

Approval of these Guidelines

This is a guide for Applicants seeking Conditional Registration for their Rally Vehicle in NSW as part of the Rally Vehicle Scheme (RVS) provided by the NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS). It has been prepared by Motorsport Australia on behalf of Rally Vehicle owners of NSW.

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Introduction

This book is a guideline for Applicants intending to obtain and maintain Conditional Registration for their Rally Vehicle in NSW under the Rally Vehicle Scheme (RVS). The requirements outlined in this document provide general guidance only.

For construction requirements refer to the Dedicated Rally Car Technical Manual. All vehicles attempting to obtain registration under this scheme must be constructed using sound engineering practice and must be maintained in a safe and thoroughly serviceable condition.

To be eligible for Conditional Registration, the owner must be a financial member of a motorsport club affiliated with Motorsport Australia, and hold a current Motorsport Australia competition licence, for the entire time that the vehicle is registered with the RVS.

Vehicles which are registered under this scheme must be inspected annually by an RMS/Motorsport Australia Scrutineer to determine compliance with the agreement.

It is important to note that this scheme is for dedicated rally vehicles only. To be eligible to apply the vehicle must be log booked as a 3C-PRC or 3C RCO (Rally Car Other) and must show Schedule R compliance.

The Applicant should be aware that Motorsport Australia has responsibilities to the RMS as part of the Rally Vehicle Scheme. These responsibilities include:

- maintaining a very accurate database of all participants
- the approval and appointment of licenced Certifiers
- the thoroughness and detail of the inspection process
- the approval and renewal of all Applicants
- the communication with the RMS of any cancellations from the scheme

RMS Policy on Rally Vehicles

The following is the RMS policy on Conditional Registration as it applies to Rally Vehicles:

Applicants responsibilities

- Comply with the RVS conditions as displayed on the Certificate of Approved Operations and the Rally Vehicle Agreement at all times
- Notify Motorsport Australia in writing of any change in the ownership or eligibility matters relating to the Rally Vehicle, or eligibility matters relating to the Applicant
- Comply with any reasonable direction given by the Responsible Person in regard to the inspection, use, maintenance, repair or aesthetic presentation of the Rally Vehicle
- Surrender the Number-plates to RMS within 14 days of cancellation of the Conditional Registration, or notification from RMS, or sale or disposal of the Rally Vehicle
- Maintain the Rally Vehicle in the condition current at the time of its Conditional Registration

Whilst being driven on the roads or road related areas, the driver of a Rally Vehicle must:

- Ensure the vehicle is Conditionally Registered with RMS, and fitted with current and valid Rally Vehicle conditional registration number plates and label
- Hold and carry a current and valid Competition Licence
- Hold and carry a current and valid class 'C' or higher Civil Driver Licence (not a learner driver licence)
- Carry a current and valid Vehicle Logbook
- Carry the Certificate of Approved Operations issued by RMS
- Provide proof of compliance with the conditions of use if requested

Conditions

Conditionally Registered Rally Vehicles operating under the RVS may be operated on roads and road related areas only under the following conditions:

- During competition and liaison/transport stages of a sanctioned Rally event
- During testing of competition stages by Motorsport Australia officials for a sanctioned Rally event
- During official training sessions for a sanctioned Rally event
- During a sanctioned public display and/or promotional activity
- For course checking/establishment/survey of rally route during preparation of a Rally event (except if the Rally Vehicle's electronic stability control has been disabled or removed)
- For servicing and maintenance of the Rally Vehicle and associated testing under normal road rules and speed limits
- Driving to and from a sanctioned Rally event and accommodation/place of residence. Other conditions may be applied

The onus is at all times on the Applicant/registered operator/driver to provide evidence that the Rally Vehicle is being used in accordance with the Conditions of Operation. Details of Rally Vehicle use must be recorded in a Vehicle Log Book.

Sanctions and removal from the RVS

If it is determined that an Applicant/registered operator/driver has breached the Conditions of Operation, Motorsport Australia may determine that the Rally Vehicle and/or Applicant is no longer eligible under the RVS.

In these instances the Responsible Person may request that RMS suspend and/or cancel the Conditional Registration. Detailed information supporting the request must also be provided.

RMS may suspend and/or cancel the Conditional Registration of a Rally Vehicle if it is determined that an Applicant/registered operator/driver has breached the Conditions of Operation, or if otherwise required under road transport law.

If the RMS determines that Motorsport Australia, Eligibility Committee member, Industry Committee member, Industry Representative, Responsible Person, Scrutineer, or other Motorsport Australia official or management staff member has breached the requirements of the RVS, then the RMS may disqualify that person from participating in the RVS.

