

Council of Motoring Clubs
Meeting
Monday 18 February 2019
CONCESSIONAL LICENSING (Code 404)
REPORT TO COMMITTEE

The following matters have arisen since our last meeting:

1. Impromptu Runs

The Rover Car Club printed this in their January newsletter:

“if you decided to take a drive down the South West Coast for a week in your concessional vehicle, just email the Registrar before you leave. Seems way too easy!”

It seems their Editor may have misunderstood some of the discussion on the matter from our November Concessional Licensing Information evening. Murray kindly spoke with the Rover Club and explained the situation regarding impromptu runs.

It transpired that the related wording in the Information Booklet may be open to some interpretation, so I checked with Peter Taylor as to what the DoT’s intentions were for impromptu runs. Peter advised as follows:

DoT Policy opened the door for all clubs’ members to simply advise their club that they would be using their car on a particular day. The club only had to log the details and were not required to approve them.

It was NOT envisaged that a vehicle be used other than for one day when a situation arose where the use of the vehicle was wanted outside the club event criteria. Any further use of the vehicle beyond that was to simply get the club to create a run.

I appreciate that this intent wasn't fully explained in the Business Rules. As you are aware any changes sought by the CMC MUST go through DoT and approval given to change the BR's."

In an effort to officially address the situation with the Rover Club before things got out of hand, and at Murray's request I advised their Registrar on January 25 by email that the rules and conditions for impromptu runs are:

- Not to be used for practical driving tests;
- Can involve one or more vehicles;
- For one day only;
- Details need to be advised to the Club Registrar for recording, and
- Only to be used where the creation of a club event is not practical.

I further advised that for a trip as described in their newsletter article, a club event would need to be organised.

We now need to edit the Information Booklet accordingly and perhaps let all of the clubs know of this clarification.

As there has been no change to the business rules, I don't think DoT need to be involved.

2. Edits to the Information Booklet

The wording in Clause 1 (Introduction) mentioning Statutory Declarations needs to be updated. Also as above, the situation regarding impromptu runs needs to be made clearer.

3. Who can drive a Concessionally licensed vehicle?

This question is occasionally asked as the wording in Clause 20 apparently can cause confusion. How can we make the wording of Clause 20 clearer?

4. Creation of new CMC 1 Form

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this project. The draft new CMC1 form was sent to our usual contact at DoT on January 25. I did not receive the standard acknowledgement, so one week later I resent the form to our contact and the two other people Dave and I met with in May last year. I then received an immediate acknowledgement and apology, saying resources were limited.

The form is still with DoT.

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