

FAQ

Work and Smile Fuel Economy Challenge

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What is the Work and Smile Fuel Economy Challenge?

The Fuel Economy Challenge is a six-month initiative encouraging Programmed employees with work-provided vehicles to improve their fuel efficiency through small, practical changes in driving habits and vehicle care.

The challenge runs from 1 February 2026 to 31 July 2026.

Who is eligible?

- All Australian and New Zealand **Programmed employees with a work-provided vehicle** are automatically entered.
- New starters or employees with new vehicles must have **one full month of fuel data** before becoming eligible.

How is fuel economy measured?

Fuel data is provided monthly by **Orix via Ampol and EROAD**. Each vehicle is assessed individually.

You must ensure that you provide an accurate odometer reading when refueling. Incorrect readings will result in expulsion from the competition.

Improvement is measured as a percentage improvement in fuel consumption (litres per 100km) compared to the previous month's data.

There is **no minimum distance or usage threshold**, as vehicle use varies widely across the business.

Are different vehicle types compared separately?

No. All vehicles are measured individually rather than grouped by type (e.g. utes, vans, passenger vehicles).

What can I do to improve my fuel economy?

The Fleet team recommends focusing on two key areas:

Vehicle setup

- Maintain correct tyre pressure

- Use manufacturer-recommended motor oil
- Remove excess weight
- Keep up with regular servicing and maintenance
- Ensure wheels are correctly aligned

Driving habits

- Accelerate and brake smoothly
- Observe speed limits (ideal range: 100–110 km/h)
- Use cruise control on highways
- Avoid unnecessary idling
- Plan efficient routes and avoid congestion
- Use Eco Mode if your vehicle has one

Even small changes can result in measurable improvements over time.

What prizes are available?

- **Monthly prizes** will be awarded to drivers with the best fuel economy improvements. There will be individual prizes awarded to both the top improvement in Australia and in New Zealand.
- A **grand prize**, valued at up to **\$1,500**, will be awarded in early August 2026. The grand prize will be awarded to both the top improvement in Australia and in New Zealand.

The Group Fleet Manager may cap drivers to **one monthly prize** during the challenge period.

Will results be shared?

- Monthly **winners will be announced by name** and shared with all Programmed drivers.
- Individual fuel usage data or leaderboards **will not be published**.
- The monthly winners and overall winner will be shared with the broader Programmed business following completion of the challenge.

Who manages and oversees the challenge?

- **Fuel data access:** Procurement Fleet team
- **Winner sign-off:** Group Fleet Manager
- **Participant questions:** Steve Ellis