

# Special Interest Vehicle Registration Guidelines and Application

## Introduction

Special Interest (SI) vehicle registration is a conditional registration scheme designed to allow certain motor vehicles limited use on the road network.

These vehicle classes include:

- vehicles 30 years old or more,
- rally vehicles, and
- charitable event vehicles.

Each vehicle class has certain criteria that need to be met to be eligible for registration.

If registration is granted, conditions will be applied to the use of the vehicle and ongoing eligibility to the SI registration scheme.

## Class A – Over 30 years old

Class A is considered for vehicles that:

- are 30 years old or more, or,
- is a replica of a body and frame manufactured at least 30 years prior to the date of application, and
- is in good condition inside and out either in original, restored or modified condition.

For determination of whether the vehicle is compliant to relevant vehicle standards and meets the criteria to be in good condition, the vehicle will need to undergo an inspection at an Approved Inspection Station (AIS) and pass the Class A standards.

The AIS determine eligibility based on the Light Vehicle Inspection Manual (LVIM) or National Heavy Vehicle Inspection Manual (NHVIM) in conjunction with section 18 of the LVIM – Reasons for Rejection. If registration is granted the vehicle is to be maintained to this condition.

## Class B – Rally vehicle

Class B is considered for vehicles that:

- have been designed or modified for competition in rally events conducted on either gravel or tarmac roads as sanctioned by an Approved Motorsport Organisation.

The purpose of Class B is to allow the rally vehicle to travel to, from and within rally events.

Following assessment and approval, the vehicle will need to undergo an inspection at an AIS and pass rally vehicle standards.

## Class C – Charitable event vehicle

Class C is considered for vehicles that:

- have been adapted or modified exclusively for charitable events (e.g., Variety's TasBash, etc).

A charitable event is an event in which the sole purpose of the activity is fundraising, donation of goods or provision of free services to the community by or for specific not-for-profit organisation.

## Terms

The terms for all classes of SI include:

- The registered operator of the SI vehicle must have and maintain Tasmanian registration on at least one non-conditionally registered motor vehicle. It **must** be registered in the same name as the SI registered vehicle.
- SI registration is not transferable. This includes adding or removing an operator.
- The SI registered vehicle is to display "SI" prefix plates as issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, or Personalised number plates issued by TasPlates.
- Restricted to 104 days of use within a 12-month period, or, travel to/from/within rally or charitable events.
- The Logbook must be completed each time the vehicle is used.
- The vehicle is subject to audit to determine ongoing eligibility for SI registration.

Other terms relevant to the class of SI are provided in the 'criteria and terms' for each class.

## Logbook

SI registration requires the vehicle's use to be recorded in the Special Interest and Club Event Vehicles logbook.

The Logbook can be purchased at Service Tasmania, or the digital logbook can be downloaded on the Transport website.

Each journey undertaken in a SI registered vehicle must be recorded in the Logbook. This includes any travel undertaken in other states or territories and, when travelling for the purpose of refuelling or relocation.

The date of the journey, odometer reading, and a description of the journey must be recorded before each journey commences. The operator is responsible to ensure the vehicle doesn't exceed the use limitations applied to the registration.

## Fees and plates

SI registered vehicles receive an exemption of motor tax and a reduced MAIB premium.

SI number plates issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles incur a fee payable at the time of obtaining registration. A plate fee is not charged if using Personalised plates.

Registration fees can be found on the transport website at [transport.tas.gov.au](http://transport.tas.gov.au) or in the following [link](#).

