



# Conditional registration of historic vehicles and prescribed left hand drive vehicles

**Conditional registration is a form of vehicle registration that is subject to conditions.**

Conditional registration applies to a range of motor vehicles, which according to their use or construction, only require limited access to the road network.

Vehicles such as historic vehicles and prescribed left hand drive vehicles are eligible for conditional registration if they are owned by financial members of a recognised motor vehicle club, and are only driven on a limited number of journeys each year (i.e. not for everyday use).

In recognition of their limited use, no registration charge is payable. The only fees payable are administration fees, number plate fees, the premium for compulsory third party insurance and a reduced emergency services levy.

Fees can be calculated at [www.ezyreg.sa.gov.au](http://www.ezyreg.sa.gov.au)

## Historic vehicle

For the purpose of conditional registration, a historic vehicle is a motor vehicle:

- where 30 years or more have elapsed since 1 January of the year in which the vehicle was manufactured; and
- has not been modified from its original design except as allowed in the code of practice; and
- is right hand drive.

## Prescribed left hand drive vehicle

For the purpose of conditional registration, a prescribed left hand drive vehicle is a motor vehicle:

- that has its steering wheel on the left of the longitudinal axis of the vehicle; and
- was manufactured before 1 January 1974; and
- has not been modified from its original design except as allowed in the code of practice.

For further clarification on allowable modifications refer to the code of practice available at [www.sa.gov.au/motoring](http://www.sa.gov.au/motoring) or contact a recognised motor vehicle club.

## All vehicles must be roadworthy and comply with the road traffic act

Vehicles that are conditionally registered are **not** exempt from any provisions of the *Road Traffic Act* (unless otherwise specifically stated in the *Road Traffic Regulations*, or stated in a left hand drive exemption issued in respect of the vehicle).

Owners of conditionally registered vehicles have the same responsibilities as other vehicle owners, and must ensure that the vehicle is roadworthy at all times whilst it is being driven.

## Vehicle Inspections

Vehicles previously registered in South Australia are not normally required to undertake an inspection prior to registration as an historic vehicle.

If no previous registration record of the vehicle can be found or the vehicle was previously registered in another State or Territory, an identity inspection will be required.

All motor cars manufactured on or after 1 May 1971 and motor bikes on or after 1 October 1977 require an Australian Motor Vehicle Certification Board (AMVCB) compliance plate to be fitted. If a vehicle manufactured after these dates does not have an AMVCB compliance plate fitted, a roadworthy inspection is required.

All historic vehicles imported from overseas will require a roadworthy inspection prior to the vehicle being registered. All left hand drive vehicles and vehicles converted from left hand drive to right hand drive, must have a roadworthy inspection.

An appointment for a roadworthy inspection may be made by contacting Vehicle Services on telephone 1300 882 247.

### How to apply for conditional registration

Complete an *Application for registration and third party insurance (form MR1)*. The application is available from, and may be submitted at any Service SA customer service centre. The MR1 must be accompanied by an *Approval for conditional registration of a historic or prescribed left hand drive vehicle (form MR334)*. The MR334 form is completed and issued by an authorised official from the club of which the applicant is a financial member.

An authorised official **cannot** approve their own application.

Form MR334 may only be issued by the authorised official if he or she is satisfied as to the eligibility of the vehicle, in terms of the year of manufacture and that the vehicle has not been modified except as allowed in the code of practice.

In addition to the above, an application for the conditional registration of a prescribed left hand drive vehicle must be accompanied by a left hand drive exemption issued by Vehicle Standards, Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure, Kateena Street, Regency Park telephone 1300 882 248.

Where a historic vehicle or prescribed left hand drive vehicle has not been previously registered in this State, or the previously issued registration number is not known, or is no longer available for issue, general series number plates (alpha numeric) will be issued. However, an owner may apply to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles for the issue of number plates.

No other number plates, apart from those issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, may be displayed on a vehicle.

A historic vehicle or prescribed left hand drive vehicle may be registered for 1, 2 or 3 years, at the option of the applicant.

## **How to apply for the issue of a log book**

Once the vehicle has been conditionally registered, the owner can apply for a log book to the recognised motor vehicle club that approved the vehicle for conditional registration, and present the certificate of registration to the authorised official.

The log book issued by clubs is sufficient to record the journeys for a period of up to three years. At the end of the third year of registration (from the initial issue of the log book), the owner will need to apply to the club for the issue of a new log book. A person to whom a log book has been issued must ensure that the section of the log book, which contains details of club membership, is updated each year at the time of renewal of membership. This requires the authorised official to enter the period of membership in the log book, and to date, stamp and sign the entry.

## Recording journeys in log book

Each journey undertaken in a conditionally registered vehicle must be recorded in the log book issued by the recognised motor vehicle club.

