



How do I know if my wash down bay is AQIS compliant?

AQIS wash bays will require specific guidelines to be met that will differ from typical wash down bays based on criteria classification. Contact AQIS (DAFF) to confirm your criteria eligibility.



I have a wash down bay now, what upgrades do I need for AQIS compliance?

This is determined by AQIS. For water treatment this may be as small as installing a 100 micron filter.



Does an AQIS wash bay need a roof?

Generally no. This will be determined by your criteria classification. Contact AQIS to confirm.



I have been told I need a 100 micron filter, do Cleanawater supply these?

Yes. Cleanawater supply a full range of AQIS compliant equipment.



Does an AQIS wash bay need any walls?

Yes. Generally AQIS wash down bay should have three walls with a minimum height of 2 meters.



What detergents and degreasers should I be using in my wash down?

Quick break, bio degradable detergents and degreasers should be used at all times.

Quick break degreasers allow oil and water to separate within minutes of their use. This helps your oil separation system to function effectively in removing oil before discharge. Non-quick break compounds may keep oil and water in suspension for several hours, allowing oil to pass through an oil separator.



How do I best retain solids that accumulate in my wash down practices?

Silt traps and baffled pits are effective measures to retain solids for easy scheduled removal. Beach pits/drive in sumps are excellent for high solids wash down environments.



What permits do I need to install a wash down bay?

Typically an AQIS approval and trade waste approval are required if discharge is to sewerage. Inspections will be required by AQIS to approve the wash down area.



Do I need any equipment to treat wash down water?

Yes. As a minimum AQIS will require all wash water to be treated by an oil separator or triple interceptor (in some regions only) and 100 micron filter. pH must also be within a specific range.



Can I recycle my wash water?

Yes. Cleanawater provide a range of AQIS compliant water recycling systems.



Can I use tank water to wash down instead of mains water?

Yes. If you have a roof or hardstand area which rainwater falls on we can provide you with a rainwater harvesting system to accompany your wash down area.



Does water treatment equipment change depending on what I am washing down?

Generally no. However depending on your application additional modules such as pH correction may be required. Contact Cleanawater to discuss your application in more detail.



I only wash a couple of vehicles down a week, do I need any water treatment equipment for this low volume?

Yes. Packages to suit low volume wash down frequency are available. Contact Cleanawater to discuss your requirements.



I don't have sewerage on site, can I still install an AQIS wash down bay?

Yes. In the absence of sewer an AQIS approved holding tank must be installed to store treated water unless specified by AQIS



The sewerage point onsite is far away, does my wash bay need to be close to sewer?

No. Cleanawater can provide a packaged pumping station to pump to sewer if the distance is not within gravity feed for treated water.



I have a leach drain onsite, can I discharge wash water to my leach drain?

No. Unless specific approval has been obtained from AQIS.



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Water Sustainability is a key to our economic and environmental future.

Since 1996 our technologies have been helping businesses achieve cleaner water solutions that are both cost effective and authority and regulatory compliant.

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