

### ***The VSA helps with issues with licensed dealers, not private sellers***

You can buy a vehicle from a private seller, from a licensed dealer, or from a person or place you think is a licensed dealer. A private seller who is in the business of selling vehicles without a licence is a “curber”. You can report them as a “curber”. For more information about “curbers”, see this [Curber Fact Sheet](#).

The VSA can only help people who have issues when they buy or lease vehicles from licensed dealers.

Licensed dealers must:

- Have a valid BC dealership license (with VSA)
- Follow strict rules
- Only offer used vehicles that meet minimum safety requirements
- Declare some vehicles as not suitable for transportation

The rules these dealers must follow mean telling you if they know the vehicle:

- Is from out of province
- Was used as a lease, rental, taxi, or emergency vehicle
- Had prior damage
- Anything else important to your decision to buy or lease

You can find out if a dealer has a licence at this website: <https://www.mvsabc.com/vsa-search/>.

If the vehicle seller did not show up in the search and you think they may be a “curber”, see this [Curber Fact Sheet](#).