Frequently Asked Questions

Veteran/Vintage/Post Vintage and Invitation Class Concession

How does a car club or association become a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) approved historic motoring club?

Clubs or association must make a written application to Department of Transport (DoT) for approval of the club/association as an approved historic motoring club. The application must be submitted on the organisation’s letterhead with supporting documentation via one of the following methods.

Post: Concessions Section, Department of Transport, GPO Box R1290, Perth WA 6844.
Email: concessions@transport.wa.gov.au
In person: At a Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS) centre, DoT regional office or agent.

The application must include:

• either a copy of the ‘Incorporated Body Certificate’ from the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (therefore issued an ACN), or proof that the club or association is an incorporated body i.e. a certificate of incorporation issued by the Western Australian Department of Commerce;
• a copy of your organisation’s constitution; and
• the organisation’s current membership list (minimum of 30 financial members).

DoT will assess the application and the car club or association will be informed of the outcome in writing.

When does a vehicle or trailer need to be inspected?

Inspection is required if your vehicle

• is not currently licensed, or vehicle licence has expired by more than three months;
• is imported;
• has only been licensed with a 404 concession and the licence is transferred to a person not eligible for the concession; or
• licence is transferred to a person not eligible for a 404 concession and has a ‘Daylight Use Only’ (003) condition code.

Inspection is NOT required if your vehicle

• licence is transferred to a person who is eligible to apply for a 404 concession; or
• has previously been licensed as an ‘A’ class vehicle (conforms, in every respect, to the requirements of the vehicle standards) and licence is transferred to a person not eligible for a 404 concession. Must not have a 003 condition applied.

Who can inspect the vehicle?

The trailer or vehicle can be inspected at an Authorised Inspection Station (AIS).

Removing a ‘daylight use only’ 003 condition?

If a vehicle is manufactured prior to 1934 it must have a 003 (daylight use only) condition added to the vehicle record, unless the vehicle has sufficient lighting i.e. headlights, brake lights, tail lights and indicators. Once the vehicle has been inspected the ‘Certificate of Inspection’ must be presented at a DVS centre, regional DoT office, or agent and the 003 condition code will then be removed from the vehicle record.

Does a trailer/caravan receive a reduction in Motor Vehicle Injury insurance?
No.
Can a vehicle licensed with this concession tow a trailer or caravan?
Yes, appropriate to the class of vehicles and all conditions of the licence.

Can a vehicle or trailer/caravan licensed with this concession carry a load?
A vehicle can carry a load if the driver is attending an authorised event such as a club display and they are carrying an exhibit (for example; a stationary motor or another vehicle) or a display tent or barbecue.
The manufacturers load capacity must not be exceeded. The vehicle cannot be used to carry a load for hire and reward.

Who can drive a vehicle licensed with this concession?
Provided the vehicle is being used for an approved event, any appropriately licensed driver may drive the vehicle.

Can the vehicle be modified?
No. The vehicle must conform to the original manufacturer's specifications. The only exception to this policy is those vehicles:
- converted from left hand drive to right hand drive, providing the conversion complies with the National Code of Practice for Light Vehicle Modifications (VSB14);
- fitted with LPG;
- fitted with alternative period wheels i.e. wheels that were used in the same era as the vehicle's age;
- fitted with options that were available for the vehicle when new, provided all related components to the manufacturer’s original specification are also fitted e.g.6cyl to 8cyl engine option; or
- fitted with indicators and brake lights (6-12v conversions accepted).

When can I use the vehicle?
Vehicle use
The use of the vehicle is limited to:
- any recorded event organised by an approved club;
- in normal circumstances, the event should be advertised by the club for e.g. via newsletter, website or social media. Use of a vehicle participating in an impromptu event involving one, or more vehicles, may be acceptable, and must be recorded in the club’s official ‘Run Log’. An ‘impromptu event’ does not include a Practical Driving Assessment;
- participating in rallies organised by approved historic motoring clubs;
- participating in processions for which an Order for road closure has been made by the Commissioner of Police under s.81C of the Road Traffic Act 1974;
- exhibiting the vehicle in displays, fetes or similar functions conducted for religious, charitable or educational purposes;
- preparing for, proceeding to, and returning from the above activities;
- travel in order to have the vehicle repaired;
- a mechanic, restorer or authorised examiner may drive the vehicle for road-testing, following repairs or vehicle inspection;
- the vehicle may be driven by an appropriately licensed driver for road testing or maintenance related trips within a 30 kilometre radius from the place where the vehicle is garaged or repaired. In exceptional circumstances where a longer journey is necessary, such travel must be reasonable and justifiable by the vehicle operator. The details must be recorded in either the club minutes or the official club ‘Run Log’. A letter of approval from the club must be carried in the vehicle for the duration of the journey;
- the vehicle cannot be used for general transport or to commute to or from the driver/owner’s place of employment; and
- ceremonial purposes (weddings, formals, funerals) involving immediate family members, provided that:
  - the club of which they are a member has approved the use of the vehicle at the event;
  - the owner has received no payment or any other reward for supplying the vehicle; and
  - the event is recorded in the club’s log or minutes and a letter of approval from the club is carried in the vehicle for the duration of the event.

