
CONDITIONALLY REGISTERED VEHICLES

APPROVALS

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OBJECTIVE

This policy sets out how conditional registration affects the use of vehicles on Isaac Regional Council (IRC) managed areas. It includes guidelines intended to support IRC officers assessing the proposed use of conditionally registered vehicles on IRC managed areas.

SCOPE

All vehicles used on roads in IRC managed areas, other than exempt vehicles, must be registered. This includes IRC vehicles used by contractors, lessees, or other Government agencies.

Conditional registration is accepted as a valid form of registration and applies to non-standard vehicles that are ineligible for general registration. Where these vehicles must have access to roads, conditional registration is required. However, all vehicles that comply with normal registration requirements are not eligible for conditional registration.

The *Nature Conservation (Protected Area Management) Regulation 2017* makes it an offence to operate a conditionally registered vehicle on a protected area without written approval, and limits when an approval may be given. It is not possible to authorise a conditionally registered vehicle for private recreational use on a protected area.

Vehicles with conditional registration must comply with the conditions of use for that vehicle. Not all types of conditional registration require an approval from the road owner or manager as a condition of the registration.

DEFINITIONS

TERM / ACRONYM

MEANING

IRC managed area	Protected areas (State land) including national park (scientific), national park, national park (Aboriginal land) National Park (recovery), conservation park and resources reserve dedicated under the <i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i> (NCA). Recreation areas under the <i>Recreation Areas Management Act 2006</i> (RAM Act). State forests (other than areas of State plantation forest), forest reserves and timber reserves managed under the <i>Forestry Act 1959</i> .
IRC	Isaac Regional Council.
DMTR	Department Transport and Mains Road.
IRC Managed Road	Any road that forms part of IRC managed area. Any areas dedicated to public use as a road (also

	known as dedicated or gazetted roads) are not IRC managed roads.
Road	Any area that is open to or used by the public and is developed for, or has as one of its uses, the driving or riding of motor vehicles. This includes areas dedicated to public use as a road, but excludes areas declared under a regulation not to be a road.
Agency vehicle	Vehicles owned, leased, rented or otherwise used by IRC for its officers to carry out their duties, including an officer's private vehicle that is agreed to be used to carry out official duties.
Non-agency vehicle	Includes all vehicles other than agency vehicles.
Non-standard vehicle	Is a vehicle that does not comply with the Queensland Road Safety Standards and as such is not eligible for regular registration or general operation on a road.
Exempt vehicle	Is defined by section 4 of the Transport Operations (Road Use Management Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2010 as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An agricultural implement, if it is being towed by an agricultural machine suitably matched to the implement; or another vehicle of a suitable size for towing the implement• Trailer being towed by an agricultural machine that is being used for its intended agricultural purpose, or a conditionally registered vehicle with limited access registration• Motorised golf buggy or other motorised machinery being used on a golf course or on a golf course car park, or a motorised golf buggy being used for directly crossing a road dividing a golf course• Ride-on mower, other than a ride-on mower that is an agricultural machine, that is being used for mowing, and is:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– directly crossing a road

- crossing from one road related area to another road related area
- road related area
- Walking speed equipment that is on a road only for:
 - loading it onto
 - unloading it from
 - another vehicle
 - repositioning it at a work site
- Low powered motor vehicle (not more than 200 watts)
- Vehicle that is not a motor vehicle or a trailer
- Vehicle being towed by a tow truck operating as a tow truck
- Racing vehicle being used on a racing track or in a related area for a racing track
- Motorbike being used in freestyle motocross in a freestyle motocross area
- Motorbike being used in an observed trial in an observed trial area
- Drawn plants being towed by a conditionally registered vehicle of a size suitable for towing the plant

POLICY STATEMENT

AGENCY VEHICLES

Agency vehicles that do not comply with requirements for full road registration, except exempt vehicles, require conditional registration to travel on a road, including IRC managed roads.

Agency vehicles operating under conditional registration on lands other than IRC managed areas must have written authority from the owner or manager of the area.

