

Updates on Concessional Licensing

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The Council of Motoring Clubs has been working closely with the Minister for Transport's office and Department of Transport staff to help develop the new 'C4C' category and update Code 404 Concessional Licensing accordingly.

The two schemes will be closely aligned and clubs may take up either or both to offer to members.

Implementation is expected to take place early 2021.

New 'C4C' Scheme:

"Concession for Classics" (C4C) is for street rods and similar vehicles. Whereas Code 404 allows very limited modifications to be accepted, this new category incorporates a broader allowance. Most regulations will be in line with Code 404, including the changes outlined herein.

Here are the basics of the new category:

- This new category for vehicles manufactured prior to 1990, which is not a rolling date.
- The registration cost will be 75% reduction of full registration cost.
- To participate, the owner of a vehicle must be a member of a Dept of Transport approved club whilst receiving the concession.
- The Dept of Transport is accepting applications from clubs to join the new scheme prior to its implementation. Clubs must have the same characteristics as for Code 404, such as minimum 30 members, being incorporated and must maintain a register of members and their vehicles.
- Clubs may be required to provide DoT with records and information for auditing and compliance with the C4C scheme from time to time.
- **30 days Private Use** and **60 days Club Use** rules apply as per Code 404 – see below.
- Vehicles cannot be used for fee, hire or reward.
- Modifications must be legal and the same rules for engineering and permits apply as for fully registered vehicles.
- Standard vehicles are eligible.
- Annual inspections will not be required.
- Clubs will be required to ensure that their vehicles on the concession are compliant.
- Vehicles must display an approved plate or label stating "RESTRICTED USE", which is to be affixed to the top or bottom of the vehicle number plate(s) to identify that the vehicle has restricted road use, where Code 404 retains "HISTORIC" or previously approved descriptors.
- Club sanctioned events must be organized and/or supported by the club's committee prior to the commencement of the event.
- Once the C4C scheme has been implemented owners of vehicles will be able to apply to the DoT for the concession, which may result in a refund in the adjustment to any full vehicle license fees paid.

Enquiries about the new C4C system can be directed to: modifiedclassics@transport.wa.gov.au

Changes to Code 404:

The authorities are keen to align both schemes and to streamline some aspects of the existing Code 404, without diminishing what is offered to club members.

The main changes to the existing Code 404 regulations include:

Two categories of use for Concessionally Licensed vehicles will exist: Personal Use and Club Use.

Personal Use:

- Personal Use will include Road Testing which has been allowed for decades, plus maintenance and repair days.
- Personal Use days will also replace Impromptu Runs that were introduced a few years ago.
- Personal Use will be limited to **30** days per vehicle, per year. The descriptor 'Impromptu Run' is now obsolete.
- The 30km radius limit from where a vehicle is housed has now been deleted.
- For all Personal Use, club members must advise their Club Registrar (or other committee member according to the club's own arrangements) in advance, in the same way they have done for Impromptu Runs to date.
- Advice may be given at any time up to immediately prior to a run.
- Personal Use runs are not limited to a single day, provided advice is given in advance.
- Clubs must maintain a Log of all Personal Use runs.
- The Log must record:
 1. The identity of the vehicle owner;
 2. The vehicle and;
 3. Date/s of the run.

It is not necessary to collect any additional information.

- No confirmation of Personal Use run advice is required from the club.
- It is the joint responsibility of the club and club member to ensure the no more than 30 days rule is adhered to.

Club Use:

- Club Use will be limited to **60** days per vehicle, per year.
- Club Use is only for club sanctioned events.
- A club may sanction an event in whatever manner suits – by recording in Minutes of a meeting, in its magazine, on its website, social media page, etc, which must be a provable record. Club sanctioned events must be organized and/or supported by the club's committee prior to the commencement of the event.
- For multi-club events it is now required that all clubs with an interest should sanction the event, and where there is no club sanction applicable, the vehicle owner should make their participation a Personal Use run and follow the actions outlined. This differs from the past where only one club needed to sanction an event to allow any Concessionally Licensed car to participate.

Note, Code 404 remains applicable to vehicles 25 years old and older, with a rolling date (with the exception of Unique & Historic category).

The Code 404 costs structure remains unchanged.

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MEDIA STATEMENT

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Discount to encourage more classic cars onto the roads

- New scheme to offer 75 per cent registration discount for classic vehicles registered to an approved club
- Will apply to low road use street rods and vehicles manufactured prior to 1990
- Eligible vehicles will be able to access 90 days of on-road use per annum
- Scheme removes red tape for classic car owners that only drive occasionally
- McGowan Government has finalised original proposal following consultation with stakeholders

Western Australians may soon see more classic cars on our roads, with the McGowan Government introducing a new scheme to encourage car enthusiasts to hit the road in their hot rods more often.

Owners of street rods and vehicles manufactured prior to 1990 will soon have access to a scheme designed to encourage and enable car enthusiasts to license and use their 'occasional-use vehicles'.

The new Concessions for Classics scheme will reduce licensing costs for eligible vehicles and allow 90 days of road use per annum.

Under the new scheme, participants will receive a 75 per cent reduction in their motor vehicle licence fee, provided the owner of the eligible vehicle is also a financial member of a Department of Transport (DoT) approved motoring club or the vehicle is owned by a DoT approved motoring club.

DoT approved motoring clubs will be required to maintain a record of vehicle use by their members for auditing and compliance with the scheme.

The requirement to be a financial member of a DoT approved motoring club is a fundamental feature of all classic vehicle permit and conditional licensing schemes across Australia.

It encourages club members and DoT approved motoring clubs to comply with their obligations under the relevant scheme and promotes community engagement and participation.

Additionally, the Veteran/Vintage (404) scheme for owners of unmodified vehicles will be modernised mirroring the vehicle use restrictions and motoring club responsibilities of the Concessions for Classics scheme. Concession entitlements and vehicle conditions for vehicles licensed under the Veteran/Vintage scheme will remain the same.

Following discussions with key stakeholders, the McGowan Government plans to extend the proposal to 90 days per annum of road use - 60 days for participation in club sanctioned events and 30 days for personal use, testing, maintenance or repair.

COVID-19 has impacted the implementation of this initiative, however, the legislative changes continue to progress and the Government expects to be able to implement the scheme early next year.