

# 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 outlined 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

- Recreational motorcycles may only operate on certain roads (see Roads Classification section for more details).
- 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.



## Road classification

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

### Roads which MAY be used

- Highways that are located outside built-up areas. These roads will only have a speed limit of 100 km/h or more.
- Off road areas solely for the training and assessment of a holder of a motorcycle learner permit by a DTP approved organisation.

*When operating a vehicle on public land (i.e. Crown land, forest or park), you must only operate the vehicle on open, formed roads.*

Please see the map of DTP managed roads:

[transport.vic.gov.au/business/road-and-traffic-management/map-of-dtp-managed-roads](https://transport.vic.gov.au/business/road-and-traffic-management/map-of-dtp-managed-roads)

### All other roads are prohibited, including:

- Freeways and arterial roads (as defined by the Road Management Act 2004)
- 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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Speak and Listen users call **1300 555 727**

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