

The Department of Transport and Main Roads Special Interest Vehicle (SIV) registration concession scheme – frequently asked questions

What types of vehicles are eligible to participate in the scheme?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historic vehicles (light and heavy vehicles that are at least 30 years old). • Street rods (vehicles modified for safe road use that have a body and frame built before 1949 or is a replica of a motor vehicle, the body and frame of which were built before 1949). • Historic ambulances and fire-fighting equipment vehicles under 30 years old (retired ambulances and fire-fighting equipment used for display). <p>See the <i>SIV Guide</i> for further detail about eligible vehicles.</p>
Can a left hand drive (LHD) vehicle be registered under the SIV scheme?
<p>LHD vehicles may be registered under the scheme if they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • light vehicles (Gross Vehicle Mass not over 4.5 tonnes) and at least 30 years old • heavy vehicles (Gross Vehicle Mass over 4.5 tonnes) at least 30 years old and has been issued with a LHD Exemption Permit. <p>See the <i>SIV Guide</i> for further detail about eligible vehicles.</p>
Are registered operators required to maintain car club membership?
<p>Evidence of current membership with a Queensland incorporated car club or association must be provided at the time of application for SIV concession. Registered operators should maintain membership with a Queensland incorporated car club or association.</p>
Are street rod registered operators required to maintain current membership with the Australian Street Rod Federation?
<p>Yes. Registered operators must have current membership with the Australian Street Rod Federation.</p>
Are there any exemptions from the club membership requirements?
<p>Exceptions may be considered if the registered operator is located in a remote area of Queensland. All exemptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.</p>
Why are historic vehicle dating certificates required?
<p>The historic dating and vehicle certificate proves that the vehicle has been inspected by a club official (dating officer) of an incorporated vehicle car club to certify that the vehicle is authentic and was manufactured at least 30 years ago.</p>
Can a registered operator register more than one vehicle under the SIV scheme?
<p>Yes. There is no limit to the number of eligible vehicles that a registered operator may register under the SIV scheme.</p>

Are vehicles registered under the SIV scheme recognised by other jurisdictions when vehicles visit on approved club events?

Yes. Vehicles travelling to approved interstate club events can operate under the same conditions as they would in Queensland.

Does Queensland recognise SIV permits from other states?

Yes. Temporary visitors who hold a valid authority or permit are able to use these vehicles in Queensland subject to the conditions of use where the vehicle is registered.

How far can I travel in order to have my car repaired?

There is no distance restriction in these circumstances. However, travel for maintenance or repair must be reasonable and able to be justified by the registered operator.

Can I road test the vehicle after maintenance work to keep mechanical parts working?

Travel is allowed within a radius of 15kms from where the vehicle is garaged. The purpose of the travel must be to road test the vehicle following repair or restoration, or for general vehicle maintenance and not for any other purpose. Such travel must be reasonable and able to be justified by the registered operator.

What are the registration plate options for SIVs?

The standard registration plate issued to a vehicle registered under the SIV scheme is an S series plate. For those looking for an alternative to the S plate, Personalised Plates Queensland offer a range of personalised plate options. Visit ppq.com.au for more information.

What types of rallies or events can vehicles registered under the SIV scheme participate in?

Registered operators can participate in events sanctioned by their car club. Events are usually listed in a club newsletter or on the club's website.

It is generally understood that a rally is a social event and describes a procession of special interest vehicles that may travel together for competition or to gather to meet at an agreed destination. This destination may be an advertised event such as a classic car show of historical vehicles, Motorfest, or simply a club run, but is not limited to these examples.

Can a SIV be used for ceremonial purposes such as weddings and formals?

Yes, vehicles can be used for ceremonial purposes involving immediate family members or as part of a sanctioned club event.

Can a bus registered under the SIV scheme carry passengers?

Buses are permitted to carry non-fare paying passengers for journeys (joy-rides) from an event and return, provided the length of the journey does not exceed 5kms.

What are the conditions for operating a SIV for funeral purposes?

SIV registered vehicles can be used and displayed for funeral events.

It is understood that due to the nature of a funeral, there may not be enough time to include the funeral as an event on an official club newsletter or calendar or events.

What happens if I use the vehicle outside the conditions of the SIV scheme?

If you are operating outside of the conditions of the SIV scheme, you may face a fine of \$176 or risk having your concession eligibility reassessed.

As well as the financial penalties of operating outside the conditions of the scheme, you may face serious insurance implications if your vehicle is involved in a crash with damage to your vehicle, yourself or others without compulsory third party or comprehensive insurance cover.

What should I carry in my car to prove I am registered under the SIV scheme?

It is recommended that you carry any papers that would assist enforcement officers to determine your registration under the scheme and support your reason for travel. Such documents could include (but are not limited to):

- TMR issued registration certificate
- club newsletter
- club calendar of events.

Can a SIV attend events organised by other motoring clubs or associations?

Yes, a SIV can attend any incorporated vehicle club sanctioned event.

Can a SIV vehicle be used for the planning of a genuine SIV event?

Yes, a SIV can be used to prepare for a club sanctioned event within reason. Travel under this situation should be able to be justified.

Are passengers allowed to accompany the driver for road or vehicle testing?

If there is capacity in the SIV to allow for a passenger, a passenger may travel in the vehicle to undertake assessment of the vehicle during road testing.