

AN EXPLANATION OF SOME OF THE RULES RELATING TO CONCESSIONAL MOTORCYCLE LICENCES by Colin Dowsett

CODE 404

This is a simplified summary of code 404 which covers all unmodified vehicles 25 years or older and aren't subject to stamp duty.

ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible for this concession you must be a financial member of a DoT approved club. Our club membership year ends on the 31st March, so if you haven't renewed by then your bike becomes unlicensed on the 1st April. I send a report of financial members who have concessional licensed bikes to DoT at the end of April for audit purposes. But I am also required to send a report of non-financial members by the middle of the month. This means more work for me, so I tend to get a bit grumpy.

Be aware that there is no flexibility in this matter and there is no grace period.

RALLIES AND EVENTS:

Members can attend all club events and those of other accredited clubs as they wish- provided the events are advertised in accordance with the requirements detailed in the code 404 handbook.

TEST RUNS:

Test runs are just that and they are intended for you to check your bike. This is particularly after maintenance work. You can travel within a 30km radius of the place of garage. It is not intended for you to run down to the shops.

IMPROMPTU RIDES:

These are a **one day events**. This means they must commence and end on the same day. They are not intended to be an open ended concession where day on day an impromptu run is created to do an extended journey over many days.

Impromptu rides are not club events and therefore must be recorded as an impromptu ride before departure with the club secretary. In our case- report to Chris Prescott-Phone 0458 605 952 or email candlpp746@gmail.com

CEREMONIAL USE:

Under code 404, we have the benefit of using our bikes for weddings & funerals and the like for immediate family members. To clarify DoT have defined the meaning of immediate family as a persons parents, siblings, spouse or children. Bikes participating in such ceremonies must not receive reward in any form including payments or gifts. If you wish to use your bike in this way you will need to contact the club secretary in advance. These are not impromptu rides

CODE C4C

Our club does not offer this concession at this stage. May be this is a position someone would be interested in doing in the future.

This new concession registration **is for modified & unmodified vehicles pre 1990**. These are fully licensed & subject to stamp duty, with the following restrictions.

The bikes are restricted to 60 days event or sanctioned use and 30 days private per calendar year. (90 days maximum per year)

A log book is required and must be filled in before any movement of the bike on the road with the exception of repair, modification or testing carried out by a qualified mechanic. The log book must be carried on the bike at all times and be made available on demand by police or any DoT staff.

A club event is one put on by our club and a Sanctioned event is one put on by another accredited club that has been endorsed by our club eg Indian/Harley Club rally.

Private use includes testing, refuelling and any other activity.

Clubs will have to conduct random audits through the year as well as a yearly audit.

This year's membership form will contain a section for members with concessional licensed bikes to record the rego numbers of all their bikes so i can find out if any have been sold or de registered and the owner has forgotten to let me know.