

Safe Movement Guideline |

Interim management for registration of eligible left-hand drive vehicles in Queensland

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Part 1 - Introduction

1. Purpose of the guideline

This safe movement guideline provides exemptions for **eligible** light vehicles to remain as left-hand drive vehicles when accessing the road network in Queensland.

2. How this guideline should be used

This guideline is designed to assist customers that wish to operate a left-hand drive vehicle that is at least 25 years old and imported under the appropriate provisions of the Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018.

3. Guideline authority

This guideline is issued under the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Vehicle Standards and Safety) Regulation 2021* section 53, in accordance with the Statutory Instruments Act 1992 section 22.

4. Definitions

Unless otherwise stated, words and expressions used in the guideline have the same meanings as those defined in the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* or the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Vehicle Standards and Safety) Regulation 2021*.

ADR means the Australian Design Rules, the national standards for vehicle safety, anti-theft and emissions.

Build date means the later date of either:

- The month and year that assembly of the vehicle was first completed/manufactured (where only the year of manufacture can be identified, the month will be taken to be December of that year); or
- If significant modifications have been made to the vehicle, the date the last significant modification was completed.

VSS Regulation means the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Vehicle Standards and Safety) Regulation 2021*.

5. Exemptions to vehicle standards

Vehicles operating under this guideline are exempt from the vehicle standards requirements noted in **Table 1**.

Table 1 – Vehicle standards exemptions

Regulatory publication	Section / Clause	Requirement
VSS Regulation	Schedule 1, Section 26	A motor vehicle must have a right-hand drive if the vehicle is less than 30 years old. A motor vehicle has a right-hand drive if the centre of at least 1 steering control of the vehicle is to the right of, or in line with, the centre of the vehicle.

ADR 42/00	Clause 42.5.1.1	The centreline of the steering control must not be located to the left of the centreline of the vehicle.
ADR 42/01	Clause 42.5.1.1	The centreline of the steering control must not be located to the left of the centreline of the vehicle.
ADR 42/02	Clause 8.1.1	The centreline of the steering control must not be located to the left of the centreline of the vehicle.
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Part 2 - General Requirements

1. Eligible light vehicle categories

1.1 An eligible light vehicle means a motor vehicle that meets the following requirements:

1.1.1 The vehicle has a build date that is at least 25 years before the date of application for registration.

1.1.2 The vehicle is of one of the ADR vehicle categories as noted in **Table 2**.

Table 2 – Eligible light vehicle categories

Vehicle category (description)	ADR category code
Passenger car	MA
Forward-control passenger vehicle	MB
Off-road passenger vehicle	MC
Motor tricycle	LE
Light goods vehicle	NA

- 1.1.3 The vehicle has:
- (a) been issued, after 10 December 2019, with an appropriate Import Approval under Regulation 11 of the *Motor Vehicle Standards Regulation 1989* (Commonwealth); or
 - (b) been provided a concessional RAV entry approval under section 35 and 36 of the *Road Vehicle Standards Rules 2019* (Commonwealth).