



Australian Government

Department of Transport and Regional Services

Application for Approval to Import a Vehicle

It is strongly recommended that you do not ship your vehicle until after you receive your Import Approval

- Carefully read the Importing Vehicles to Australia publication by DOTARS Vehicle Safety Standards before completing this application. The brochure can be downloaded from www.dotars.gov.au/roads/safety/bulletin/importing.aspx
- Any missing documents or incomplete applications will delay the issuing Import Approval. You will need an Import Approval to take delivery of your vehicle from the Australian Port of entry.
- Allow up to 17 days from receipt of your application and all documentation for processing and issue of an Approval.
- A fee of \$50.00 must accompany this application. Refer to page 3 of this document for payment options.

Part 1 - Application

Is this your first application? ☐ Yes ☐ No

COMPLETE PART A OR PART B ONLY

A - Applicants Personal Details

Title & Full Name of Owner (to whom approval to be issued)

Date of Birth

Address

Postcode:

Email

Phone

Fax

B - Company Details

Company Name

Company Representative Name

Position Title

Company ACN / ABN No

Address

Post Code:

Email

Phone

Fax

Part 2 - Agent

You may nominate a Freight Forwarding agent or other Agent to act on your behalf. Please note that if any further information is required your agent will be contacted.

Contact name

Company name

Phone

Fax

Email

Part 3 - Vehicle Details

Date of Manufacture

Month (If known)

Year

Motorcycle ☐

Car ☐

Caravan/5th Wheeler ☐

Trailer ☐

Other ☐

Truck ☐

Make

Model

Vehicle Identification Number or Chassis Number

Total number of vehicles

If there is more than one vehicle, attach a clear list of all vehicles details.

Current physical location of vehicle(s)

Which country was the vehicle first offered for sale (if known)

Continue on the following page ➡

Part 4 – Vehicles built before 1 January 1989 – Regulation 17A issued under the Motor Vehicles Standards Regulations 1989

Was the vehicle built before 1 January 1989?

Yes ☐ Go to Part 12

No ☐ Go to Part 5

➡ Refer to page 5 of the brochure for documents to be submitted

Note: If you qualify for the Personal Imports requirements you may import your vehicle under Part 8.

Part 5 – Trailers

Is the vehicle a trailer?

Yes ☐ Complete the following then go to Part 12

No ☐ Go to Part 6

Is the trailer new?

Yes ☐ No ☐

What is the Aggregate Trailer Mass of the vehicle?

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Do you have an Identification Plate Approval (IPA)?

Yes ☐ Please provide IPA number No ☐

➡ Refer to page 5 of the brochure for documents to be submitted

Part 6 – Australian Compliance fitted - 17A issued under the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989

Does the vehicle have an Australian Compliance Plate fitted?

Yes ☐ Go to Part 12

No ☐ Go to Part 7

➡ Refer to page 12 of the brochure for documents to be submitted

Part 7 – Letter of Compliance – Regulation 12 issued under the Motor Vehicle Standards Regulations 1989

Do you have a letter of compliance?

Yes ☐ Go to Part 12

No ☐ Go to Part 8

➡ Refer to page 8 of the brochure for documents to be submitted

Part 8 – Personal Imports – Regulation 13 issued under the Motor Vehicle Standards Regulations 1989

Do you have evidence of not less than twelve continuous months overseas ownership and use of the vehicle?

Yes ☐ Complete the following then go to Part 12

No ☐ Go to Part 9

Date of your arrival in overseas country where vehicle was first registered

/ /

Date of first overseas registration of vehicle in your name

/ /

Date you stopped / intend stopping using the vehicle overseas

/ /

Date you are returning / coming to Australia

/ /

Only one vehicle per person may be imported in any one year period.
Temporary residents, companies and corporations are not eligible

➡ Refer to pages 8-12 of the brochure for documents to be submitted

Part 9 – Visiting Foreign National – Issued under 17A of the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989

Are you visiting Australia and travelling on visitors Visa?

Yes ☐ Go to Part 12

No ☐ Go to Part 10

➡ Refer to page 13 of the brochure for documents to be submitted

Part 10 – Closed Circuit Racing/Rally – Regulation 18(1)(c) or 18(1)(e) of the Motor Vehicle Standards Regulations 1989

Do you intend using the vehicle for closed circuit racing? or

Yes ☐ Go to Part 12

No ☐ Go to Part 11

Rally racing?

Yes ☐ Go to Part 12

No ☐ Go to Part 11

➡ Refer to page 13 of the brochure for documents to be submitted

Part 11 – Off Road Vehicles – Regulation 17A and Regulation 11 of the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989

Is your vehicle a vehicle manufactured as an off road vehicle or a special purpose vehicle?

Yes



Go to Part 12

No



Go to Part 12

Is your vehicle a motorised scooter or pedal cycle under 200watts?

Yes



Go to Part 12

No



Go to Part 12

➔ Refer to pages 14-18 of the brochure for documents to be submitted

Personal information provided is covered by the *Commonwealth Privacy Act of 1988*. The storage, use and disclosure of any personal information collected will be subject to the Commonwealth Information Privacy Principles.

Part 12 – Declaration – Applicant to Sign

If you have ticked no to all of the above Parts, then you do not qualify to import your vehicle.

I declare that the information provided is true and correct and agree to the information being provided to other government agencies.

This form must be signed by the Applicant ONLY.

Signature:

Date:

Full Name:

WARNING

Any false or misleading information provided is an offence under Chapter 2 (except Part 2.5) of the Criminal Code. Importing a non-standard vehicle without approval is an offence and may incur a penalty or a fine up to 120 penalty points, 1 penalty point equals \$110 (as at 2/2/00) for each offence.

Important Points

1. Have you included all necessary documentation in support of your application? Delays can be costly and inconvenient.
2. Remember – a vehicle must have an Import Approval to allow you to take delivery of it from the port of entry.
3. If you have chosen to ship your vehicle before receiving an Import Approval, should your vehicle arrive before the application is processed, it will incur storage fees.

A Fee of \$50.00 must accompany this application. Please select one of the following payment options:

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Cheque

Cheque/money order payable to:

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Bankcard

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MasterCard

☐

Visa

☐

Money Order

Receiver of public monies

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Credit Card

Complete details

Cardholder's Name

Credit card number:

Expiry date:

Cardholder's Signature

Address for application and enquiries

The Administrator of Vehicle Standards:

Phone: 1800 815 272 if calling within Australia

Vehicle Safety Standards

Phone: 61 26274 7444 outside Australia

GPO Box 594

Fax: (02) 6274 6013

Canberra ACT 2601

Email: vimports@dotars.gov.au

Internet: www.dotars.gov.au/roads/safety/bulletin/importing.aspx

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