

Conditional registration

Establishing conditional registration | September 2018

Introduction

The Conditional Registration Scheme allows limited road access to some vehicles, to perform specific functions, or for limited periods of time. More than 70 vehicle types are eligible for conditional registration.

All vehicles registered under the scheme will have operating conditions applied to them to ensure the safety of drivers, passengers and the community. Conditional registration also provides the protection of compulsory third party (CTP) insurance.

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.

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

Identification

Conditionally registered vehicles must have identifiers such as a VIN, chassis number or serial number and an engine number (if applicable). If the vehicle does not have a VIN, chassis or serial number, the operator must apply for an identification number.

How to apply for conditional registration:

To apply for conditional registration, you'll need to go to a Service Centre and provide:

- Completed [Application for Conditional Registration](#)
- The completed Representative's Authority section on the registration form, if you send someone else to register the vehicle in your name. The representative must also provide their own proof of identity.
Note: If you're *not* already recorded in Roads and Maritime systems, you must attend in person.
- Proof of your identity, or proof of an [organisation's identity](#), if you're registering the vehicle in their name (see FAQs below for further information)
- Proof of your [entitlement to register](#) the vehicle (see FAQs below)
- 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, number plate fee and Compulsory Third Party insurance premium.

If your application is successful, Roads and Maritime will issue you a Certificate of Registration, number plates and a Certificate of Approved Operations.

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 applying for 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 an Authorised Unregistered Vehicle Inspection 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. It does not cover you 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 to a Service Centre. 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 would like more information about whether your vehicle can be conditionally registered please contact RMS Technical Enquiries on the below details:

 1300 137 302  tech-eng@rms.nsw.gov.au

Or visit:

www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/registration/get-nsw-registration/conditional.html



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?

For a full list, visit:

www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/registration/get-nsw-registration/vehicle-sheets/index.html

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

What is proof of entitlement?

To apply for conditional registration, you'll need to prove how the vehicle came in to your possession or management. The documents you need to do this are called proof of registration entitlement.

For more information visit:

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/registration/get-nsw-registration/proof-entitlement.html>

How do I provide proof of an organisation's identity?

If you're registering the vehicle in an organisation's name, you need to complete the Representative's Authority section on the Application for Conditional Registration.

For a company, the director or authorised delegate must complete and sign the Representative's Authority, or provide a letter of authorisation on company letterhead. For an incorporated association, the public officer must sign.

How long can a vehicle be conditionally registered for?

Conditional registration can be established for any length of time from one day to twelve months.

From then on, conditional registration can be renewed for three or 12 month terms only. This applies to both light and heavy vehicles.

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.