

## **The Victorian Club Permit Scheme (Summary)**

Full details of the Club Permit Scheme are contained in the CPS Handbook. Copies are available from the [AOMC](#) at \$5 each posted, or \$3.50 each for 10 or more copies. See also VicRoads web site and search for "Club Permit". (The location appears change with their updates)

### **Some answers to "Frequently Asked Questions" FAQ's**

Is NOT - Red Plates - (Personalised plates can also be red)

Is NOT - Club 'Rego' - (It is a Permit to use an UNREGISTERED VEHICLE)

Is NOT - Cheap 'Rego' for 'OLD' cars

### **The Club Permit Scheme -**

- Is available to Victorian residents who are financial members of hobby vehicle clubs authorised by VicRoads.
- Is for basically unmodified vehicles. VicRoads interpretation of the term 'manufactured' means the state that the vehicle leaves the production line.
- Is a permit for the restricted use of an unregistered vehicle.
- Is available for:
  - Veteran Vehicles which are issued with 1 number plate and are manufactured before 1/1/1919.
  - Vintage Vehicles which are issued with 1 number plate and are manufactured between 1/1/1919 and 31/12/1930.
  - Classic & Historic Vehicles which are issued with 2 number plates and are manufactured after 31/12/1930 and include:
    - any RIGHT HAND DRIVE vehicle over 25 years old AND
    - any LEFT HAND DRIVE vehicle over 25 years old.
- Is also available for authorised club events held in other States & Territories. (WA is now included!)
- Has very limited private use available with a 'Special Use' Voucher issued by your authorised club.

### **The vehicle on the Club Permit Scheme :**

- Must, when being driven, be 'safe to be driven on the roads' and the responsibility for this 'safe' condition rests wholly with the owner and/or driver.
- Must NOT be used on a regular non-club basis.  
That means :
  - do NOT drive the Club Permit vehicle to work,
  - do NOT take the kids to school.
- Must NOT be used for profit or gain.
- Must not be used between sunset & sunrise unless fitted with electric lights (including dipping headlights, if fitted, suitable for right hand drive).
- A trailer or caravan can be towed providing current regulations are followed.  
May attend another authorised club's event providing:
  - you are a financial member of that club,
  - you or your club are invited to the event, or
  - you have a Special Use Voucher.
- May attend an event run by a non-authorised Club on the issue of a Special Use Voucher by your Club.
- Must carry:
  - the VicRoads Club Permit,and should carry:
  - the Newsletter or Newspaper advertising the event, or
  - the Special Use Voucher.
- Special Use Vouchers can be used to allow REASONABLE traveling time to and from distant events.

- The Club Permit is NOT transferable to another vehicle NOR is it transferable to another owner except where the new owner already holds a current Club Permit for another vehicle.
- To be an 'authorised event' the event should be publicised by the authorising club or organisation.
- To become 'authorised' to run Club Permit events a club must apply in writing to VicRoads and meet the conditions set by VicRoads.

#### **Failure to comply with the rules of the Club Permit Scheme could result in -**

- Fine for driving an unregistered vehicle, or
- Loss of your individual Club Permit, or
- Loss of the Club's authority to operate the Club Permit Scheme, or
- Cancellation of the Club Permit Scheme for all enthusiasts.

## **Frequently Asked Questions on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme**

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The following questions and answers have been prepared by the AOMC Executive from issues discussed with VicRoads and questions raised in general forum with Victoria Police and VicRoads.

In General, the Club Permit Scheme applies to vehicles 25 years and older with a rolling 25 year cut off.

The Victorian Club Permit Scheme is administered by VicRoads under the VicRoads Business Rules. The Victoria Police ensures compliance with the scheme. Many issues are not specifically addressed in the VicRoads Business Rules and relate to the subjective interpretation of the Scheme and consequently fall within a "grey area".

As a consequence, where the interpretation is unclear, the AOMC recommends that the permit holder take a conservative position !!.

Given the significant benefits and modest fees, users of the scheme must consider it a privilege rather than a right. Abuse of the scheme could result in far reaching implications to the individual, their club and the Permit Scheme in general, such as:

Fines for driving an unregistered vehicle, or  
 Loss of your individual Club Permit, or  
 Loss of your club's authority to operate the Club Permit Scheme, or  
 Cancellation of the Club Permit Scheme for all enthusiasts.

Most of these questions and answers are covered in the AOMC Club Permit Scheme Handbook and a copy should be held (and read!) by the owner of a Club Permit Vehicle.

1. **Q. May I use my Club Permit Vehicle for a family wedding?**  
 A. Yes, with a Special Use Authorisation Voucher. Note that a Club Permit Vehicle must not be used for hire or reward hence a regular business of weddings is not permitted.
2. **Q. Can I tow a trailer with a Club Permit Vehicle?**  
 A. Yes, subject to normal rules for towing a trailer eg. weight, coupling, lighting, speed limits etc. Note that VicRoads does not issue a "third" number plate for a trailer, hence the trailer should be registered in its own right.
3. **Q. Can a learner driver operate a Club Permit Vehicle?**  
 A. Yes, subject to the normal rules for learner drivers.
4. **Q. Why have I not received a renewal notice for my Club Permit vehicle?**  
 A. It is permit holder's responsibility to ensure a permit is renewed.

The Club Permit Scheme is stored on a separate computer system to the general VicRoads data files and hence if you should change your address for a fully registered vehicle, or a Driver's Licence, then a separate advice is still required for a Club Permit vehicle.

