



Australian Capital Territory

Conditional Registration Arrangements Guidelines

Veteran, Vintage and Historic Vehicles

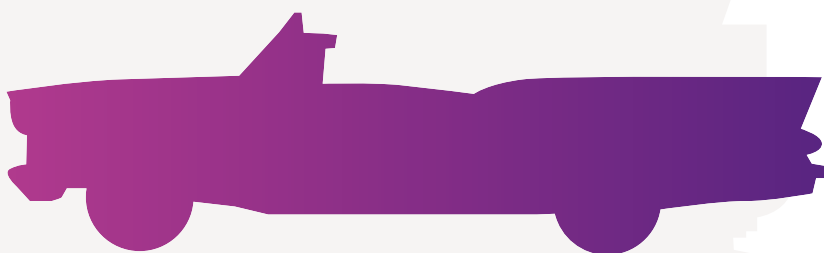


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Background

Purpose of the arrangements

The arrangement provides conditional registration for older vehicles that are used on a limited basis. Owners must ensure their vehicle/s are kept in a roadworthy condition and that they are only driving the vehicle according to the arrangement guidelines.

Use of vehicles under the arrangements is limited to non-commercial activities other than in accordance with the Restricted Hire Car Licence. Use is limited to club-endorsed events and 60 days for any private use.

Access Canberra allows conditional registration for vehicles classed as Veteran, Vintage and Historic (VVH). VVH vehicles must adhere to the conditions stated in these guidelines.

VVH vehicle operators are represented by many different clubs, which are affiliated with the Council of ACT Motor Clubs (CACTMC).

Administration of the Conditional Registration Arrangements for these vehicles is conducted jointly between Access Canberra and the CACTMC.

Members of clubs not affiliated with the CACTMC will not be eligible for conditional registration.

You can view a list of all affiliated clubs by visiting the CACTMC website or emailing the CACTMC viainfo@CACTMC.org.au.

Eligible vehicles

To be eligible for conditional registration, the vehicle must fit into one of the following categories:

- > 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
- > Modified Historic – motor vehicle in any of the above categories which has been modified.

To maintain eligibility for conditional registration you must adhere to the guidelines in this document. It is your responsibility to ensure you keep up to date with these guidelines.



Responsibilities

Organisation	Duties
Road Transport Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Conditionally registers eligible vehicles in line with the road transport law and the arrangements> administers, monitors, and enforces the road transport law and the arrangements> suspends or cancels a registration of non-compliant vehicles> audits the records of CACTMC and participants of the arrangements> publishes and sell logbooks to participants of the arrangements> inspects modifications to vehicles> manages roadworthiness of vehicles in the arrangements.
CACTMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Manages the processes of vehicle eligibility> advises AC of participating clubs and entities> regulates the participating clubs and entities> acts as a contact for AC, ACT Government and clubs participating in the arrangements> satisfies requirements of the Registrar of Incorporated Associations> determines and publishes the vehicle eligibility process and requirements for the arrangements> maintains a register of participating clubs and entities.
Motor Vehicle Clubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Affiliate with the CACTMC> regulate club members> certification of financial members by the club Registrar> certificate of age and authenticity of vehicle by the club registrar> ensure only experienced people conduct the eligibility inspection and validation process annually> keep a register of approved vehicles for the club> keep records and evidence of vehicles inspected for eligibility in the arrangements> publish club activities which permit the use of members' conditionally registered vehicles> advise CACTMC when eligible vehicles are newly registered or sold.
Vehicle Owner	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Must be a financial member of a club affiliated with the CACTMC> presents vehicle/s for inspection when required> pays all fees for registration and MAI to AC> operates the conditionally registered vehicle within the requirements of the guidelines.

Roadworthy inspections

When are roadworthy inspections required?

A Roadworthy inspection is required for a VVH vehicle when:

- > It is registered in the ACT for the first time or registered after the vehicle's original registration has lapsed for 12 months or more
- > there is a transfer of operatorship
- > a vehicle is transferred into the Modified Historic category (unless it has already been inspected by Access Canberra and has been accepted for full ACT registration)
- > when transferring the vehicle from conditional registration to standard registration
- > when a heavy vehicle has a gross vehicle mass of 4.5 tonnes or more and is an odd number of years old
- > when a defect notice is issued to the vehicle.

Where can I get my vehicle inspected?

VVH heavy vehicles and Modified Historic vehicles must be inspected at the Hume Motor Vehicle Inspection Station. To book an inspection, phone **13 22 81** or visit an Access Canberra Service Centre. The Inspection Station is located at 29 Couranga Crescent, Hume ACT. For more information including opening hours, visit the 'Contact Us' section on the Access Canberra website **[accesscanberra.act.gov.au](https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au)**.

VVH light vehicles under 4.5 tonnes can be inspected by any authorised inspection station. Authorised Inspection Stations are listed on the Access Canberra website **[accesscanberra.act.gov.au](https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au)**.

Light vehicles do not require annual inspections unless a change of ownership has occurred. Access Canberra and CACTMC strongly recommend that vehicles are checked annually by club-appointed examiners.



