

Recreation motorcycle registration

Introduction

Recreation motorcycle registration provides a low cost option for motorcycle riders who wish to only operate their motorcycles on country roads with light traffic. Minimum construction standards apply to motorcycles eligible for recreation registration.

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).*

Conditions that apply to 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 vehicle must not 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.

The power source for the lighting must not be a "total loss system" (eg. batteries). The power source must have its own re-generation for the continued operation of the lights.

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 table shows the road classification and code numbers of roads on which recreation motorcycles may and may not be operated. Classification and codes are shown in the RACV VicRoads Country Street Directory.

Roads which MAY be used	Road classification code
Roads that are not freeways or arterial roads and are outside built up areas (see exceptions below)	3000 - 3999
Other roads including roads not shown in the VicRoads Country Street Directory	None

Roads which MAY NOT be used	Road classification code	
Freeways and arterial roads	1000 - 2999	
Roads previously known as tourist roads	4000 - 4999	
Roads previously known as main roads	5000 - 5999	
Roads previously known as forest roads:		
	Benambra-Corryong Road	3001
	Boolarra Road	3010
	Combienbar Road	3000
	Jamieson-Licola Road	3241
	Loch Valley Road	3002
	Murrungower Road	3231
	Shelley-Walwa Road	3005
	Tatong-Tolmie Road	3181
	Timbarra Road	3261
	Tyers-Thompson Valley Road	3004

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