



**ROAD USER SERVICES  
Motor Vehicle Registry**

**Guidelines for Australian Capital Territory  
Concessional Registration Scheme for  
Veteran, Vintage and Historic Motor Vehicles**

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## **Background**

The ACT Road Transport Authority (ACT RTA) has agreed to Concessional Registration (refer Section 96 of *Road Transport (General) Act 1999*) of vehicles classified as Veteran, Vintage and Historic (V, V and H). The registration of these vehicles under these arrangements is also conditional (refer Section 33 of the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulations 2000*, the conditions being those outlined in these guidelines.

V, V and H vehicle owners are represented by many different car clubs, which are affiliated with the Council of ACT Motor Clubs Inc (Council).

Administration of the Concessional Registration Scheme for these vehicles is to be conducted jointly between Road User Services (RUS) and the Council.

Members of clubs not affiliated with the Council will not be eligible to participate in the Concessional Registration Scheme.

### **Veteran, Vintage and Historic Vehicles**

The following categories of vehicle qualify for concessional registration:

- Veteran - motor vehicle manufactured before 1919.
- Vintage - motor vehicle manufactured from and including 1919 to 1930.
- Historic - motor vehicle manufactured from and including 1931 to vehicles which are 30 years of age.

The concessional registration of V, V and H vehicles is a concession granted at the ACT RTA discretion. It is not your right and it is up to you to ensure that the concession is not brought into disrepute by operating outside the set guidelines.

Remember it is not just your concession. Many other Club members will register vehicles under its terms, and all depend on each other to observe these guidelines and to keep within the spirit of the concession.

## **Scheme Regulation**

Outlined below are the duties and responsibilities of RUS, The Council, Motor Vehicle Clubs and Vehicle Owners.

### **Road User Services:**

- a) Provision of Registration labels and number plates.
- b) Issue renewal reminder notices to vehicle owners.
- c) Arrange for third party insurance for vehicles on concessional registration.
- d) Inspect vehicles for roadworthiness.

### **The Council:**

- a) Co-ordination of the system.
- b) Advise RUS of affiliated clubs participating.
- c) Regulate clubs on the scheme.
- d) Contact for RUS and clubs on policy.
- e) Satisfy requirements of the Registrar of Incorporated Associations.

### **Motor Vehicle Clubs:**

- a) Affiliate with the Council.
- b) Regulate the scheme.
- c) Certification of financial members by the club Registrar.
- d) Certification of age and authenticity of vehicle by the club Registrar.
- e) Publish club activities which permit the use of members concessionally registered vehicles.
- f) Issue members sufficient copies of the 'Guidelines'.

### **Vehicle Owner:**

- a) Must be a financial member of a club affiliated with the Council.
- b) Present vehicle/s for inspection when required.
- c) Pay all fees for registration and third party insurance to RUS.
- d) Operate the concessionally registered vehicle within the limits set out in these 'Guidelines'.

## **Vehicle Inspection Requirements**

The ACT RTA requires V, V and H vehicles to be inspected under the following circumstances:

- a) Establish registration (i.e. first time registered in the ACT or re-registration where the earlier registration has lapsed);
- b) Transfer of ownership of a concessionally registered light vehicle;
- c) Transfer of a concessional registered vehicle to ACT full ('Y plated') registration; and
- d) When a vehicle over 4.5 tonnes GVM is an odd number of years old.

Inspection of vehicles exceeding 4.5 tonnes GVM can only be carried out at the RUS Dickson Testing Station. For all other vehicles inspections can be carried out at any Authorised Inspection Station or at the RUS Dickson Testing Station. In all cases a "Certificate of Inspection" will be issued and this must accompany the "Application for Concessional Registration of a Motor Vehicle" form.

V, V and H vehicles not exceeding 4.5 tonnes GVM are not required to be inspected prior to effecting annual registration renewal, providing there is no concurrent change of ownership. However the RTA and Council strongly recommend that all such vehicles be checked annually by club appointed examiners.

