6/16
The WOF Shop	10/16	Mechanics on Grafton	5/16
Street Auto	8/16	Yuriy’s WOF/COF	5/16
The Mechanics	8/16	McLean Motors	4/16
VINZ Airport	8/16	VTNZ (each of 3)	4/16
Auto Super Shoppe Burnside	7/16		

None of these businesses are SEO4 clients. A public snapshot from 14 November 2026, written in good faith; the score says nothing about inspection quality. [10]

05 / HOW TO BOOK WITHOUT SURPRISES

Same car, same questions

WOF prices compare only when the vehicle, the day and the recheck terms match.

Booking request template
Hi, I'd like a WOF for a [year] [make and model] on [day]. What is the price including GST, is a recheck within 28 days free, and if it fails, can I take the fail sheet elsewhere for the repairs?

Four questions: price incl GST? Recheck free, and for how long? Repairs on site or inspection only? Fail reasons in writing?

Check your WOF cost with the free calculator in the full article: **seo4.co.nz/blog/wof-cost-christchurch**. Garages that want a clearer price page or a review plan can contact SEO4 at seo4.co.nz/pricing-contact.

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