

Conditional Registration of Vehicles

Conditional registration...What is it?

Conditional registration is a registration scheme for non-standard vehicles that previously were exempt or unable to be registered. Conditional registration gives you the benefit of compulsory third party insurance in the event of a crash occurring on a road causing personal injury. Costs are approximately \$240 per vehicle per year.

What vehicles should have conditional registration?

Any vehicle that does not comply with the standard regulations for registration but requires access to **roads** to fulfil operational tasks should have conditional registration. This will affect agricultural, construction and recreational vehicles including:

- forklifts
- tractors
- graders
- harvesters
- two, three or four-wheeled recreational vehicles.

What is a road?

The definition of a 'road' under Queensland law includes areas such as: shopping centre car parks, railway crossings, areas open to the public for use as a road and road-related areas. A road-related area is part of a road and includes areas such as footpaths and nature strips.

Implications for DETE

Although this legislation includes many commercial vehicles, it has been identified that ride-on lawnmowers, which are a widely used piece of equipment in schools and TAFE campuses (some schools/institutes may also use agricultural type tractors), are required to comply with this legislative requirement if they operate in any area defined as a road. This includes nature strips on footpaths.

This will mean that all schools and TAFE campuses that use a ride on lawnmower to mow the grass on nature strips on footpaths will be required to register that vehicle with Queensland Transport.

Types of Conditional Registration

There are two types of Conditional Registration that would be applicable to the types of vehicles that would commonly be used by schools/institutes, **Limited Access** and **Zone Access**.

Limited Access:

This type of registration allows for the least restricted use of the vehicle under conditional registration. According to the guidelines for conditional registration, conditions for vehicles such as a ride-on lawnmower are:

- *Drivers of the vehicle must carry a copy of any information sheet issued by and authority which is required as a condition of use*
- *Not to be used on the formed portion of any roadway except when crossing.*
A conditionally registered vehicle operating under this condition is permitted to directly cross a road or cross a road from one road related area to another road related area

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- *Restricted to a designated area.* A vehicle operating under this condition is only permitted to operate in the following areas e.g.:
 - Car parks (shopping centres, airports etc)
 - Parklands
 - University grounds
 - Hospital grounds
 - Any area designated by the Chief Executive Queensland Transport

NB: Although schools are not stated, by way of example, other Government operated sites such as hospitals are mentioned. It is reasonable to expect that school/institute grounds would fall into this category.

- *Not to travel during darkness or poor visibility*
NB: In a school environment use of these vehicles in darkness or poor visibility would be very unlikely to occur.
- *Only to be used on a road within a defined (signed) work area or construction zone and to be transported by float between sites.*
Work around and on areas of road such as footpaths is being conducted, that signage is displayed as in accordance with the Queensland [Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Part 3, Works on Roads.](#)

Zone Access:

The difference between the two registration conditions is small but significant – zone access requires the vehicle to operate under conditions set out in a permit that must be obtained from the Queensland Police Service, which specify route and times of use. It is unlikely that schools would need to pursue the procurement of this type of registration.

Guideline for Conditionally Registered Vehicles

The guideline includes detailed information about the conditions required for the types of vehicles that require registration. To find information on specific vehicles, go to the [Queensland Transport Conditional Registration Website](#) and look for the vehicle you are looking to register. These are under the Agricultural, Construction or Recreational headings. When you find the vehicle you would like to register, e.g. [ride-on lawnmower](#), the conditions for use section provides reference markers for specific parts of information in the guideline.

Further Information:

Conditional Registration:

<http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Registration/Conditional-registration.aspx>

Ride-on-Mower:

http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/~/-/media/Registration/condrego/Construction%20vehicles/cond_rego_mower_rideon_oth_er_than_tractor.pdf

Guideline for Conditionally Registered Vehicles, form 17:

http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/~/-/media/busind/Heavyvehicles/guidepermits/Pdf_guideline_for_conditionally_registered_vehicles_form_number_17.pdf