

# Trader's Plates - Conditions of Use



**NOTE:** Trade plates may only be used on unregistered registrable vehicles that are in a safe operating condition. Vehicles that have not been certified as complying with the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2007 are not eligible to be operated under the Trade Plate Scheme as they are not registrable vehicles.

1. An unregistered registrable vehicle using a trade plate may only be driven by the:
  - a) trader, or
  - b) trader's authorised employee or agent, or
  - c) prospective purchaser of an unregistered registrable vehicle, who has been provided with, and is in possession of written authorisation by the trader for the purpose of test driving that vehicle.
2. Unregistered registrable vehicles with a trade plate attached may only be used on roads and road-related areas:
  - a) for a purpose connected with a vehicle's manufacture or repair, or dealing in the vehicle, or
  - b) for a purpose that is incidental to the manufacture or repair of, or dealing in that vehicle,
  - c) to travel to the nearest convenient Motor Registry for registration by the most direct or convenient route, or
  - d) to deliver the vehicle to the address of a person who has acquired the vehicle from the trader, or
  - e) for a test drive by a prospective purchaser who is in possession of a written authorisation to drive the vehicle, issued by the trader to whom the plate has been issued.
3. Vehicles with a trade plate attached **may not** be used to carry any load unless the vehicle:
  - a) Is carrying a load solely to demonstrate to a prospective purchaser its capacity to carry a load; or
  - b) Is carrying another motor vehicle from its place of manufacture, repair or purchase and is being driven by the shortest practical route to the dealer's premises for resale; or
  - c) the vehicle is a trailer specially constructed for the carriage of a boat and the loading consists solely of a boat; or
  - d) weighs 2 tonnes or less unladen and is being driven:
    - o by the shortest practicable route to the premises of the trader from the place at which the trader has manufactured or purchased the vehicle and the loading consists solely of goods that are intended for the trader's personal use on his or her business as a trader; or
    - o solely for carrying spare parts from a railway station or airport to the trader's premises for purposes of repairing vehicles.

## 4. DISPLAY OF TRADE PLATES

- a) Motor vehicles and trailers must display a trade plate at the rear of the vehicle in the space generally provided for a rear number plate.
- b) On an unregistered registrable heavy vehicle combination (truck and trailer), a "vehicle" trade plate must be displayed on the front of the hauling unit and a "trailer" trade plate on the rear of the trailer.
- c) If a trade plate is used on an unregistered registrable motor vehicle that still has number plates attached, the trade plate should be placed over the rear registration number plate.
- d) Trade plates are not to be permanently affixed to any vehicle, or used as an alternative to registration.

## 5. RECORD OF USE

- a) In respect of each occasion on which a registrable vehicle is driven on a road or road related area with the plate affixed, the trader is to cause particulars to be entered in ink on a record in a form approved by the Authority.
- b) The trader is to keep the records at the premises in which the person carries on the business in respect of which the trader's plate was issued for at least 6 months after the record was made.
- c) The trader is to produce any such record for the preceding 6 months for inspection when required to do so by the Authority or any Police Officer.

## 6. GENERAL

- a) The most direct route must be used in all circumstances, except for demonstration purposes by potential purchasers.
- b) Trade plates, except trailer trade plates, must have Compulsory Third Party Insurance cover.
- c) Trade Plates cannot be loaned to other persons or organisations. Any unauthorised use may result in a fine and cancellation of the plate(s).
- d) Trade plates must be stored securely. Lost, stolen or damaged trade plates must be reported to the RTA within 7 days of becoming aware of the event. A replacement fee applies.
- e) Trade plates are not transferable. If the business to which a trade plate is issued, is sold, disposed of, or cease(s) to operate, all trade plates registered to the business must be returned to the RTA within 7 days of the disposal or closure of the business.
- f) The use of a vehicle with a NSW trade plate is valid in all other Australian states and territories, provided it is being used in accordance with these conditions.
- g) Trade plates remain the property of the Roads and Traffic Authority at all times.
- h) Trade plates must not be used for any purpose not reasonably connected with normal business operations and not permissible under the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2007*.

## 7. OVER-DIMENSIONAL AND OVER-MASS VEHICLE TYPES

Under the Road Transport (Mass Loading and Access) Regulation 2005, vehicles bound by class 1 category as oversize, are restricted by time, date and route restrictions. Access to the road network for these vehicles is not available unless approval has been received from the Roads and Traffic Authority demonstrating that the vehicle is fit for travel and has been assigned designated road access.

In terms of a trader's plate, vehicles that require the issue of an over dimensional or overmass permit are not eligible to be operated under the Trade Plate Scheme.

Any need to move these vehicles on the road network prior to the necessary approvals being obtained will require them to be moved by alternative means, eg "float from site to site".

## 8. PLANT TYPE VEHICLES AND TRADE PLATES

Trade plates cannot be used on any vehicle category that would normally attract the registration condition of "float from site to site" as prescribed by the Conditional Registration Guide. These vehicles are ineligible to operate on roads or road-related areas under the trade plate scheme.

Please find attached examples of plant type vehicles. The examples listed are either eligible or ineligible to be operated under the trade plate scheme.

**NOTE: This list is by no means exhaustive** and other vehicles not listed may emerge that are outside current guidelines and require additional attention. The use of these vehicles on the road network under the Trade Plate Scheme are still subject to normal conditional road use for that vehicle. For example, radius and equipment conditions.

### Purpose-built Vehicles

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION	TRADE PLATE ELIGIBILITY
Agricultural motor cycle	No
All terrain vehicle	No
Golf buggy	No
Golf buggy derivatives	No
Motorised mobility vehicle	No
Passenger carrying trailer	No

### Over-snow Vehicles

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION	TRADE PLATE ELIGIBILITY
Skidoo	No
Snow groomer	Yes
Snow plough	Yes
Trailer ( <i>goods carrying</i> )	Yes

### Sugar Cane Vehicles

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION	TRADE PLATE ELIGIBILITY
Harvester, full track	No
Harvester, rubber-tyred	No

### Sugar Cane Vehicles continued

Infield transporter, articulated	Yes
Infield transporter, tracked	No

### Plant Vehicles

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION	TRADE PLATE ELIGIBILITY
Backhoe loader	Yes
Beach cleaning machine	No
Bucket loader	No
Bulldozer	No
Combine harvester ( <i>daylight use in western zone only with compliant lights/warning signs and with an escort</i> )	Yes
Excavator	No
Forklift	No
Fertilizer spreader	No
Grader	No
Mower	No
Paver-ashphalter	No
Road profiler, tracked	No
Road roller, multi-tyred	No
Road roller, padfoot	No
Road roller, steel smooth drum	No
Road roller, steel smooth tandem drum	No
Rock buggy ( <i>site dumper</i> )	No
Skid-steer loader ( <i>bobcat</i> )	No
Tractor ( <i>meets ADR's. Lights, blinkers, signals etc.</i> )	Yes
Trencher	No

## 9. CAB CHASSIS

Trader's Plates are only to be used on cab chassis vehicles providing;

- A proper seating position, seat belt and mandatory driver controls (i.e. speedometer brake controls, gauges and warning systems, etc) are provided for the driver,
- Rear vision mirrors are fitted,
- The steering and braking system provides the driver with full and proper control of the vehicle,
- Mudguards/mudflaps/wheel covers are fitted,
- Front/rear turn signals and brake lights fitted as close as possible to their compliant location,
- The vehicle is operated under "daylight use" only, and
- The vehicle does not carry any passengers or load.