The date of the journey and a brief description of the journey must be recorded before each journey commences.

The driver must also sign the book (next to the particulars of use) before each journey commences.

## Membership of a recognised motor vehicle club

The owner of a conditionally registered vehicle must, at all times during the period that the vehicle is registered, be a financial member of a recognised motor vehicle club.

On the renewal of membership, the owner must ensure that the club membership record appearing in the log book is updated accordingly.

If the registered owner of a conditionally registered vehicle ceases to be a financial member of a recognised motor vehicle club at any time during which the vehicle is registered, the owner must not drive the vehicle, or allow any other person to drive the vehicle until such time as the owner is again a financial member of a recognised motor vehicle club or the vehicle is registered under normal registration. Driving or causing the vehicle to be driven, whilst the owner is not a financial member of a recognised motor vehicle club, is a contravention of the conditions of registration - see **PENALTIES FOR CONTRAVENTION OF CONDITIONS** (page 10).

The registered owner of a conditionally registered vehicle who changes membership from one recognised motor vehicle club to another, must ensure that the change of membership is entered in the log book issued in respect of the vehicle.

It is desirable that the member's previous club is advised of the change in club membership.

Authorised officials are required to notify the registrar in writing of all members who have withdrawn from membership of the recognised historic vehicle club.

## Recognition of a Motor Vehicle Club

A recognised motor vehicle club is a motor vehicle club that has been approved and recognised by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, by means of a notice published in the *Government gazette*.

An application for recognition of a motor vehicle club can be submitted in writing to:

Registrar of Motor Vehicles  
GPO Box 1533  
ADELAIDE SA 5001

The application, on club letterhead, may be completed by the club president or club secretary, and must be accompanied by:

- a copy of the club's constitution; and
- if the club is incorporated, a copy of the Certificate of incorporation issued by the SA Corporate Affairs Commission, in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Act 1985*; **OR**
- if the club is not incorporated, the names and addresses of all office bearers.

In the application, the club president or club secretary must nominate:

- the official or officials of the club who, subject to the recognition of the club, will be responsible for certifying the correctness of the information contained in any application for conditional registration submitted by members (eg, verifying the year of manufacture and that the vehicle has not been modified from its original design except as allowed in the code of practice); and
- the official or officials of the club who, subject to the recognition of the club, will be responsible for the issue of log books.

Once a club is approved as a recognised motor vehicle club, a notice is published in the *Government gazette*. Financial members of the club will not be eligible to apply for conditional registration until such time as the notice appears in the *gazette*.

Officials of recognised motor vehicle clubs who are nominated to certify the correctness of details when a member applies to register an historic vehicle or prescribed left hand drive vehicle will be issued with a certificate of delegation. The certificate will include the official's identification number which

must be recorded when completing an *Approval for conditional registration of a historic or prescribed left hand drive vehicle (form MR334)*.

Recognised motor vehicle clubs are required to maintain records of:

- all vehicles for which an *Approval for conditional registration of a historic or prescribed left hand drive vehicle (form MR334)* has been issued, together with a copy of each approval; and
- all log books issued by the club to financial members, who are the owners of conditionally registered historic vehicles or prescribed left hand drive vehicles.

The Registrar of Motor Vehicles must be advised, in writing, if an official appointed by the club to approve applications and/or issue log books, resigns, or is replaced by another official, together with the name of the replacement.

## **Duties of recognised motor vehicle clubs when issuing log books**

The authorised club official, when issuing a log book, must:

- ensure that the person applying for a log book is a financial member of the club and is the owner of a conditionally registered historic vehicle or prescribed left hand drive vehicle; and
- endorse the serial number of the log book on the current certificate of registration for the vehicle, together with the date of issue and the club stamps. The authorised official must also sign the endorsement; and
- before issuing the log book, the authorised official must check:
  - (a) that the club approved the initial registration as an historic motor vehicle; and
  - (b) the certificate of registration and club records, to ensure that a log book has not already been issued (only one log book may be issued for each vehicle owned by a financial member); and
- record the period of club membership in the appropriate section within the log book, together with the expiry date appearing on the certificate of registration.

## **Stationery**

Supplies of the form *Approval for conditional registration of a historic or prescribed left hand drive vehicle (form MR334)* may only be obtained by recognised motor vehicle clubs from Product Marketing, Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure, GPO Box 1533, Adelaide SA 5001.

Applications for the supply of these forms must be made in writing, on club letterhead. (Clubs may request the forms to be posted to the club, or for the forms to be forwarded to a Service SA customer service centre for collection).

Recognised motor vehicle clubs may obtain log books for historic vehicle and prescribed left hand drive vehicles by applying, on club letterhead, to the Secretary, Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs SA Inc., PO Box 703, Plympton, 5038. (A fee is charged for printing and posting).