## Criteria and Terms

Class A - Over 30 years old	Conditions
<b>Criteria</b>	GO26
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The vehicle is 30 years old or more or is a replica of a body and frame manufactured at least 30 years prior.</li> </ul>	MS15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The vehicle is in good condition inside and out, either in original, restored or modified condition.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The registered operator will be the name of an individual or joint individuals (not a company or association etc).</li> </ul>	OL1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The registered operator of the SI vehicle has Tasmanian registration (non-conditional) of at least one other motor vehicle in the same name.</li> </ul>	RT8
<b>Terms of registration</b>	SI1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The vehicle is to be maintained to good condition.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The vehicle cannot be used for hire or reward.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The vehicle will be used for no more than 104 days during a 12-month period.</li> </ul>	SI2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The registered operator must maintain Tasmanian registration (non-conditional) on at least one other motor vehicle.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SI registration is not transferable. This includes changing, adding or removing an operator.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The vehicle is to display "SI" prefix plates as issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, or Personalised number plates issued by TasPlates.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Special Interest and Club Event Vehicle Logbook allocated to the vehicle must be completed at each use.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The vehicle is subject to audit to determine ongoing eligibility for SI registration.</li> </ul>	
<b>Guidelines</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cars, motorcycles, campervans, motorhomes and heavy vehicles are accepted.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The vehicle can carry a load or tow a trailer, provided the load contributes to the historical value of the vehicle.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The vehicle must be compliant with the relevant vehicle standards and pass an inspection at an Approved Inspection Station (AIS) to obtain registration.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The AIS determine eligibility based on the Light Vehicle Inspection Manual (LVIM) or National Heavy Vehicle Inspection Manual (NHVIM) in conjunction with section 18 of the LVIM – Reasons for Rejection.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The vehicle's condition will be assessed as meeting the standards required for Class A as specified in the Light Vehicle Inspection Manual.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Imperfect paint will be considered. Patina paint and chipped paint is allowed (within limitations).</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legislation requires a Class A vehicle to be at least 30 years of age. The age is determined from the month and year of manufacture.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vehicle modifications are acceptable subject to being certified where relevant and not affecting compliance with relevant vehicle standards (including Australian Design Rules) and the vehicle remains visually identifiable as the make /model variant.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes limited modifications that are acceptable for vehicles on the SI Scheme that broadly retain the character of the vehicle when first in service.</li> </ul>	

## Criteria and Terms

Class B - Rally vehicle	Conditions
<p><b>Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The vehicle is designed or adapted to be used exclusively in rallies conducted by an approved motorsport organisation sanctioned National or International rally, promotion of a rally event, travelling to and from such events or travelling to and from a place for repairs</li> <li>• The registered operator has a current Motorsport Australia National Rally or a Clubman Rally Licence, or an AASA National Tarmac Rally or National Gravel Rally Licence.</li> <li>• The vehicle has been endorsed by a motorsport organisation as a rally vehicle (and shown in motorsport logbook).</li> <li>• The vehicle has been scrutineered by the appropriate motorsport organisation in the last 12 months (and shown in motorsport logbook).</li> <li>• If the vehicle is imported, appropriate import approval has been issued by the relevant Commonwealth Department.</li> <li>• The registered operator will be the name of a person or joint persons (not a company or association etc).</li> <li>• The registered operator of the SI vehicle has Tasmanian registration (non-conditional) of at least one other motor vehicle in the same name.</li> </ul>	<p>GO12</p> <p>OL1</p> <p>RT9</p> <p>SI1</p> <p>SI2</p> <p>SI3</p>
<p><b>Terms of registration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The vehicle will be used exclusively in rallies conducted by an approved motorsport organisation sanctioned National or International rally, promotion of a rally event, travelling to and from such events or travelling to and from a place for repairs (subject to any import approval conditions).</li> <li>• The registered operator must maintain Tasmanian registration on at least one non-conditionally registered motor vehicle.</li> <li>• SI registration is not transferable. This includes changing, adding or removing an operator.</li> <li>• The vehicle is to display “SI” prefix plates as issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, or Personalised number plates issued by TasPlates.</li> <li>• The registered operator must maintain the appropriate motorsport licence while the vehicle is SI registered.</li> <li>• Any driver of a Class B registered vehicle must hold the appropriate motorsport organisation licence when operating the vehicle on a public street (other than when the vehicle is road tested by a person conducting repairs for the purpose of the repair).</li> <li>• The Special Interest and Club Event Vehicle Logbook must be completed at each use.</li> <li>• The vehicle is subject to audit to determine ongoing eligibility for SI registration.</li> <li>• Vehicle not permitted to tow.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Guidelines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In accordance with Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018 and Motor Vehicle Standards Act, Non-RAV entry import approval are not consistent with the current range of permitted use for vehicles in the SI Scheme and will be assessed on a case by case basis.</li> <li>• Approved Motorsport Organisations include Motorsport Australia and Australian Auto Sport Alliance (AASA).</li> <li>• The vehicle may be fitted out with equipment that meets the required standards for competing in these events.</li> <li>• The conditions listed may be varied depending on the type of vehicle or any import approval conditions. Other forms of conditional registration may be considered if the import conditions don’t align with the terms of SI registration.</li> </ul>	