All V, V and H vehicles will be liable to random roadside inspection by RUS inspectors. Where a defect notice is issued as a result of such an inspection, the vehicle must be further inspected in accordance with the requirements outlined in such a notice.

## **Guidelines for use of ACT Concessionally Registered Vehicles**

These guidelines have been developed by the Council to clarify the obligations expected of the owner/driver of a vehicle registered under the ACT Concessional Registration Scheme.

In granting the concession, the ACT Road Transport Authority requires the Council to ensure that the spirit of the concession is observed and that a system of self-regulation operates through the clubs affiliated with the Council. These guidelines fulfil part of that requirement.

### **Purpose of Concession**

The purpose or spirit of the concession, granted by the ACT RTA, is to provide a registration scheme that enables older vehicles, which are used on a limited basis by their owners as a recreation or hobby, to be maintained in a fit and roadworthy condition and to be driven on Australian roads in a way consistent with their recreational or hobby status. Such a scheme is paramount in preserving Australia's automotive heritage.

To provide this capability ACT RTA has identified three main categories of use under the concession:

- a) Events organised or approved by clubs affiliated with the Council;
- b) Occasional test runs of up to a 40 km radius; and
- c) Specific occasions not related to Club use (see page 7) when permission is first obtained from the appropriate club Registrar.

### **Logbooks**

As the owner of a concessionally registered vehicle your first responsibility (after ensuring that your vehicle is roadworthy) is to obtain a logbook and use it to keep an up-to-date record of all occasions when your vehicle is on the road.

This logbook record serves two purposes:

- a) It is a requirement of the concession granted by the ACT RTA.
- b) It provides a record of when and where you have used your concessionally registered vehicle.

**Note:** In the event that you are challenged the logbook can be produced to substantiate the use of the vehicle.

Entries in the logbook should indicate:

- a) The type of run you have undertaken and the distance travelled (where an odometer is fitted to the vehicle); and
- b) A record of the total annual mileage of your vehicle.

## **Maximum Usage**

For a vehicle to be used in a manner consistent with the spirit of the concession, it has been determined that the maximum distance travelled within the ACT should not exceed 3000kms or 2000 miles annually. This is consistent with the level of third party insurance premiums paid each year under the concession.

Maximum Usage related to the Average Annual Usage, which under all normal circumstances is the most you would likely do within the ACT each year. The Council regards such Maximum Usage criteria as the 'Dividing Line' between normal Full Registration and Concessional Registration.

**Note:** It is important to recognise that if you expect to cover annual distances consistently greater than 3000kms or 2000 miles in the ACT, you should not register your vehicle under this concessional registration scheme.

## **Major Rallies**

The Council recognises that if you use your vehicle on a major event (such as a national or an international rally) in Australia, the maximum mileage could easily be exceeded. In these cases such occasional usage falls within the spirit of the concession.

## **Club Events**

Any event organised or approved by an affiliated Club constitutes a club event. In normal circumstances, the event should be advertised in your Club's newsletter or magazine, but an impromptu event involving more than one vehicle may also qualify. In this latter case, the event should be recorded in your logbook. Club events are not confined to the ACT.

## **Test Runs**

The purpose of allowing test runs of up to a 40km radius under the concession is to provide a satisfactory mechanism for you to run your vehicle frequently enough to maintain it in anticipation of usage (i.e. battery charged, fuel and oil levels adequate, tyres correctly inflated etc.) and to satisfy you that it continues to be roadworthy (i.e. brakes, steering, lights, etc. are working efficiently).

The Council has determined that there are two aspects to usage under the test run category. These are:

- a) Mechanical – where you use your vehicle specifically to test its mechanical state or in order to have work done on the vehicle; and
- b) Private – where as part of your program of keeping your vehicle roadworthy you use the vehicle for some private purpose such as a recreational outing or a visit to friends.

