

# Factsheet

Effective from 09 February 2018

## Changes to the policy on left-hand drive to right-hand drive conversions for vehicles in the Historic Vehicles Scheme

### Purpose

To advise Historic Vehicle Clubs that Roads and Maritime Services has amended the Historic Vehicle Scheme policy to allow vehicles with a left-hand to right-hand drive conversion but which otherwise meet all the requirements of the scheme, to be registered in the scheme.

### Changes

Roads and Maritime has made this policy change following representations from Historic Vehicle Clubs and the Vehicles Standards Working Group. The policy change is intended to cover historic vehicles which were converted from left-hand drive to right-hand drive in order to comply with Australian law. Prior to 1999 the former Roads and Traffic Authority (now Roads and Maritime) required left-hand drive vehicles (including historic vehicles) to be converted to right-hand drive in order to obtain registration.

Vehicles with a left-hand drive to right-hand drive conversion which are currently registered in the Historic Vehicle Scheme may remain in the scheme.

If a club member is seeking a Historic Vehicle Declaration for a vehicle with a left-hand drive to right-hand drive conversion the member should be asked to produce certification documentation to support the Declaration. Certification documentation can be:

- Previous registration papers on which a modification condition has been recorded (where the vehicle has no other significant modifications); or
- Evidence of previous full NSW registration (such as old registration papers); or
- Evidence of previous registration in the Historic Vehicle Scheme; or
- A certificate from a licensed certifier for the left-hand drive to right-hand drive modification (where the modification was undertaken after 2011 or the vehicle has not previously been registered in NSW).

Roads and Maritime understands that many of the vehicles which will be covered by this policy were converted on importation into Australia. While the original certification documentation may not be readily available Roads and Maritime accepts that if the vehicle was fully registered in NSW this constitutes evidence that the modification was accepted at the time of registration.

### Further information

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