

SPECIAL INTEREST VEHICLE SCHEME GUIDE

That vintage car or early hot rod may be your pride and joy, but it can still be annoying to have to pay full registration for a car that you rarely drive on the road. That's why Queensland Transport created the Special Interest Vehicle Scheme. This is a registration concession scheme for special categories of vehicles including motor vehicles, motorbikes, trailers and tractors that have limited use on the road.

The types of vehicles eligible to participate in the scheme

Vehicles with both right-hand drive (RHD) and left-hand drive (LHD) that fall within one of the following categories:-

- Vehicles (including tractors) at least 30 years old;
- Historic ambulances and Fire-fighting equipment;
- Street Rods.

(Street Rods are vehicles that have been modified for safe road use and have a body and frame built before 1949, or is a replica and is fitted with a modification plate, code LH9. Vehicles fitted with a modification plate, code LH10, are for open registration and are not entitled to a Special Interest Vehicle Concession).

About the Guide

This guide sets out the arrangements for registering vehicles under the scheme and explains the conditions under which the scheme operates. Registered operators of special interest vehicles should be familiar with the conditions of use as outlined within this guide and ensure that anyone driving is familiar with these conditions.

Failure to comply with the conditions of the Special Interest Vehicle Scheme is an offence and serious consequences may result.



Registering your vehicle under the Special Interest Vehicle Scheme

You will need to follow the normal registration procedures for a vehicle as well as completing some additional requirements for special interest vehicles.

Registration requirements include:-

- Completing a **vehicle registration application**;
- Completing a **concessional registration application**;
- Obtaining a **compulsory third party insurance certificate** from an authorised Queensland insurer or you may nominate your preferred CTP insurer on the vehicle registration application. (Not applicable if the vehicle is a trailer);
- Providing the original of a current **Safety Certificate**;
- Providing a weighbridge certificate (for vehicles with a **Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) over 4.5 tonnes and trailers with an Aggregate Trailer Mass over 1.02 tonnes**);
- Providing **proof of origin** of the vehicle. For example, an old registration certificate or previous Queensland registration number, or an official purchase receipt for the vehicle. If you are unable to provide these details your registration application may be delayed while enquiries are made to establish the vehicle's history or origin;
- You will also need to provide **evidence of identity** such as a Queensland driver licence: If the vehicle is to be registered in joint names then both parties must provide evidence of identity. If you do not have a Queensland driver licence you will need to show three evidence of identity documents. These documents must include at least **one Category A document, one Category B document and one other document from either category**. Call Queensland Transport on 13 23 80 or contact a Queensland Transport customer service centre for further information for acceptable documents;
- You will need to provide **evidence of the vehicles garage address**: such as a Queensland driver licence, Certificate of Title, a current Lease or Rental Agreement, Taxation Assessment Notice in relation to the premises (last or current year), Council Rate Notice, utility accounts relating to the street address such as gas electricity, telephone, water).



Conditions apply when these vehicles have been registered on a concession. Registered operators must meet specific requirements to be eligible for the concession. The registered operator must then continue to comply with the conditions when using their vehicle. These conditions are:

Club Membership: Registered operators are expected to retain current membership of an incorporated car club. Evidence of current membership with the club or association must be provided at the time of application for a concession. Where a genuine reason is provided for not meeting this condition, it may be waived by Queensland Transport.

Dating Certificate: The vehicle will need to be inspected by a club official of an incorporated car club to certify that the vehicle was manufactured not less than 30 years ago. This certificate, which must be on club letterhead or other official club documentation, will need to be presented when applying for a registration concession.

Lighting: If the vehicle does not have permanent lighting, then the registered operator must carry a removable lighting system with the vehicle at all times and use that system whenever lighting would normally be required. Carbide lights are acceptable where that type of light was originally fitted.