VISITORS, CONTRACTORS AND OTHER NON-AGENCY VEHICLES

Non-agency vehicles may be authorised when used by:

- Contractors, local government authorities and/or other government agencies undertaking approved management on the area
- Lessees and/or permittees undertaking an activity relevant to a valid authority over the area
- Neighbour/s dependent on the area for access between portions of their property
- Universities, non-government organisations and/or research institutions undertaking approved research or management activities on the area
- People with mobility disabilities
- Any person undertaking law enforcement, emergency or rescue activities and/or
- As part of recreational activities conducted under a group activity permit
- As part of commercial tourism activities conducted under a commercial activity permit

Authorisation must not be given if the type of vehicle is considered likely to:

- Damage or significantly adversely affect the area's cultural or a natural resource
- Pose a serious risk to the health or safety of the public

AUTHORISATION WILL BE WITHDRAWN

In the event that a conditionally registered vehicle is operated in any way other than that set out in the conditions of an authority or permit to operate in an IRC managed area, the authorisation will be withdrawn by written notice.

Non-agency conditionally registered vehicles observed operating beyond the scope of their conditional registration should be reported to DTMR.

If residents are found to be abusing their permit rights or causing trouble for the local police authority and/or IRC Local Laws Officer/s, IRC will cancel all applications and revoke the permit. If cancelling of an application occurs, a permit will not be available for a period of three years, and only after three years will IRC be prepared to revisit offering permits for conditionally register vehicles.

ADDITIONAL POLICY REQUIREMENTS

- Vehicles are not allowed to be driven through recreational parks or reserves.
- Suspension of permit if a driver is found to be under the influence of alcohol.
- All permit applications need to outline one direct route from the residents' property to a boat ramp/fishing spot of choice.
- If the permit holder is caught off their designated route this will result in the suspension of their permit for a set period.
- Permits are not indefinite and need to be re-applied for after each 12-month period.

- Permit holder is to carry the permit on their persons at all times when using the conditionally registered vehicle on the road.
- If the permit holder changes fishing spots they will be required to apply for another permit if the route is different from the one issued.
- Permit holders are not allowed to drive their vehicles in excess of 40km regardless of the road limit for general vehicles.
- No permits will be issued where your route requires you to travel on a State controlled road unless you have the appropriate permit from DTMR prior to applying for a local roads permit.
- Trailers being towed must be registered to be on the road.
- The trailer always needs to be attached to the conditionally registered vehicle.
- Non-standard recreational vehicles may be used on and off the road along designated routes in IRC coastal areas for the purpose of conveying trailered boats and trailers used to transport fishing gear to and from rivers, estuaries, and the ocean.

ASSESSING PERSONS WITH RESTRICTED MOBILITY

A conditionally registered vehicle may be authorised to access IRC managed roads, management tracks or areas otherwise restricted to recreational vehicles (for example, management tracks accessing amenity blocks or for beach access from camping sites), when it is used to provide access for people suffering from a condition that is not temporary or that significantly restricts the person's mobility.

However, under no circumstances will these vehicles be authorised to access an area managed only for pedestrian or non-motorised access such as, walking tracks.

Persons with restricted mobility will be required to provide a medical certificate to:

- Verify the nature of the person's condition.
- Support the person's capacity to operate the vehicle in a range of outdoor environments (including unsurfaced and rough roads, on sand and in water crossings) shared with other vehicles operating at a range of speeds.

COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

The Conditionally Registered Vehicles Policy will be communicated throughout the IRC via:

- An announcement on the IRIS intranet
- Online policy library

LEGISLATIONS AND RELATED GUIDELINES

- *Local Government Act 2009*
- *Local Government (General) Regulations 2012*
- *Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Regulation 2017*
- *Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Vehicle Standards and Safety) Regulation 2021*
- *Guideline for Conditionally Registered Vehicles in Queensland – February 2014*

REFERENCES

ID	NAME
EI-FRM-488	Application to Operate a Conditionally Registered Vehicle on Local Government Controlled Roads and Areas