

Recreation motorcycle registration

Registration requirements and usage

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Introduction

Recreation motorcycle registration provides a low cost option for motorcycle riders that operate 2-wheeled motorcycles on country roads with light traffic. To be eligible for recreation registration, motorcycles must meet the minimum construction standards outline in this bulletin.

Note

The vehicle register records the identification details of each vehicle and the name and address of the registered operator of the vehicle. The register is not a register of vehicle ownership (title).

Use of registered recreation motorcycles

- Recreation motorcycles are not permitted on roads declared as freeways or arterial roads under the *Road Management Act 2004*.
- Recreation motorcycles may only operate on:
 - roads that are not declared as freeways or arterial roads and are outside built up areas (which are defined by speed zones of less than 100 km/h)
 - those areas that are not a road and are solely for the training and assessment of a holder of a motorcycle learner permit by an organisation approved by VicRoads for that purpose.
- The motorcycle must not be used to carry a load or a person other than the rider.
- The operator must wear a protective helmet of the type approved for normal road use.

Eligibility

A person operating a recreation motorcycle must be at least 18 years of age and hold an appropriate motorcycle learner permit or licence.

Recreation motorcycle minimum construction standards

General construction

A recreation motorcycle must have two wheels, and its general construction must not cause, or be likely to cause, a danger to its operator or any other person.

Rear vision mirror

An effective rear vision mirror must be fitted to the right side.

Brakes

A recreation motorcycle must have a braking system comprising of brakes fitted to both wheels of the vehicle, capable of working independently should one of the brakes fail in its operation.

Lighting

Recreation motorcycles must have:

- one head lamp
- one rear red lamp
- one rear red brake lamp
- one rear white number plate lamp.

A 'total loss system' power source for the lighting is not acceptable.*

For combustion engine motorcycles:

- if a battery is fitted to the vehicle, an integrated charging system, such as an alternator, is required.
- magneto driven lights are acceptable if a battery is not fitted.

For electric motorcycles:

- the propulsion battery may be used to power the lighting provided the propulsion system stops functioning at the same time, or prior to, the lighting system

** A 'Total Loss' system is one where the lights are powered in such a way that continuous power to the lights is not possible. For example lights powered by batteries that are not continuously rechargeable and can therefore run down.*

Exhaust/noise requirements

Internal combustion engines must be permanently fitted with a silencing device capable of restricting the engine noise level to 94 dBA or less (the on-road motorcycle noise level standard).

General safety requirements

The following safety items must also be fitted to all registered recreation motorcycles:

- an appropriate horn or warning device wired into the motorcycle's electrical system
- a chainguard that protects the rider from the front chain sprocket.

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Road classification

The following shows the roads on which recreation motorcycles may and may not be operated.

Roads which **MAY** be used

Roads that are not freeways or arterial roads and are outside built up areas (see exceptions below).

Roads which **MAY NOT** be used

- Freeways and arterial roads
- Roads previously known as tourist roads
- Roads previously known as main roads
- Roads previously known as forest roads:
 - Benambra -Corryong Road
 - Boolarra Road
 - Combienbar Road
 - Jamieson- Licola Road
 - Loch Valley Road
 - Murrungower Road
 - Shelley-Walwa Road
 - Tatong -Tolmie Road
 - Timbarra Road
 - Tyers-Thompson Valley Road

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