

# Handbook and application form



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## 1. Purpose

This Handbook sets out the guidelines for granting vehicles, in Tasmania, Special Interest Vehicle (SIV) registration. It also contains an application form for Special Interest Vehicle registration.

## 2. Introduction

Special Interest Vehicle (SIV) registration is a registration scheme designed to allow historic, collectors, classic and other "special interest" vehicles, as designated by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, a reduction in motor tax and MAIB fees.

The scheme is also open to rally vehicles that are eligible to be used in an Approved Motorsport Organisation (approved by Registrar of Motor Vehicles) both National and International sanctioned rally events. A copy of the vehicles Rally Log Book must be produced indicating the vehicle has been passed by a recognised Scrutineer.

Approved Motorsport Organisations are: Confederation of Australian Motor Sports (CAMS) & Australian Auto - Sport Alliance (AASA).

Special Interest Vehicle registration takes into account that the majority of these vehicles only travel on public roads a limited number of times each year and many are in fact not registered but driven using short term permits or are trailered to events such as displays or shows. Many of these vehicles have limited or no opportunity to access public roads.

## 3. Categories of Special Interest Vehicle Registration

The types of vehicles, which may be granted Special Interest Vehicle registration, include the following:

- Any motor vehicle, either in original or restored condition that meets current requirements for registration and has been manufactured 30 years or more prior to the date of application (Campervans/motorhomes are excluded from the SIV scheme).
- A rally vehicle used only for an approved motorsport organisation sanctioned National and International rally's, promotions, travelling to and from events or travelling to and from a place for repairs. The operator must hold a current National or International Rally Licence or a CAMS Clubman Rally Licence.
- The vehicle may be fitted out with equipment that meets the required standards for competing in these events, and a copy of the vehicle Rally Log Book must be produced indicating the vehicle has been passed by a recognised scrutineer.
- Vehicles adapted or modified exclusively for charitable events (eg Tasbash).

Vehicles granted Special Interest registration must display white number plates with black characters beginning with a "SI" prefix. Custom or Selected plates cannot be displayed on Special Interest registered vehicles and will need to be handed in at time of registration.

## 4. Approval Procedure

Applicants should read this booklet to ensure that their vehicle is eligible for Special Interest Vehicle registration.

They should determine if the vehicle is section A - "In excess of 30 years" or section B or C, and complete the appropriate application form and declaration.

## **5. Section 'A' Approval**

Section A vehicle must be 30 years in age or greater. Having completed the application form and signed the declaration, the vehicle should be taken to an Authorised Inspection Station where a full "pre-registration" inspection is to be undertaken. The vehicle will not pass this inspection unless the AIS examiner believes it meets the special requirement of being in exceptional condition inside and out. This inspection will attract the standard fee for a pre-registration inspection.

The applicant can then present the application form, containing the signed declaration, together with the AIS Inspection report to a Service Tasmania outlet with evidence of entitlement and identity. If the vehicle has been previously registered the registration plates must also be returned and a refund of any existing registration fee will be forwarded. (Campervans/motorhomes are excluded from the SIV scheme.)

*Note: Legislation requires a vehicle registered under this category to be at least 30 years of age. It is not possible to register a vehicle that does not meet this age requirement.*

## **6. Section 'B' & 'C' Approvals**

Unlike those eligible for section A, applications will require special authorisation from the Registration and Licensing Branch. Accordingly for these vehicles, the application and declaration must be forwarded to Registration and Licensing Services.

In reviewing the request it may be necessary for officers of the Department to seek further information, view the vehicle or seek a report from a recognised automotive engineering signatory or recognised scrutineer indicating that the vehicle meets the required safety standards for this category.

The Department will, when satisfied, issue "Approval in Principle" for Special Interest Vehicle registration section B or C.

The Approval in Principle will be returned to the applicant who may now get a pre - registration inspection certificate from an Authorised Inspection Station. The applicant then proceeds to a *Service Tasmania* outlet with the AIS certificate and the Department's Approval in Principle.

Note: If the vehicle was manufactured after 1988 it may require a valid 17 character Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). If you are unsure as to whether a VIN is required or valid please contact 1300 135 513.

## **7. Guidelines for Eligibility as Special Interest Vehicle**

### Section A

Vehicles, in original or restored condition, manufactured 30 years or more prior to date of application. This includes street rods. Please Note: The Registrar of Motor Vehicles has no discretion to approve registration for vehicles less than 30 years of age.

Vehicles in Original Condition:

Well restored or a combination of superior restoration and excellent original components, or an extremely well maintained original vehicle showing very minimal wear.

Vehicles in Modified Condition:

Modified Production Vehicle means a production vehicle where the modifications do not comprise extensive structural or other modifications affecting compliance with the applicable Australian Design Rules and where the vehicle retains its original identity.

Principle:

A modified production vehicle is one where:

- The original identity is retained;
- The original body is retained essentially unaltered, however removable external body panels need not be original in shape or material; and
- The original chassis, floor plan or body structure is retained unaltered and is performing its original design function

The type of modifications will not affect the vehicle's ADR category.

Typical examples

Engine substitutions; brake conversions, air scoops, rollbars, wheel & tyre substitutions, alternative gearboxes, replacement seating, etc.

Redesigned Production Vehicle:

Redesigned Production Vehicle means a vehicle that has been modified beyond the scope of the definition of a modified production vehicle but essentially retains its identification.

- All major structural elements of the chassis, floor plan or body structural assembly are incorporated as a substantial part of the vehicle.

Principle:

Whilst modifications may be extensive, the vehicle retains its identity.

Examples: Convertibles and cabriolet conversions and wheelbase modifications.

