



## Motor vehicle glossary

**Breach:** when a rule under a law has been broken – e.g. it is a breach of the Fair Trading Act for a trader to mislead you about the car's age.

**Compensation:** money to put right a problem – e.g. "I am asking for \$1,200 compensation from the seller for being misled about the condition of the car's engine."

**Private seller:** a consumer selling their own vehicle to another consumer.

**Registered motor vehicle trader:** includes car-yard traders, wholesalers, importers, auctioneers, and car market operators. The Motor Vehicle Sales Act requires all people who are in the business of selling motor vehicles to be registered.

**Security interest:** when a car is purchased on credit (using a loan or credit contract to pay for it), the finance company may register a security interest to show that they have a right to the car if money owed is not re-paid.

Security interests are registered on the PPSA:

[Visit the Personal Property Securities Register.](#)

**Serious fault:** this is a simplified way of explaining the term 'failure of substantial character' which is the wording used in the Act.