

Buying a used car checklist

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
- When buying from a licensed car dealer see the 'white display sheet' for information about the car. 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

If you buy from a car dealer:

- Check if the car is covered by a statutory 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

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
- Is the seller the registered owner? If not, is there a genuine reason?

See more tips and a short video at cbs.sa.gov.au/cars



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