

## 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.

### 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 DET

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 the edges of footpaths will be required to register that vehicle with Queensland Transport.

### Types of Conditional Registration

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

#### Limited Access:

This registration provides the least restricted use of a 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 an authority which is required as a condition of use.*  
Any licensing/registration information for a vehicle must be able to be produced by anyone using that vehicle at any given time.
- *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

- *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 mentioned as an example, other Government operated sites such as hospitals are. 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 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.*

When work around and on areas of road such as footpaths is being conducted, signage needs to be 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 on the conditions for use for the type 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.

#### **Cost of Registration (as at 7 October 2009)**

Limited Access Registration including CTP and number plates - \$236.00 for 12 Months

Renewal of Limited Access Registration including CTP - \$213.00 for 12 Months

Zone Access Registration including CTP and number plates - \$140.00 for 12 Months

Renewal of Zone Access Registration including CTP - \$117.00 for 12 Months

#### **Links**

[http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/Home/Registration/Conditional\\_registration/](http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/Home/Registration/Conditional_registration/)

[http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/resources/file/eb9a960f3c3cbd6/cond\\_rego\\_mower\\_rideon\\_ot\\_her\\_than\\_tractor.pdf](http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/resources/file/eb9a960f3c3cbd6/cond_rego_mower_rideon_ot_her_than_tractor.pdf)

[Guideline for Conditionally Registered Vehicles, form 17 v1.1 \(PDF\\*\\*, 99KB\)](#)

[Conditional Vehicle Registration application form \(F3815\)](#)