

The Conditional Registration Scheme for Historic, Prescribed Left Hand Drive and Street Rod Vehicles



The Conditional Registration Scheme for historic, prescribed left hand drive and street rod vehicles ("the scheme") is designed to provide concessional registration of eligible enthusiast vehicles which according to their use or construction only require limited access to the road network. There are conditions attached to the use of such vehicles (see below). In recognition of their limited use, they are exempt from registration charges and only pay a third party insurance premium, administration fees and a reduced emergency services levy. Fees can be calculated at www.sa.gov.au.

The scheme is governed by section 25 of the *Motor Vehicles Act 1959*, regulations 15 and 16 of the *Motor Vehicles Regulations 2010* and the Code of Practice for Historic Vehicles, Prescribed Left Hand Drive Vehicles and Street Rod Vehicles under the Conditional Registration Scheme MR332 (the code). The code can be viewed at www.sa.gov.au/vehicleregistration and the legislation can be viewed at www.legislation.sa.gov.au.

All vehicle owners participating in the scheme must comply with the legislative requirements and maintain their vehicles in a roadworthy condition at all times.

What vehicles are eligible?

The scheme is open to the following 3 categories of vehicles, provided certain conditions are met:

Historic vehicle – is a motor vehicle manufactured prior to 1 January 1979, that has not been modified from its original design to any significant extent. The vehicle has not been altered from the original equipment manufacturer specifications apart from the allowed variations as detailed in the code. The vehicle must be right hand drive (excluding solo motor bikes). This category can include vehicles manufactured after 1 January 1979 but before 1

January 1983 provided that the vehicles were registered in South Australia as historic vehicles immediately prior to 1 July 2012.

Prescribed left hand drive vehicle - is a motor vehicle that was manufactured prior to 1 January 1979, has its steering wheel on the left of the longitudinal axis of the vehicle and has not been modified from its original design to any significant extent. The vehicle has also received a left hand drive exemption in the form of a Certificate of Exemption (or other form of exemption documentation) further to section 163AA of the *Road Traffic Act 1961* exempting it from compliance with specified Australian Design Rules or other vehicle standards prescribed under that Act (including its regulations) and it meets the criteria detailed in the code.

Street rod vehicle – is a motor vehicle that is right hand drive and has been modified for safe use on roads and;

- has a body and frame that were manufactured before 1949; or is a replica of a vehicle the body and frame of which were built before 1949; and
- has been issued with an exemption under section 163AA of the *Road Traffic Act 1961* from compliance with specified Australian Design Rules or other vehicle standards prescribed under that Act (including its regulations); and
- has been built or modified in accordance with requirements or specifications accepted by the Registrar (as detailed in the code).

Vehicle inspections & procedure for lodging registration forms

A vehicle is accepted for conditional registration only after it has passed inspection by an authorised person from a recognised motor vehicle club. This inspection is to



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ascertain whether the vehicle is eligible for the scheme. If it is a historic vehicle, the inspection must confirm that the vehicle's condition, in terms of any variations from its original condition, is consistent with the code's requirements. For a street rod or prescribed left hand drive vehicle, the inspection must confirm that any modifications or features detailed in the vehicle's exemption documentation remain unchanged and meet the criteria detailed in the code.

Once a club's authorised person has completed a vehicle inspection and is satisfied that the vehicle meets the scheme's criteria, an 'Approval for Conditional Registration of a Historic, Prescribed Left Hand Drive or Street Rod Vehicle form' (MR334) is completed by the club's authorised person. The vehicle owner must sign the declaration on the form agreeing to abide by the code. The vehicle owner must present the completed MR334 form, a completed 'Application for Registration and Third Party Insurance form' (MR1) and, if the vehicle is a prescribed left hand drive vehicle or street rod vehicle, original exemption documentation (for sighting and copying) to a Service SA customer service centre for processing.

What conditions apply for scheme vehicle owners

For a comprehensive account of the conditions for the use of scheme vehicles please consult the code. In brief the following key conditions apply.

- The vehicle owner must be a financial member of a motor vehicle club recognised by the Registrar for the scheme;
- All journeys on roads must be recorded in a prescribed log book. The log book must be carried in the vehicle during all journeys and must be produced for inspection upon request by an authorised officer or police officer;
- The vehicle may only be used for 90 days in each period of 12 months in the period of registration;
- The vehicle must not be used for fee, hire or reward;
- Vehicle owners must make their vehicle available for inspection at a minimum of every three years (by their motor vehicle club or by the Registrar) or upon the request of the Registrar or their motor vehicle club;
- Vehicle owners must provide their motor vehicle club with an annual statutory declaration verifying the eligibility of their vehicle to be registered in the scheme and detailing any modifications made to the vehicle during that year.

Penalties for non-compliance – vehicle owners & recognised clubs

Vehicle owners failing to comply with the regulations governing the scheme are liable for the penalties set out in the *Motor Vehicles Act 1959*.

Motor vehicle clubs must abide by conditions in order to gain and maintain recognition for the scheme as detailed in the code. If the Registrar is satisfied that a club has contravened or failed to comply with a condition applying to its recognition or there is other good cause to do so, the Registrar may withdraw that recognition.

Duration of registration, no right to transfer

Conditional registration may be renewed for 1, 2 or 3 year periods. The registration of a conditionally registered vehicle cannot be transferred to another owner, even if the new owner is also eligible for conditional registration.

Further information

In addition to consulting the code, if you require further information about historic vehicles or prescribed left hand drive vehicles, please contact the Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs SA Inc (C/- Vice President, PO Box 703, PLYMPTON, SA 5038 www.fhmcsa.org.au).

For street rod enquires please contact the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure on 13 10 84.



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