

# Buying a used car?

**You might save a few dollars if you buy from a private seller, but there are more risks than buying from a licensed car dealer.**

## **Helpful tips before you buy:**

- Set a price limit you can afford. Remember you also need to pay for stamp duty, transfer fees, registration and insurance
- If you need a loan, shop around for the best deal. **You can ask to take the loan documents away to talk with someone who can help you**
- Take your time, don't be rushed or pressured
- Have the car checked by a qualified mechanic
- Check the white piece of paper in the car window. Make sure the details match the car you're buying
- Don't sign anything until you're sure the car is okay and you really want to buy it
- When you buy a car it will need to be registered in your name

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### If you buy from a car dealer:

- Check what is covered by the warranty
- Make sure everything you negotiate with the dealer is put in writing
- Check the dealer is licensed by visiting [cbs.sa.gov.au/cars](http://cbs.sa.gov.au/cars)

### If you buy privately:

- You don't get a warranty, so make sure the car is in good condition
- Make sure **no money is owed on the car – you don't want the car to be repossessed due to someone else's debt. Check the car hasn't been flood damaged or written off.** Check these things at the Personal Property Securities Register [ppsr.gov.au](http://ppsr.gov.au)
- Is the seller the registered owner? If not, is there a genuine reason?

### For more information:

Watch a short video at [cbs.sa.gov.au/cars](http://cbs.sa.gov.au/cars)

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