Motorsport Australia Policy on Rally Vehicles

The following is the Motorsport Australia policy on Conditional Registration as it applies to Rally Vehicles:

Vehicles covered by this document

- In the case of FIA Group A and group N vehicles:
The regulations for FIA Group A and Group N vehicles from the FIA Yearbook, the Motorsport Australia Manual and the relevant homologation papers
- In the case of Production Rally Cars:
The regulation for Production Rally Cars from the Motorsport Australia Manual
- In the case of other cars:
The General Requirements for Rally Cars from the Motorsport Australia Manual

General conditions

All vehicles registered on the RVS must comply with the eligibility specifications as detailed in the Dedicated Rally Car Technical Manual at all times whilst registered in the RVS.

Application Process

There are four types of dedicated rally car registration that are covered in this manual:

1. New registrations as a Motorsport Australia Dedicated Rally Car (the vehicle is currently unregistered or registered as a normal vehicle)
2. Renewal of a Motorsport Australia Dedicated Rally Car (the vehicle is currently registered by the RMS as a dedicated rally car)
3. Transfer of registration after a sale of a Motorsport Australia Dedicated Rally Car
4. Converting to full registration

New registration

Step 1 – Confirm Eligibility

Download or view the Dedicated Rally Car Technical Manual from the Motorsport Australia website, motorsport.org.au/regulations/logbooks/conditional-registration-schemes. Ensure that your Rally Car will comply with the documented requirements at all times that the vehicle is a part of the scheme.

Step 2 – Documentation

Download and complete the RMS Application for Conditional Registration form, the RMS Rally Vehicle Declaration form, and the Rally Vehicle Agreement from the Motorsport Australia website, motorsport.org.au/regulations/logbooks/conditional-registration-schemes.

Step 3 – Inspection

Check for your nearest Motorsport Australia RVS Certifier from the list on the Motorsport Australia website, motorsport.org.au/regulations/logbooks/conditional-registration-schemes.

Book an appointment with the Certifier for inspection. Please be aware that the first inspection of any vehicle may be a lengthy process, more so than a renewal inspection, so you may be required to leave your vehicle for an extended period of time.

Part of the RVS inspection requires the vehicle's brake system to be assessed on a full Plate Type Brake Test. Your Certifier may require you to undertake this test separately and bring the report with you.

Your Certifier will complete the approved Motorsport Australia RVS Inspection Report which forms part of your application to the RVS.

At the completion of the inspection, the Certifier will issue a Motorsport Australia/RVS Log book and record the inspection in the Log Book. This Log Book must be retained in the vehicle at all times, together with a copy of each Inspection Report, and the applicable Plate Test Report. The other documents that must be carried in the car at all times are listed in the Checklist.

Step 4 – Application to Motorsport Australia

The next step is for Motorsport Australia to approve your application to the scheme. The completed documents that Motorsport Australia require are:

- Motorsport Australia RVS Inspection form (with the applicable Plate Test attached).
- RMS Application for Conditional Registration
- RMS Rally Vehicle Declaration form
- Rally Vehicle Agreement

Motorsport Australia is responsible to maintain a record of all participants in the RVS. Motorsport Australia will return all of the above forms to you with their authority for your vehicle to be accepted into the RVS.

Step 5 – Application to RMS

Please note that applications for new registration as a Dedicated Rally Vehicle must be at the RMS Richmond Registry, as this is the only registry that plates are made available from.

**RMS Richmond Motor Registry Shop 5, rear 173 Windsor Rd,
RICHMOND 2753**

The completed documented that RMS require are:

- RMS Application for Conditional Registration (with Motorsport Australia approval)
- RMS Rally Vehicle Declaration form
- Prescribed payment

Renewal Process

Annual renewal of the Conditional Registration can take place at any registry. It must first be approved by Motorsport Australia and is evidenced by the Responsible Person approving a new Rally Vehicle Declaration.

The Rally Vehicle must be inspected at least annually by a Motorsport Australia RVS Certifier to ensure that the vehicle continues to be eligible. The Inspection cannot be greater than 42 days old to renew the Conditional Registration.

The following must be presented to a registry to renew the Conditional Registration:

- Rally Vehicle Declaration completed by the Responsible Person not greater than 42 days old
- The appropriate fee

Step 1 – Documentation

Download and complete the RMS Rally Vehicle Declaration form, and the Rally Vehicle Agreement from the Motorsport Australia website, motorsport.org.au/regulations/logbooks/conditional-registration-schemes.

Step 2 – Inspection

Check for your nearest Motorsport Australia RVS Certifier from the list on the Motorsport Australia website, motorsport.org.au/regulations/logbooks/conditional-registration-schemes.

Book an appointment with the Certifier for inspection. Please be aware that the first inspection of any vehicle may be a lengthy process, so you may be required to leave your vehicle for an extended period of time.

Part of the RVS inspection requires the vehicle's brake system to be assessed on a full Plate Type Brake Test. Your Certifier may require you to undertake this test separately and bring the report with you.

Your Certifier will complete the approved Motorsport Australia RVS Inspection Report which forms part of your application to the RVS.

At the completion of the inspection, and on payment of the prescribed fee, the Certifier will record the inspection in the Log Book. This Log Book must continue to be retained in the vehicle at all times, together with a copy of each Inspection Report, and the applicable Plate Test Report. The other documents that must be carried in the car at all times are listed in the Checklist.

