



Council of Motor Clubs Inc.

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To All CMC Club Registrars.

Changes to the Classic Vehicle Scheme (CVS) registration process

As CMC delegates have been informed most of this year, there has been a problem with the legal interpretation of the Classic Vehicle Declaration (CVS) form #1835 and the signing of it by us as the Approved Organisation (AO) under our MoU with Transport for NSW.

We, as an AO, were told at the start of CVS in 2016 that we had to sign, date and stamp the right-hand side of that form to allow club members to obtain the first and then renew their CVS registrations. It was assumed that with either a blue slip for new applications or a pink slip for renewals, AND with the Primary Club (PC) inspection and stamp, that as long as all paperwork was correct, and the Primary Club (PC) was a financial member of CMC, we could stamp and sign the paperwork for the club member. Those items were considered the proof to us that the vehicle was in compliance with the rules of CVS and the applicant or Registered Operator (RO) was a financial member of the Primary Club (PC).

The latest interpretation is that by signing that document, we as the AO are stating that we have inspected the vehicle and we are sure that it complies with the rules of CVS. We have been told that things change and what was advised at the start of CVS no longer applies, so things have had to be rectified. It is not practical to inspect all vehicles, considering that CMC are handling over 1,800 application forms every year. Together with the other three AOs in this scheme, we are signing over 6,000 forms each year and numbers are growing. Four AOs cannot inspect all those vehicles.

The facts are, that the owner or Registered Operator (RO) and the Primary Club (PC) should know the details about the vehicles they are submitting for conditional registration, the AO has to take their word that it is all in compliance with the rules of CVS. The blue slip and the pink slip are documents provided by Authorised Inspection Stations (AIS) and they have to be filled in correctly and in compliance with the known regulations.

After much negotiation and conferring with the other AOs and the Authorities, it has been decided that an extra form with a check list is required to be filled in by the owner (Registered Operator) and the Primary Club (PC).

By completing, signing and submitting this new form, the owner (RO) and the club are stating that the vehicle complies with the rules for CVS. We as the AO can take that as fact, hence we can process the #1835 form and send it to the owner to proceed.

So, we now have an extra step to be carried out for CVS each and every time the #1835 form is completed. First time or for renewal, it is the same form. We have tried to simplify it as much as possible, however things must be done to ensure that the legality is correct. All four AOs will be introducing or have introduced a similar version of this form so that it is uniform across the CVS scheme. Please start filling this form in for all CVS applications being processed from now.

A grace period will be given; however, it will be compulsory from 1st January 2023 for all CVS applications or renewals sent to CMC CVS Operations. After that date, paperwork will not be processed until the completed check list is submitted.

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