
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 in 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.

DEFINITIONS

TERM / ACRONYM	MEANING
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.
Exempt vehicle	As defined by section 4 of the <i>Transport Operations (Road Use Management Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2010</i> as any of the following: <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; or– crossing from one road related area to another road related area; or– on road related area.• Walking speed equipment that is on a road only for:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– loading it onto, or unloading it from another vehicle; or

- 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..
- 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 plant being towed by a conditionally registered vehicle of a size suitable for towing the plant.
- Motorised wheelchairs being used by a person who:
 - does not usually reside in Queensland; or
 - has resided in Queensland for not more than 14 days.
- An unregistered motor vehicle that is dealer’s stock being used on the dealer’s premises.

IRC	Isaac Regional Council.
IRC Managed Area	Protected areas (State land) including national parks (scientific), national parks, national parks (Aboriginal land) national parks (recovery), conservation parks and resources reserves dedicated under the <i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i> . Recreation areas under the <i>Recreation Areas Management Act 2006</i> . State forests (other than areas of State plantation forest), forest reserves and timber reserves managed under the <i>Forestry Act 1959</i> .
IRC Managed Road	Any road that forms part of IRC-managed area. Any areas dedicated for public use as a road (also known as dedicated or gazetted roads) are not IRC-managed roads.
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.
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.

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POLICY STATEMENT

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 in 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 in 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.

AGENCY VEHICLES

Agency vehicles that do not comply with requirements for full road registration, excepting 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; and/or
 - 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 as 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 determined to be abusing their permit rights or causing issues for the local police authority and/or IRC Local Laws Officer/s, IRC will cancel the application and revoke the permit. If cancelling of an application occurs, a permit will not be available for a period of three years from the date of cancellation. For further information on use and restrictions of conditionally registered vehicles, refer to [TMR Safe Movement Guideline](#).

ADDITIONAL POLICY REQUIREMENTS

- Vehicles are not allowed to be driven through recreational parks or reserves.
- Drivers found to be under the influence of alcohol will have their permits cancelled.
- All permit applications need to outline one direct route from the residents' property to a boat ramp/fishing spot of choice.
- A permit holder varying from their designated route will have their permit revoked as described in this policy.
- Permits are not indefinite and need to be re-applied for after each 12-month period.
- Permit holders must carry the permit on their persons at all times when using the conditionally registered vehicle on the road.
- If the permit holder wishes to vary their designated route they will be required to apply for a new permit and the previous permit will be cancelled.
- Permit holders are not permitted to drive their vehicles in excess of 40km/h regardless of the road speed 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.

- 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.
- Applicants are responsible to ensuring they have secured approvals from all authorities e.g. DTMR or Department of Environment and Science, Queensland Police Service, etc.

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 with 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.

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*
- *Forestry Act 1959*
- *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006*
- [Guideline for Conditionally Registered Vehicles in Queensland](#)

REFERENCES

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