## Other Occasions

There are other specific occasions when you are required to seek your Club's approval before using your vehicle. Normally these occasions are where you use your vehicle to participate in some community, charity or non-Club event. In these cases it is important that the Club is aware of your involvement and you should advise the relevant details to the Club's registrar.

## Concessionally Registered Vehicle used for Hire or Reward

If you wish to use your concessionally registered vehicle for purposes of hire or reward, such as for weddings, school formal (or similar functions) it is important that you familiarise yourself with the relevant Road User Services requirements (including issue of permits and fees payable).

## Commuting

Concessional registration does **not** allow a vehicle to be used for commuting purposes. The Scheme does **not** provide a low-cost alternative to full or normal registration and it is **not** designed to meet your essential transport requirements.

The Council is concerned that any usage of a concessionally registered vehicle outside the spirit of the Scheme could bring the Scheme into disrepute, leading to the possible withdrawal of the concession.

The Council and its affiliated clubs will maintain a continuing watch on this particular issue and clubs may be asked to justify and substantiate (through logbook entries) the use of concessionally registered vehicles.

## Position of Council

The Council's position is that the use of your vehicle under the concessional registration scheme is acceptable if:

- a) You are operating within these guidelines; and
- b) Your club is prepared to support you.

RUS has granted a realistic concession for the use of Veteran, Vintage and Historic vehicles. As the name implies, it is a "concession" granted at the ACT RTA's discretion. It is up to you **not** to bring this concession into disrepute by operating outside the guidelines.

Remember it is **not your right** and it is **not only your concession**, as many other people and clubs will register vehicles under its terms.

All club members should depend on each other to observe these guidelines and to **keep within the spirit of the concession**.

## Motor Clubs and other Organisations affiliated with the Council of ACT Motor Clubs

Name	Number
ACT Mini Car Club	345
ACT Small Ford Owners Cub	341
ACT Street Machine Assoc	315
ACT Vintage Motor Club	283
ACTION Buses	339
American Car Club of Australia	288
Armstrong Siddeley Car Club	282
Australian Goldwing Association	352
Australian War Memorial	336
BMW Car Club of ACT	335
Canberra and District Historic Engine Club	338
Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club	278
Canberra District Ducati Club	333
Canberra District P76 Club	327
Canberra Historic Automobile Club of ACT	285
Canberra Region Morris Minor Club	310
Canberra Rod and Kustom Klub	347
Canberra Torana Club	319
Chrysler Car Club of ACT	337
Classic Chevrolet Club	304
Club Vee Dub	351
Corvette Car Club of ACT	301
Datsun Sports Owners Club of Australia	346
EJ-EH Holden Club of ACT	209
FE-HR Holden Club	312
Ferrari Club of Australia	308
Fiat Club of the ACT	237
Fire Brigade Historical Society of the ACT	328
Friends of the National Museum Vehicle Club	332
FX-FJ Car Club of Canberra	293
Jaguar Drivers Club of Canberra	281
Landrover Club of the ACT	305
Mazda MX5 Club of NSW(Canberra Chapter)	314
Mercedes-Benz Club ACT	302
MG Car Club Canberra	277
Model 'A' Restorers Club ACT	287
Morris Owners Group Canberra Region	303
Mustang Club	349
National XK-XP Falcon Club	297
Peugeot Association of Canberra	279
Porsche Club Canberra	318
Queanbeyan Veteran and Vintage Restorers Club	331
Renault Owners Club of Canberra	296
Riley Motor Club ACT	280
Rolls Royce Owners Club of Australia ACT	298

Rotary Enthusiasts of the ACT	306
Rover Owners Club	294
Southern Tablelands Heritage Automotive Restorers Club	329
Sydney Torana Club Southern Branch - Canberra	307
The Humber Car Club of NSW - Canberra	311
Triumph Car Club of ACT	317
Triumph Motorcycle Register of Australia Inc	308
Veteran and Vintage Car Club of Australia (ACT)	286
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Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club	350
Vintage Sports Car Club of Australia	353

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