5. **Q. Can a modified vehicle be used under the Club Permit scheme?**  
A. Yes, provided the vehicle is in a safe condition. In some cases an Engineer's Certificate might be required. Note that the CPS must not be considered a method of driving an unsafe or unroadworthy vehicle.
6. **Q. Under what conditions may I test my Club Permit Vehicle?**  
A. To maintain, test, repair or prepare the vehicle for an authorised event. It is the owner/driver's responsibility to maintain the vehicle in a safe condition, but "exercising" the vehicle to achieve this is not an excuse for regular or daily use. Such use remains an abuse of the Scheme. In practice, a trip "around the block" to test the brakes for a club event in a couple of days time would be acceptable. A trip 10 km from home or to perhaps pick up the groceries from the supermarket would be clearly unacceptable!
7. **Q. May I drive my Club Permit Vehicle to a mechanic's repair garage?**  
A. Yes, but note that driving to a parts store to purchase the required parts for fitting at home is not acceptable.
8. **Q. May I drive my Club Permit Vehicle interstate.**  
A. Yes, provided the event is on your club's calendar.
9. **Q. I am attending an interstate event shown in my club's calendar, however because of the large distance involved it will take me 2 days to get there and 2 days to return, may I operate my Club Permit Vehicle during these 4 days?**  
A. Yes, provided Special Use Vouchers are obtained for the extra two 2 day periods.
10. **Q. How many Special Use Vouchers may be issued to a club member?**  
A. There is no direct answer - however once a week is out of the question. Each club must make its own decisions - publicise them to its members and then follow those rules.
11. **Q. I have a Special Use Voucher for my wedding is it reasonable to have a SUV to use my Club Permit Vehicle for my honeymoon?**  
A. It is NOT reasonable to use a SUV for such an event.
12. **Q. Our club has a display day at a Swap Meet. The event is shown on our calendar. May I carry a load of spare parts in my Club Permit Vehicle to sell at the Swap Meet?**  
A. No, as Club Permit Vehicles must not be used for carrying goods for hire or reward.
13. **Q. I live some distance from our club's Permit Officer. Is it allowable for me to use a facsimile copy of the Special Use Voucher sent to me.**  
A. You are required to carry the Special Use Voucher and a copy might NOT be considered acceptable to some police officers. Other police officers might accept a fax copy (therefore carrying the original should avoid any argument). It would appear most uncommon that a SUV might be required in such urgency that normal postal service could not be used. Clubs should ensure that their Club Permit Officer is readily accessible to all their members. (This answer revised 9.3.04)
14. **Q. My CH number plate has been damaged. How can I replace it?**  
A. You should present the damaged plate to the Kew Office of VicRoads
15. **Q. Can I have two garage addresses listed for my CH plated vehicle?**  
A. Legislation and VicRoads rules stipulate only one address however you may have the vehicle garage address different from your residential address (and for service of notices).
16. **Q. I want to put my bike rack on my CH vehicle, can I get another small bike plate for the rack?**  
A. No.
17. **Q. Can a Club get a list of owners of CH vehicles in their club from VicRoads?**  
A. No, as this would be a breach of privacy. Note however that if a club submits a list of known members with CH vehicles to VicRoads then VicRoads will confirm whether the listing is correct.
18. **Q. What are the limits to modifications permitted to CH vehicles?**  
A. Vehicle Standards Information publication (VSI 8), available from the VicRoads book shop, provides guidance. Heavily modified vehicles may need an Engineer's Certificate.
19. **Q. Can I sell my vehicle with CH plate and can the CH plate be transferred to the new owner?**  
A. Yes provided the new owner is entitled to have a CH plated vehicle.  
Note, in practice this maybe difficult without both parties being present at the VicRoads Office. Also smaller VicRoads Offices may not be able to process the transfer in real time.
20. **Q. Does the driver of the CH plated vehicle need to be the permit holder?**  
A. No.

21. **Q. Can L Plate or P plate drivers operate a CH plate vehicle?**

A. Yes, but note that the vehicle insurers may impose restrictions on drivers of vehicles less than 30 years old.

### **VicRoads Notice**

#### **VICTORIAN CLUB PERMIT SCHEME**

VicRoads has received a number of enquiries recently concerning the use of vehicles issued with Club Permits operating outside of the conditions of the Club Permit Scheme. The following information is provided for the interest of motoring club members.

The Club Permit Scheme allows the members of VicRoads approved clubs to use their vehicles for a low cost that reflects the limited use of their vehicles.

Vehicles issued with Club Permits can only be used on a highway in connection with official activities organised by or under the auspices of an approved club, and in preparing the vehicle for such club activities. There is also a provision for a club to issue a 'Special Use Authorisation' so that members can use their vehicles for 'one-off' activities such as a family wedding providing there is no commercial gain associated with this use.

Any use of a vehicle issued with a Club Permit outside of these conditions can lead to the vehicle operator being issued with an infringement notice for owning or using an unregistered vehicle which carries a fine of \$500.00. Furthermore, it is also an offence for a person to knowingly pay the incorrect transport accident charge.

Where a veteran, vintage or classic and historic vehicle is intended to be used beyond that permitted under the conditions associated with the Club Permit Scheme, full road registration is required under the Road Safety Act 1986.

Further information concerning the Club Permit Scheme can be obtained from your respective motoring club official. Information relating to full road registration is available from VicRoads Telephone Information Service on telephone number 13 11 71.

VicRoads.

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