Conditional Registration Arrangements

These guidelines clarify the responsibilities of the owner or driver registered under the arrangements. It is the responsibility of CACTMC to regulate the affiliated clubs and ensure the arrangements guidelines are followed.

Conditions of registration under the arrangements

- > The registered operator must be a member of a club, or an entity, affiliated with the Council of ACT Motor Clubs.
- > The registered vehicle is not to be used on more than 60 days per registration year. Club endorsed rallies and events are not included in the 60 days use, however, use of the vehicle past midnight on any day is to be considered an additional day's use.
- > The registered operator is to record, at the start of each day's use, every day's use of the vehicle on a road or road related area, including use for club endorsed rallies and events, in a logbook obtained from Access Canberra for that purpose. Where use of the vehicle extends past midnight on any day, that second day's use is to be recorded before use on the second or subsequent days. Logbooks must be endorsed by a club, or an entity, affiliated with the Council of ACT Motor Clubs.
- > Where transfer of registration occurs, a new logbook is to be obtained by the new registered operator. The number of days the vehicle will be eligible to be used is calculated pro-rata on the time until the vehicle registration is to be renewed at a rate of 5 days per whole month.
- > The registered operator is to always carry with them in the vehicle the above logbook whenever the vehicle is used on a road or road related area.



Numberplates

Vehicles participating in the arrangements may display special numberplates which state which category the vehicles fit in (Veteran, Vintage, Historic or Modified Historic).

VVH vehicles can also display standard number plates that are available to the general public.

Special and standard numberplates can be issued upon registration at an Access Canberra Service Centre.

VVH vehicles cannot display National Heavy Vehicle or Public Vehicle (bus or taxi) numberplates.

Logbooks

It is the registered operator's responsibility to purchase a logbook from an Access Canberra Service Centre and record every day the vehicle is driven on the road.

The purpose of the logbooks is to keep within the arrangements guidelines and provide a record of when and where the vehicle has been used.

Each vehicle must have its own logbook and can only have one logbook at a time.

Registered operators may be required to present their logbook as proof that the vehicle is being used in line with the guidelines.

When a logbook is completed, lost, damaged or stolen, the registered operator must visit an Access Canberra Service Centre to purchase a new one. If the logbook is stolen, the registered operator will be required to complete a statutory declaration.

Access Canberra may seek advice from the club that the operator is a member prior to issuing a logbook.

Limits on modification

This section explains the limitations of modifications for VVH vehicles (excluding Modified Historic vehicles).

The vehicle must remain as close to the original configuration as possible, however, certain alterations are allowed:

- > Enhancements which improve the safety and operation of the vehicle
- > fitting accessories or options which were available during the vehicle production run
- > replacement mechanical parts which are no longer available.

All modifications must comply with the standards of modification requirements.

The registered operator of the vehicle must be able to provide documentation to support modifications requiring engineering certification or validation. Phone the Vehicle Safety Standards team on 6207 7236 for more information.

Registered owners of vehicles first registered on or after 1 January 1969, or motorcycles first registered on or after 1 February 1972, are responsible for ensuring that the modifications do not make them non-compliant with the Australian Design Rules.

Modified vehicles

Alterations to enhance safety and operation

Modifications which enhance the vehicle's safety or operation include:

- > Fitting of seatbelts or child restraints but these must meet the requirements of the Vehicle Standards Bulletin 14 (VSB 14). Similar period seating may be replaced, provided it does not affect the vehicle's control or driver vision
- > installation of indicators on a vehicle which does not already have them
- > installation of windscreen wipers
- > centre and side rear view mirrors which will improve the driver's visibility
- > conversion to righthand drive for vehicles originally with lefthand drive if it remains compliant with VSB 14. Conversions to lefthand drive are not permitted.
- > fitment of radial ply tyres is recommended. Rim width, diameter or offset must not be more than 25mm more than factory installation
- > installation of safety rims is recommended.

Fitting of accessories or options

Accessories and options may be fitted to the vehicle if they were offered by the manufacturer or aftermarket during the vehicle's production run. Accessories must have been available during the vehicle's production run. For example, accessories for a 1970 model cannot be added to a 1955 vehicle.

Substitution of mechanical parts

Some mechanical parts for certain makes or models may no longer be available. Registered operators may use other parts if they do not affect the vehicle's safety and handling. These include:

- > Substitute engine blocks when the originals are no longer available, on the condition that the size, number
- > of cylinders, capacity and output is similar. Addition of power augmentation (such as turbocharging) is not permitted
- > liquid petroleum gas and other fuels, if they have appropriate certification and there is no visible change to the vehicle's external appearance
- > electrical system conversion from 6 volts to 12 volts
- > brake upgrades are permitted to older vehicles that have mechanical brakes. Brakes may be upgraded to hydraulic brakes and from drum to disc brakes provided the modification complies
- > with particular provisions of VSB 14.

Contact information

More information about VVH can be found by visiting accesscanberra.act.gov.au

Access Canberra general enquiries

Phone: 13 22 81

Online: Road Transport Authority Feedback Form
www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/s/article/road-transport-authority-feedback

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