

# Historic Vehicle Policy

## Background

This policy has been produced by Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) in conjunction with the Council of Motor Clubs, the Council of Heritage Motor Clubs NSW, the Old Motoring Club, the XW-XY Falcon Owners' Club, the Classic Italian Motorcycle Club and the Velocette Owners' Club.

RMS registers historic vehicles under the Conditional Registration scheme, which provides the vehicle with limited access to the road network and Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurance cover. Historic vehicles registered under this scheme are exempt from the payment of stamp duty, motor vehicle tax and national charges.

Conditional registration is only an option for historic vehicles if the registered operator of the vehicle is a member of an RMS-recognised historic vehicle club and the vehicle's use of the road network is restricted.

## Eligibility

An historic vehicle must be 30 years of age or older as from the year of manufacture.

Trailers can be registered under this scheme, provided all the requirements are met.

Vehicles must be as close to original condition as possible, with NO alterations except for safety features such as seat belts and turn indicators or period accessories and options, if desired.

**Note:** LPG conversions are acceptable providing the Historic Vehicle Declaration is completed by the Club Registrar.

The registered operator must be a member of an RMS recognised historic vehicle Club. Proof of Club membership must be provided to RMS prior to establishing or renewing conditional registration. Club membership cards are **not** acceptable.

## Vehicle suitability for safe use

A vehicle operating under the scheme must be declared suitable for safe use by:

- A vehicle safety check inspection report (pink slip) issued by an Authorised Inspection Station examiner, or

- A club vehicle safe use declaration (valid for 42 days) issued by a club official (a safety inspection report **must** be provided if the club is less than two years old).

If the vehicle is a historic plant vehicle, a vehicle safe use declaration must be provided.

## Vehicle use

Vehicles can only be used for events organised by their Club, another Club or recognised community organisations provided an official invitation has been received and documented by the Club in the official minutes, or the official 'Day Book'.

Vehicles can also be used on a road or road related area for:

    Servicing within a short distance from their place of garaging  
    The inspection of the vehicle.

If a longer journey is necessary, the member must notify the Club Secretary so that they can enter the details in the Club's official 'Day Book' or minutes.

Any Club member wishing to use their vehicles for the carriage of persons to or from a wedding or reception should first check their legal obligation under the *Passenger Transport Act 1990* with Transport NSW's Accreditation and Licensing Section on 1800 227 774 or (02) 9891 8900. The Club must also authorise the use of the vehicle for this purpose.

Vehicles must display conditional registration number plates and a current registration label.

Name bars may be affixed to the number plate provided the positioning of the name bar does not obscure the number plate.

## Conditions

Historic vehicles registered under the conditional registration scheme are subject to the following conditions of operation:

    'Registered operator must be a member of an authorised motoring club'  
    'Use only in conjunction with an authorised club event or maintenance'

The name of the registered operator's Club must be entered as a special condition. If the registered operator belongs to more than one club, the name of the primary club or both clubs may be entered as a special condition as requested. Other conditions may be applied as required.

The Certificate of Approved Operations, detailing the conditions applicable to the operation of the vehicle, must be carried in the vehicle whenever the vehicle is used on a road or road related area.

## Loads

Historic vehicles registered under the conditional registration scheme must meet the following requirements if carrying a load:

Loads cannot be carried for commercial purposes. Loads must either be the private property of the vehicle owner and/or carried as part of a club event.

The maximum load allowed is two thirds of the manufacturers load limit, and

The load has to be restrained to the performance based standards detailed in the Load Restraint Guide

## Seatbelts and child restraints

Motor cars, tourers and limousines can only carry one person per seating position. Seat belts must be worn, where fitted.

Drivers of historic vehicles registered under the conditional registration scheme are exempt from the requirement to fit child restraints when carrying children between 12 months and seven years of age, **provided:**

They have written advice from an authorised engineering signatory that it is not reasonably practicable to install seatbelts and/or child restraints in the historic vehicle, and

This written advice is carried in the vehicle when transporting any child between 12 months and seven years of age.

All passengers under 12 months of age must be restrained in an approved child restraint.

## General

This policy applies to NSW and ACT Clubs listed on RMS' database. All members must be financial members of these approved Clubs and must be NSW residents.

Vehicles registered under the scheme may operate temporarily in other States and Territories, under the same conditions as apply in NSW. Temporarily is considered to be three months continuously.

Interstate vehicles (operating under a similar scheme in their home state/territory) may be driven in NSW if they legally comply with the rules and regulations of their permit/registration.