Authorised officials of recognised motor vehicle clubs responsible for the custody and issue of log books must ensure that supplies of unissued log books are stored in a secure place at all times. Any loss of unissued log books must be immediately reported to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles and the Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs SA Inc.

## **Withdrawal of recognition**

If satisfied that there is good cause to do so, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles may withdraw the recognition of a motor vehicle club, with effect from a date specified in a notice published in the *Government gazette*.

## Conditions of conditional registration

**Pursuant to the regulations**, the operation of a conditionally registered vehicle under section 25 is subject to the following conditions:

- (a) a person must not drive the vehicle, or cause, suffer or permit the vehicle to be driven on a road unless the owner of the vehicle is a financial member of a motor vehicle club recognised by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles;
- (b) a person who drives a vehicle on a road must -
  - (i) while doing so, carry in the vehicle a log book in a form approved by the registrar, and
  - (ii) record in the log book, in accordance with the directions contained in the log book, particulars of each journey undertaken by the person in the vehicle; and
  - (iii) produce the log book for inspection on request made by a member of the police force or an inspector;
- (c) a person must not drive the vehicle, or cause, suffer or permit the vehicle to be driven on a road on more than **90 days** in each period of 12 months in the period of registration;

A journey that commences at 10.00am on a particular day and finishes at 9.00am the next day constitutes two days. Further, the operation of a conditionally registered historic vehicle or prescribed left hand drive vehicle under section 25 is subject to the following conditions imposed by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles;

- (d) the vehicle must not be used for hire, fare, reward or other remuneration, these terms have their common dictionary meaning, such that a passenger or driver must not make a payment in any form to the registered owner or any other person, as recompense to travel in or use the vehicle, and includes the trading of one debt against another.

For example, being hired for use as a wedding vehicle.

- (e) if constructed for load carrying purposes, must not be used to carry a load if the carriage of the load is for commercial purposes associated with the business of the registered owner, driver or any other person.

For this condition “commercial purpose” includes being engaged in or bearing on the exchange of merchandise or services or being interested in a financial return. The term, however, does not include the carriage of vehicle parts to or from a swap meet, unless the driver or owner is carrying on a business of trading in vehicle parts.

## **Penalties for contravention of conditions**

A person must not contravene or fail to comply with a condition of registration. **Penalty - a fine up to \$750.00.**

Where a person has been convicted of contravening or failing to comply with a condition of registration, the court may order, in addition to any penalty it may have imposed, that the convicted person pay to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles the whole of the prescribed registration fee that would have been payable in respect of the period of registration during which the offence was committed, together with the stamp duty that would have been payable by the convicted person upon the application for that period of registration, had the motor vehicle not qualified for conditional registration.

## **Use outside of South Australia**

A conditionally registered historic vehicle or prescribed left hand drive vehicle may be driven in another State or Territory, provided:

- the owner ordinarily resides in South Australia; and
- the vehicle is in the other State or Territory for the purpose of temporary use; and
- that the driver complies with all prescribed conditions; and
- that the driver complies with all traffic laws in place in the jurisdiction in which he or she is driving.

(It is suggested that drivers check the requirements of the jurisdiction in which he or she will be travelling, prior to undertaking the journey).

## Special extension of conditions

If specifically requested by the owner (either at the time of initial registration, at renewal, or at any time during the currency of a registration), the Registrar of Motor Vehicles may vary the conditions to allow the owner, in addition to the 90 days use per year, to drive the vehicle for short journeys, for the purpose of re-locating the vehicle from one part of his or her property to another part of that property, or to enable another registered vehicle to enter or exit that property. The extension is endorsed on the certificate of registration.

(If approved, these short journeys are not required to be recorded in the log book).

## Renewal of registration

An invitation to renew the registration of a conditionally registered vehicle will be forwarded to the registered owner some five to six weeks prior to the expiry date.

An application to renew the registration will not require further approval from the recognised motor vehicle club. However, the applicant/owner must continue to be a financial member of a recognised motor vehicle club and, once the renewal is paid, ensure that the current period of registration is endorsed in the log book.

The registration of a historic vehicle or prescribed left hand drive vehicle may be renewed for 1, 2 or 3 years, at the option of the applicant.

The registration of a conditionally registered vehicle cannot be transferred to another owner, even if the new owner is also eligible for conditional registration. Where a change of ownership occurs, the registration must be cancelled. The log book issued in respect of the vehicle must be returned to the club which last confirmed financial membership for cancellation.

The registered owner of a conditionally registered vehicle may apply to cancel the registration at any time. As there is no registration charge payable for conditional registration, there is no refund of registration fee on cancellation. However, a pro-rata refund of the compulsory third party insurance premium for the unexpired period of the registration will be provided. The log book issued in respect of the vehicle must be returned to the club which last confirmed financial membership, for cancellation.

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