Restricted vehicle use: Vehicles registered under the Special Interest Vehicle Scheme have certain limitations placed on their use. Registered operators must agree that they will confine their vehicle's use to:-

- Participating in rallies organised by properly incorporated car clubs;
- Participating in processions for which a Special Event Permit has been issued under the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Regulation 1995*;
- Exhibiting the vehicle in displays, fetes or similar functions conducted for religious, charitable or educational purposes;
- Use for ceremonial purposes involving immediate family members, for example weddings or school formals (immediate family for this scheme means parents or carers and their dependents grandparents, grandsons and granddaughters and generally does not refer to extended family relationships such as nephews and nieces), provided this is not done for a fee or reward;
- Preparing for, proceeding to, and returning from the above activities;
- Travel in order to have the vehicle repaired. There is no distance restriction in these circumstances however such travel must be reasonable and openly justified by the vehicle owner;
- Road testing within a 15 kilometre radius from the place where the vehicle is garaged;
- Heavy vehicles over 4.5 tonnes gross vehicle mass (GVM) registered under the Special Interest Vehicle Scheme are permitted to carry a load provided the loaded GVM or gross combination mass (GCM) does not exceed 50% of the maximum permitted mass for the vehicle configuration. This mass is based on the lesser of:
 - 1 Individual Axle ratings;
 - 2 Tyre Manufacturers limits;
 - 3 Manufacturers GVM or GCM;
 - 4 Regulation Mass Limits.

The load carried must be in relation to or part of the reason for the vehicles use under the Special Interest Vehicle Scheme.

- Buses registered under the scheme are permitted to carry non-paying passengers for journeys (joy-rides) from an event (e.g. fete) and return provided the length of the journey does not exceed 5 kilometres. Payment of any kind cannot be made for these journeys.



Historic Ambulances and Fire fighting equipment

To be eligible for Special Interest Vehicle Concession Scheme registration, registered operators of historic ambulances and fire fighting equipment less than 30 years need to be either:

- a Fire Brigade Historical Society;
- an Ambulance Service;
- a current member of the Ambulance Historical Society of Australia, or Fire Brigade Historical Society (proof of this membership is required);
- a current member of an incorporated car club or association, for vehicles over 30 years of age (proof of this membership is required).

The use of these vehicles is subject to the same restrictions under the Special Interest Vehicle Scheme.

Street Rods

Street Rods are motor vehicles with bodies and frames were manufactured before 1949 and that have been modified, or replicas thereof which have also been modified. These modified vehicles must comply with all the specifications contained in the Australian Street Rod Federation's Queensland Street Rod Guidelines.

The following conditions apply to Special Interest Vehicle Concession Scheme registered Street Rods:

Club membership: Registered operators need to retain current membership of the Australian Street Rod Federation. Compliance with this requirement may be checked at any time by Queensland Transport.

Modifications: Modifications to street rods must be approved by a LH9 Inspector accredited by the Australian Street Rod Federation (Queensland Division) and authorised by Queensland Transport.

Note: This condition supersedes the former requirement for production of a TAC (green form) issued by the Technical Advisory Committee of the Australian Street Rod Federation (Queensland Division). Street Rods that have been modified and approved in accordance with Code LH10 of the Code of Practice Light Motor Vehicles, may operate the vehicle on any road open to traffic and are not entitled to a Special Interest Vehicle concession.



The Queensland State Director of the Australian Street Rod Federation must supply documentation certifying:

- The vehicle type was manufactured before 1949;
- The applicant is a current member of the Australian Street Rod Federation.

Restricted vehicle use: Registered operators must agree that they will restrict their vehicle's use to:

- Participating in events sanctioned by the Australian Street Rod Federation and in events organised by other properly incorporated car clubs;
- Participating in processions for which a Special Event Permit has been issued under the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Regulation 1995*;
- Exhibiting the vehicle in displays, fetes or similar functions conducted for religious, charitable or educational purposes;
- Use for ceremonial purposes involving immediate family members, for example weddings or school formals (immediate family for this scheme means parents or carers and their dependents grandparents, grandsons and granddaughters and generally does not refer to extended family relationships such as nephews and nieces), provided this is not done for a fee or reward;
- Preparing for, proceeding to, and returning from the above activities;
- Road testing within a 15 kilometre radius from the place where the vehicle is garaged;
- Travel in order to have the vehicle repaired. There is no restriction on distance in these circumstances however such travel must be reasonable and openly justifiable by the vehicle driver.



Number plates

Registered operators of vehicles registered under the Special Interest Vehicle Scheme are issued a standard size number plate as shown below.



For issue to passenger and commercial type vehicles.



For issue to motorbikes and small trailers.



Previously issued special interest vehicle number plate

Registered operators with previously issued 'square' vehicle number plates as shown above can continue to use them. However, should these plates be cancelled or in need of replacement, they will not be reissued. Another option for registered operators of Special Interest Vehicle Scheme is to attach one of the many and varied personalised plate products such as the reissued black and white plates.

The choice is yours.

