All vehicles which are used on roads or road-related areas must be registered, conditionally registered, issued an Unregistered Vehicle Permit, or be exempt from registration.

The Conditional Registration Scheme allows limited access to the road network for specific vehicles which do not comply with Australian Design Rules.

Non-complying vehicles are only offered conditional registration if a complying vehicle cannot perform the function.

What types of vehicles are eligible for conditional registration?

Examples of vehicle types which can be conditionally registered include:

- Agricultural vehicles
- Classic vehicles
- Construction vehicles
- Historic vehicles – (30 years of age or older)
- Oversnow vehicles
- Purpose-built vehicles
- Rally vehicles
- Recreational vehicles (on Stockton Beach only)
- Street rods


How to renew your vehicle

Roads and Maritime will send you a reminder four to six weeks before the renewal due date.

Conditional registration can be renewed either in person at a Service Centre, by mail or over the phone.

Phone

If renewing your conditional registration by phone, you must first email the required documents to Transactions.parkes@service.nsw.gov.au, along with your name and phone number. You will then be contacted for payment, which must be made by credit card.

Post

If renewing by post, you can pay with a cheque or complete the credit card authority.

Send your payment, registration renewal notice and relevant declaration to:

Service NSW
PO Box 21
Parkes NSW 2870

In person

When visiting in person, you can pay by cash, EFTPOS, credit card or cheque. You'll need to take the renewal notice, relevant declaration and renewal fee with you to the Service Centre.
How long can conditional registration be renewed for?
Conditional registration can be renewed for either three months or 12 months.

The documents you will need to renew conditional registration:
To renew conditional registration, you'll need to provide:

- The renewal notice
- Proof the vehicle is safe for use (see below)
- Evidence of concession eligibility (if applicable)
- Vehicles nominating CTP class FARM need a completed Declaration of Eligibility for a Registration Concession
- Payment for conditional registration costs, including an administration fee, and Compulsory Third Party insurance premium.

Once you have renewed your vehicle, a Certificate of Registration and a Certificate of Approved Operations will be issued. The certificate outlines the conditions you must follow and must be carried in the vehicle at all times.

How do I prove the vehicle is safe for use?
When renewing conditional registration, you must prove a vehicle is safe for use.
To prove a vehicle is safe for use, you must provide the following:

- Non complying vehicle ie. plant vehicle, golf buggy, all-terrain vehicle, agricultural motorcycle and lawn mower - a Vehicle Suitability for Safe Use Declaration (valid for 42 days)
- Classic vehicle - a Classic Vehicle Declaration and a Safety Check report (valid for 42 days)
- Historic vehicle - a Historic Vehicle Declaration (valid for 42 days) or vehicle safety inspection report must be provided if the club is less than two years old
- Rally vehicle - a Rally Vehicle Declaration (valid for 42 days)
- Street rod - a Street Rod Declaration and a vehicle safety inspection report issued by the NSW Street Rod Committee or specified agents (valid for 42 days).

What conditions apply to my vehicle?
If your renewal is successful, Roads and Maritime will issue you a Certificate of Approved Operations. This outlines the conditions you must follow when you drive the vehicle on a road or road-related area and must be carried in the vehicle at all times.

For a full list of conditions and codes, visit the condition codes and descriptions page of the Roads and Maritime website.

Compulsory Third Party Insurance
Conditional registration includes CTP insurance. This CTP insurance only covers you on roads and road-related areas, not on private property.

How do I transfer conditional registration?
You cannot transfer conditional registration. If you sell your vehicle, you must cancel the registration and return the number plates. The new operator can apply for conditional registration.

How do I cancel conditional registration?
You can cancel the conditional registration at any time by completing the Cancel Registration Advice on the back of the vehicle’s Certificate of Registration, and presenting the advice at a Service Centre.

There is no cancellation fee and no refund for the administration or number plate fees already paid.

A cancellation letter will be sent, so you can apply for a refund for the unused portion of the Compulsory Third Party insurance premium.

Contact us
If you have any questions or for more information about whether your vehicle can be conditionally registered, contact RMS Technical Enquiries on: 1300 137 302  tech-eng@rms.nsw.gov.au
FAQs

What are road-related areas?

The term road-related area is defined as:
- An area that divides a road
- A footpath or nature strip adjacent to a road
- An area that is open to the public and is designated for use by cyclists or animals
- An area that is not a road and that is open to or used by the public for driving, riding or parking vehicles
- A shoulder of a road
- Any other area that is open to or used by the public and that has been declared any other area that is open to or used by the public and that has been declared to be an area to which road transport law applies.

What types of vehicles are eligible for conditional registration?


If you’re not sure whether your vehicle is eligible, contact Roads and Maritime Services Technical Enquiries by phoning 1300 137 302 or emailing tech-eng@rms.nsw.gov.au.

Why don’t I need to display a registration label?

Vehicles registered under the Conditional Registration Scheme are no longer required to display a registration label. The Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2017 was amended on 1 July 2018 and the requirement to display a label was removed. This means you will no longer receive a label with your registration certificate.

How will police know if my vehicle is registered if there is no label?

NSW Police use number plate recognition cameras to automatically detect if a vehicle is registered or unregistered. Fixed enforcement cameras can also detect unregistered vehicles.

How will I know when my vehicle is due for registration without a label?

You will be sent registration reminder notices in the mail six weeks before your registration is due for renewal.