## Criteria and Terms

Class C - Charitable event vehicle	Conditions
<p><b>Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The vehicle has been adapted or modified exclusively for use in charitable events such as Variety TasBash and other similar recognised charitable events.</li> <li>The registered operator of the SI vehicle has Tasmanian registration (non-conditional) of at least one other motor vehicle in the same name.</li> <li>If the vehicle is imported, provide a copy of the import approval issued by the relevant Commonwealth Department.</li> </ul>	GO12
	MS17
	OL1
<p><b>Terms of registration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The vehicle will remain adapted or modified exclusively for use in charitable events.</li> <li>The vehicle will be used to drive to and from charitable events and drive during the charitable event.</li> <li>The vehicle can be driven to and from a place for the purpose of repairs or maintenance for participation in the charitable event.</li> <li>The Special Interest and Club Event Vehicle Logbook allocated to the vehicle must be completed at each use.</li> <li>The registered operator must maintain Tasmanian registration on at least one non-conditionally registered motor vehicle.</li> <li>SI registration is not transferable. This includes changing, adding or removing an operator.</li> <li>The vehicle is to display "SI" prefix plates as issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, or Personalised number plates issued by TasPlates.</li> <li>The vehicle is subject to audit to determine ongoing eligibility for SI registration.</li> <li>Vehicle not permitted to tow.</li> </ul>	RT10
	SI1
	SI2
<p><b>Guidelines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The registered operator can be the name of individual persons, company, charitable organisation etc.</li> <li>Vehicle modifications are acceptable subject to being certified where relevant and not affecting compliance with relevant vehicle standards (including Australian Design Rules) and the vehicle remains visually identifiable as the make /model variant.</li> <li>The vehicle may be fitted with apparatus that contribute to the display of the charitable organisation. Any vehicle safety concerns will be determined during assessment of the application.</li> <li>The conditions listed may be varied depending on the type of vehicle or any import approval conditions.</li> </ul>	

Condition code description	
<p><b>GO12</b> Vehicle must not tow.</p> <p><b>GO26</b> Vehicle not permitted to carry a load or tow a trailer unless the goods required to be carried or towed contribute to the historical value of the vehicle.</p> <p><b>MS15</b> Restricted to 104 days of use within a 12-month period.</p> <p><b>MS17</b> Vehicle use is restricted to travelling to, from and in recognised charitable events; and for testing during normal daylight hours.</p> <p><b>OL1</b> Registration cannot be automatically transferred.</p> <p><b>RT8</b> Special Interest - Class A</p> <p><b>RT9</b> Special Interest - Class B - Rally</p>	<p><b>RT10</b> Special Interest - Class C - Charitable event</p> <p><b>SI1</b> Special Interest and Club Event Vehicle logbook must be filled out as required and made available for inspection upon request.</p> <p><b>SI2</b> Document issued by the Department outlining the conditions of use is to be carried in the vehicle at all times and must be complied with.</p> <p><b>SI3</b> Vehicle use restricted to travel to/from, a rally event, scrutineering, a place for the purpose of repairs or maintenance, practice during daylight hours, or use in the organised promotion of a sanctioned rally event.</p>

## How to Apply?

### Class A

Applications for Class A can be submitted at Service Tasmania. Class A does not require assessment/approval prior to having the vehicle inspected and visiting Service Tasmania to obtain registration.