Step 3 – Application to Motorsport Australia

The next step is for Motorsport Australia to approve your renewal to the scheme. The completed documents that Motorsport Australia require are:

- Motorsport Australia RVS Inspection form (with the applicable Plate Test attached).
- RMS Rally Vehicle Declaration form
- Rally Vehicle Agreement

Motorsport Australia will return all of the above forms to you with their authority for your vehicle to be renewed in the RVS.

Step 4 – Application to RMS

Visit your local registry and submit:

- RMS Rally Vehicle Declaration form
- Prescribed payment
- RMS Application for Conditional Registration
- Proof of ownership. Please note that RMS will request a proof of ownership of the vehicle, such as the purchase invoice

Transferring Registration

The Conditional Registration of Rally Vehicles is not transferrable. If a Rally Vehicle is sold or disposed the Conditional Registration must be cancelled by the Applicant and the number plates must be surrendered to the RMS. The vehicle acquirer must make a new application to Motorsport Australia and the RMS as detailed above.

Converting to Full Registration

Rally Vehicles cannot be fully registered without first being restored to normal NSW vehicle standards, and evidenced as such by a Compliance Certificate issued by a Licenced Certifier.

Any compliance plate issued by the vehicle's manufacturer must be affixed to the vehicle and in its proper position to be eligible for full registration.

Vehicles imported as a Rally Vehicle will not be considered for full registration. However, vehicles imported under the Commonwealth Government's Personal Imports Scheme, Low Volume Scheme or Registered Automotive Workshop Scheme may be considered for full registration after restoration and certification as detailed above.

Any import plate or label issued under the above import schemes must be affixed to the vehicle to be eligible for full registration.

Late Renewals

Rally Vehicles which cannot be inspected for renewal in the RVS within the timeframes stipulated by the RMS, must cancel their RVS registration and apply for new RVS registration once they can be inspected.

It is the responsibility of the Applicant to complete an RVS Cancellation form, which can be downloaded from the Motorsport Australia website, motorsport.org.au/regulations/logbooks/conditional-registration-schemes, and forward it to the NSW Motorsport Australia office, without delay.

Vehicles that no Longer Comply with the RVS - Cancellations

Circumstances may dictate that a vehicle can no longer be part of the RVS. For example, a change in body shell may be required following an accident in a rally.

In such circumstances, the Applicant is required to Cancel the RVS registration with the RMS (and surrender the number plates) and advise Motorsport Australia via a Cancellation form.

The Applicant may apply for a new RVS registration using the process documented within this manual.

Do it Yourself Checklist

What must I carry in the car at all times?

- Motorsport Australia/RVS Log Book
- A copy of all Motorsport Australia/RVS Inspection Reports
- A current and valid Motorsport Australia Competition Licence
- Certificate of Approved Operations issued by RMS

What else must I do?

- Ensure the vehicle is fitted with current and valid Rally Vehicle conditional registration number plates and label
- Record all competition use and all other approved use of the vehicle on the public roads in the Motorsport Australia/RVS Log Book. (Refer to the Log Book for the method of recording the use of the vehicle)
- Understand and abide by the Rally Car Agreement which you have authorised and lodged with Motorsport Australia

When can I drive the car?

Only use the vehicle under the circumstances described below.

- During competition and liaison/transport stages of a sanctioned Rally event
- During testing of competition stages by Motorsport Australia officials for a sanctioned Rally event
- During official training sessions for a sanctioned Rally event
- During a sanctioned public display and/or promotional activity
- For course checking/establishment/survey of rally route during preparation of a Rally event (except if the Rally Vehicle's electronic stability control has been disabled or removed)
- For servicing and maintenance of the Rally Vehicle and associated testing under normal road rules and speed limits
- Driving to and from a sanctioned Rally event and accommodation/place of residence

Glossary

NSW Roads and Maritime Services	RMS
Approved Organisation	Motorsport Australia
Rally Vehicle Scheme	RVS
Rally Vehicle	<p>A light (up to 4.5 tonnes Gross Vehicle Mass) passenger car based vehicle (not being a three-wheeled car, motorcycle, truck, bus, plant or trailer) complying with the relevant NSW vehicle standards and the permissible modifications as detailed in the Rally Car Technical Manual.</p>
Rally	<p>An event permitted as a Rally, including touring events, under the regulations of Motorsport Australia.</p> <p>Rallies take place on public and/or private roads, in which competitors are required to follow prescribed routes and/or report at specific points.</p> <p>A Rally may consist of different sections of road, often referred to as 'stages' or 'special stages' which are linked together by 'transport' or 'liaison' stages on open public roads.</p> <p>Transport or liaison stages must be conducted under all normal road rules and speed limits.</p> <p>Rally events and courses must be approved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the relevant local Council(s)• the NSW Police Force• any relevant public or statutory authority• any relevant land holder, and• Motorsport Australia