If the motor vehicle is fitted with seats for 13 or more people (buses) the vehicle cannot be used if receiving payment for the fare.
Can a Council of Motoring Clubs sticker or plate be affixed to my vehicle?
Yes. A sticker or plate can be affixed above or below the vehicle’s number plate.

Vehicle to be used only in connection with club events or purposes approved by the Director General. Age category to be shown in the form of a sticker or plate affixed above or below number plate.

What happens when the vehicle licensed with this concession is sold?
The transfer fees and vehicle licence duty are payable, unless the purchaser is a financial member of a CEO approved motoring club and eligible to apply for a 404 concession.

If the vehicle has only been licensed as a ‘B’ class Veteran, Vintage, Post Vintage or Invitational class vehicle is sold to a person who is not eligible to apply for a 404 concession, the vehicle licence must be restored to full rates, after the vehicle has had a full inspection at an AIS. Fees may apply.

If the new owner is eligible for a 404 concession, they must submit their copy of the ‘Notification of Change of Ownership’ form (MR9), a ‘Veteran/Vintage/Post Vintage/Invitation Class Vehicle Licence Concession’ application (E81) form and ‘Certification of Financial Membership’ (CMC1) form, to DoT within 14 days by:

Post: Concessions Section, Department of Transport, GPO Box R1290, Perth WA 6844.
In person: At a Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS) centre, DoT regional office or agent.

‘Unique’ or ‘Historic’ Vehicles under 25 years old.
Under exceptional circumstances, vehicles which are less than 25 years old that conform to the following two categories can be assessed for the purposes of eligibility to apply for a 404 concession, based on the individual characteristics of the vehicle.

Category 1 – Unique vehicle
• A vehicle of limited production or limited availability in Australia, or a vehicle which is sufficiently unusual to warrant collection.

Category 2 – Historic vehicle
• A vehicle which has some historical significance in that it, or similar examples, are recognised as being a part of motoring history (locally or otherwise), or a vehicle which is an early (low production no.) or last (end of production) example of a particular marque or model.

A vehicle that is less than 25 years old can be assessed as a ‘unique’ or ‘historic’ vehicle by presenting the vehicle to the Council of Motoring Clubs Technical Committee (CMCTC) for assessment and approval. The vehicle must be approved as being a ‘Historic’ or ‘Unique’ vehicle prior to making application for an Invitational class 404 concession. To make an appointment to have a ‘unique’ or ‘historic’ vehicle assessed contact the CMC on (08) 9249 9457 or via email secretary@councilofmotoringclubs.asn.au

The following documents must be presented to the CMC Technical Committee:
• if the vehicle is licenced, provide the number plate details;
• written evidence regarding the history of the marque and of the particular vehicle described above;
• statement from the manufacturer, manufacturer’s agent and/or extracts from articles in motoring literature in support of a Unique and/or Historic status; and
• a colour photograph, three quarter front view of the vehicle described above, minimum size 125mm x 85mm.

Non-financial member of a CEO approved historic motoring club?
Non-financial members must advise DoT as soon as the membership expires to remove the concession from the vehicle record and pay the difference in licence and motor vehicle injury insurance fees. The vehicle licence is deemed invalid until the difference in fees has been paid. Use of the vehicle on a public road will constitute an offence - penalties may apply.

Removing a 404 concession?
To restore your vehicle licence to full rates, vehicle must be examined, unless the vehicle was previously licensed in WA as an ‘A’ class standard vehicle prior to having a 404 concession.
The ‘Certificate of Inspection’ must be presented at DVS centre, DoT regional office, or agent in person. Payment of any adjustment must be made immediately so the vehicle can be driven lawfully for general transport purposes.