#### Submit at Service Tasmania

You will need to:

1. Have the vehicle inspected at a Tasmanian Approved Inspection Station (AIS)
  - If Class B or C, you will need to provide the AIS with your 'Authority to Progress'.
2. Visit Service Tasmania with the following:
  - 'Special Interest Vehicle Application for Registration (MR161)'.
  - 'Authority to Progress' letter (if Class B or C).
  - AIS inspection report, that indicates the vehicle has passed SI standards.
  - Import approval issued by the relevant Commonwealth Department, if vehicle is imported.
  - Tasmanian driver licence or [evidence of identity](#).
  - Proof of Tasmanian garage address, if different to residential address.
  - Receipt or other [proof of entitlement](#).
  - Registration plates - If the vehicle is currently affixed with registration plates, you will need to return these plates at the time SI registration is issued. Unless they are Personalised plates.
  - Payment for registration and plate fees (if applicable).

Your application will be processed during your visit. You will receive SI number plates, registration certificate, certificate of conditions and a logbook.

### Class B and C

Applications for Class B & C require assessment by the Departments Vehicle Management Unit to determine if the vehicle meets the required eligibility and safety standards.

#### Submit for Assessment

You will need to submit your application by:

- Email to: [vehicle.management@stategrowth.tas.gov.au](mailto:vehicle.management@stategrowth.tas.gov.au) or
- Post to 'Vehicle Management Unit, GPO Box 1002 Hobart, Tas 7001'.

Refer to the 'Submit for assessment checklist' below on what to provide when you submit your application for assessment.

Applications can take up to two weeks to be assessed.

#### After Assessment

You will receive a decision by email providing the outcome of you application.

- If 'Not approved', you will receive a decision letter outlining the reasons why.
- If 'Approved', you will receive 'Authority to Progress' letter. You can then follow the steps as outlined in 'Submit at Service Tasmania'

For more information visit [transport.tas.gov.au](http://transport.tas.gov.au) (Registration Options and Permits – Special interest Registration) or contact the Vehicle Management Unit at [vehicle.management@stategrowth.tas.gov.au](mailto:vehicle.management@stategrowth.tas.gov.au) or call (03) 6166 3262.

### Submit for assessment checklist

Class B	Class C
<input type="checkbox"/> a completed 'Special Interest Vehicle Application for Registration (MR161)'. <input type="checkbox"/> a copy of the import approval issued by the relevant Commonwealth Department, if vehicle is imported. <input type="checkbox"/> a copy of a current Motorsport Australia National Rally or a Clubman Rally Licence, or an AASA National Tarmac Rally or National Gravel Rally Licence. <input type="checkbox"/> current colour images of the vehicle – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> one from each angle of the exterior that show safety decals and tow points</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> one that shows the seating configurations</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> one that shows the safety cage structure</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> copies of <u>all pages</u> of the vehicle's current motorsport organisation logbook (unless blank).	<input type="checkbox"/> a completed 'Special Interest Vehicle Application for Registration (MR161)'. <input type="checkbox"/> a copy of the import approval issued by the relevant Commonwealth Department, if vehicle is imported. <input type="checkbox"/> current colour images of the vehicle - one from each angle of the exterior. <input type="checkbox"/> documented evidence the vehicle has been entered and accepted in an upcoming charitable event.

Additional information may be required.

**Select the class of SI registration:**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Class A</b> Vehicle 30 years old or more	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Class B</b> Rally Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Class C</b> Charitable event vehicle
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**Operator details**

Person / individual  
(Class A, B & C)

	Operator 1	Operator 2 (if joint application)
Full name		
Date of birth		
Licence number		
Residential address		
Postal address		
Email address		
Phone number		
Garage address		

Or  
Company / Incorporated Association (allowable for Class C only)

Company name		ACN / Inc number	
Physical address		Postal address	
Email address		Phone number	
Garage address			

**Vehicle details**

VIN or Chassis																				
Engine Number											Month/Year Manufacture									
Make						Model						Colour								
Registration Number (if previously registered)											Import Approval number (if imported)									
Rally Licence Number (Class B only)																				
Registration number of the Tasmanian registration (non-conditional) currently registered in one of the applicants' names																				
Comments on vehicle (if any)																				

**Declaration - (If agent submitting on behalf of registered operators, provide agent letter of authority)**

I (full name) \_\_\_\_\_ and (if joint applicant) \_\_\_\_\_  
 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 terms for my class of vehicle.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature (if joint applicant): \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_