Modified Vehicle:

Modified Special Interest Vehicles must either meet normal rules and regulations for modifications or have a Vehicle Modification Plate issued by the Department fitted to the firewall.

## Section B

Right or left hand drive rally vehicles that are non ADR (Australian Design Rule) compliant. (eg vehicle imported for rally/racing only).

Conditions of use will include:

- Vehicles used in conjunction with rallies or events promoting such rallies.
- For use on public roads in Approved Motorsport Organisation sanctioned rally events only

- For use in promotional events for such rallies
- To drive to and from such events
- To drive to and from a place for the purpose of repairs or maintenance
- Operator/driver must hold a current National or International Rally Licence or a CAMS Clubman Rally Licence (except where the vehicle is used for the purpose of repair).

Note: If an imported vehicle not previously registered in Australia a copy of import papers must be provided.

### Section C

Vehicles that have been adapted or modified exclusively for use in charitable events (including repairs and displays). Separate approval may be required where structural modifications have occurred.

## **8. Fees and Costs**

Special Interest Vehicle registration, when granted, receives a fifty per cent rebate of motor tax and a reduced MAIB premium. Duty and fees will be applicable on the market value of the vehicle if the vehicle was not previously registered in the applicant's name.

There will be an initial additional cost to issue new registration plates on vehicles with "SI" plates. This is regardless of whether the vehicle has been registered before.

## **9. Conditions of Use**

The operation of a Special Interest registered vehicle is subject to the following conditions:

- A person must not drive or permit the vehicle to be driven on a road on more than 52 days in each period of 12 months in the period of registration;
- A person must not, during the period for which the vehicle is conditionally (*Special Interest*) registered, drive the vehicle, or permit the vehicle to be driven, on a road outside the conditions of issue.
- The vehicle cannot carry a load and must not be used for hire or reward, and
- A fully registered motor vehicle must be registered and continue to be registered in the operator's name (this may include jointly registered vehicles) but does not relate to vehicles such as trailers, machinery or other conditionally registered vehicles).

A person who drives a Special Interest registered vehicle on a road must:

- While doing so, carry in the vehicle or on the person, a Log Book in a form that has been approved and issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles; and
- Record in that Log Book, the particulars of each daily journey undertaken by the person in the vehicle; and
- Produce the Log Book for inspection on request made by a member of the Police Force or a Transport Inspector.

## **10. Recording Journeys in Log Book**

Each daily journey undertaken in a Special Interest registered vehicle must be recorded, in ink, in the Log Book issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, in respect of the vehicle. This would include any travel undertaken in mainland states.

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 Log Book (next to the Particulars of Use) before each journey commences.

Note: a journey constitutes a round trip from the garage address to be completed on a particular day. If the journey continues into the next day or beyond, it is deemed to constitute two or more trips.

Upon renewal (see below) the existing logbook can continue to be used by simply ruling a line under the last entry for the previous 12 - month period and start recording trips for the next year.

## **11. Renewal of SIV Registration**

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

The vehicle will not require another inspection prior to renewal but it is expected that the condition of the vehicle will not have changed since first registration. The Registrar reserves the right to review the continued applicability of Special Interest Vehicle registration if a vehicle is allowed to deteriorate or does not meet the requirement of Special Interest registration. Refer Section 10 on Log book requirements.

## **12. Transfer of SIV Registration**

Special Interest Vehicle registration cannot be transferred to a new registered operator, even if the new operator could also be eligible for SIV registration.

Where a change of operator occurs, the registration must be cancelled and the plates returned. The Log Book issued to the vehicle must be returned at the time of cancellation. The vehicle can then be re-inspected and new registration taken out.

## **13. Cancellation SIV Registration**

If any conditions of the Special Interest vehicle scheme are found to have been breached, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles may apply sanctions including cancellation of the registration.

### Application for Special Interest Vehicle Registration

Details Entered on MRs   
 Proof of identity  Sighted   
 Proof of address  Sighted   
 Proof of garage address  Sighted

Approval Not Required

Section A – Vehicle manufactured 30 years or more before date of application (campervans/motorhomes excluded).

Obtain a pre-registration inspection report from an Approved Inspection Station, attach this application and take to Service Tasmania.

Approval is required from Registration and Licence Services before pre-registration inspection.

Section B – Rally Vehicles  
 Section C

Complete this application along with required documentation and forward to

Registrar of Motor Vehicles  
 GPO Box 1002  
 HOBART TAS 7001

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Drivers Licence No: \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Licence No: (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Numbers: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Make/Model of Vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments on Vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (if currently registered)

VIN/Chassis Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Engine Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Month and Year of Manufacture \_\_\_\_\_

Registration number of another currently registered vehicle in your name (must be fully registered): \_\_\_\_\_

#### Conditions of Special Interest Vehicle Scheme

Special Interest vehicles are subject to conditions of use depending on which scheme the vehicle has been registered under, Please refer to the handbook for conditions that will relate to your vehicle.

#### Statutory Declaration

I hereby declare that the information I have provided in this application is current and correct to the best of my knowledge and that I will abide by all appropriate conditions of the Special Interest Vehicle Scheme for my class of vehicle.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Information Protection Statement: Personal information we collect from you for Registration and Licensing processes will be used by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles for that purpose and may be used for other purposes permitted by the Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999 and associated laws. Your personal information may be disclosed to contractors and agents of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, law enforcement agencies, the Motor Accident Insurance Board, vehicle manufacturers (safety recalls only), courts and other public sector bodies or organisations authorised to collect it. This information will be managed in accordance with the Personal Information Protection Act 2004 and may be accessed by you on request to this Department. You may be charged a fee for this service. Failure to provide this information may result in your application not being processed or records not being properly maintained.