

## **Frequently Asked Questions - Historic Registration (Club Plates)**

### ***Who can apply for Club Plates?***

- Any current financial member of the Norton Owners Club can apply to register a bike that is a minimum of 30 years old. The bike needs to be demonstrably roadworthy and proof of age verified.
- The age of the bike is determined by the frame not engine number, and the bike should be as original as possible. Safety modifications are permitted, as are period accessories and options.
- Tritons, ie. Norton Featherbed frames with Triumph 650cc engines qualify (this does not necessarily mean that any other specials will).

### ***Does the bike have to be a Norton?***

- No, we already have several different makes on club plates.

### ***How many can you have?***

- No limit

### ***How many plates do we have on the road at the moment?***

- Over a dozen, and increasing all the time.

### ***If you are late with your Norton Owners Club renewal, how does this affect your legal status on the road?***

- When you register your bike, you must be a financial member of the NOC. If you become unfinancial, your bike is no longer registered and you must hand back the plates to the RTA, unless you have joined another authorised club.

### ***When do we inspect bikes?***

- New registrations can now be done at any time, and members should arrange to meet with one of the Inspectors to complete the paperwork.

### ***Who can inspect the bike for roadworthiness and eligibility?***

- The NOC and RTA have jointly approved several machine examiners (Inspectors):

*Sydney:* Peter (9501-4224), Colin (9973-2413), Stewart (9871-3328).

*Hunter Valley:* Steve (4959-5501), Dave (4982-9016), Bob (4948-0235).

Alternatively, a normal Pink Slip is also accepted.

### ***How do I get an unregistered bike inspected?***

- Get a trailer or contact the RTA as to the current legal method of transporting your unregistered vehicle on a public road. Note that "Traffic" plates are illegal. Alternatively, you might just be able to entice an Inspector to check the bike at your house with sufficient incentives.

### ***What's the actual process?***

1. Obtain and read the Historic Registration Rules pages 1 to 4 (contact Registrar or Secretary for a copy).
2. Contact a Club Inspector to arrange roadworthy inspection of bike; OR obtain a Safety Inspection Report (Pink Slip) issued by an authorised inspection station examiner.
3. Contact Club Inspector/Official to verify eligibility and sign RTA Historic Vehicle Declaration Form.
4. Fill out the NOC'S Historic Plate Record Sheet and forward to the Club or Branch Registrar.
5. Fill out the RTA'S Historic Vehicle Declaration Form.
6. Fill out the RTA'S Conditional Registration Application Form.
7. Submit the RTA forms to your local RTA office (you will need your Club membership card and some ID).

### ***When you want let the rego lapse what do you do?***

- You are obliged by Law to return the plate to the RTA. You do not receive a refund on the plate.

### ***If you sell the bike what do you do?***

- Historic vehicle registration is not transferable and so the plate and rego do not get sold with the bike. You will be selling an unregistered bike! You will need to return the plate to the RTA.

### ***Is there a need for a pink slip, or a blue slip as well if the bike has not been registered in Aust before?***

- Where people live a distance away from the examiners, any pink slip from an approved service station is acceptable. There is no requirement for a blue slip.

### ***What does it cost?***

- \$30.00 to use a plate (which remains the property of the RTA and must be returned when the bike is no longer registered) plus a yearly rego/insurance fee (\$53.00 as of May 2002).

### ***How is this paid?***

- Submit the forms and pay at your nearest RTA branch.

### ***Are there restrictions on the use of the rego?***

- Yes, it is not intended as a cheap form of transport. Service runs are permitted within a restricted radius of your home. Otherwise, basically, it is for approved and gazetted club runs and rallies. Commuting is not permitted.

***What's meant by service runs? Does it mean you can go around the block to warm and tune your Amals? Does this mean to the bike shop?***

- Yes to both, provided it is within your radius.
- If not within the radius, you must obtain approval from the Registrar or a club official who will record the movement. 48 hours notice must be given to the Registrar in this case.

***What is the radius?***

- The radius is 16kms from your home.

***Approved and gazetted club runs and rallies. What are they?***

- They are runs and rallies which are recorded by the club secretary in the minutes of the monthly meetings and the details of the run/rally are notified in our club magazine.

***Does this include riding the bike to meetings of the club at the Rowing Club?***

- Yes, the monthly General Meetings and Committee Meetings are listed as Club Plate events.

***Does it have to be in both the minutes and the mag?***

- Yes.

***Can the bike be ridden on other vintage/classic organised events?***

- Yes provided they have invited our club in writing and the secretary records the details of the event in the minutes of the monthly meetings and the details of the run/rally are notified in our club magazine.

***What is the nature of clubs that can organise an invitation; do they have to be registered in some way?***

- Any RTA-recognised historic vehicle club that organises their own club plate runs can invite the NOC.

***What happens if I get caught riding the bike outside the approved guidelines?***

- The Police and RTA will prosecute you for riding an unregistered bike and the NOC could lose the approval to have Historic Registration... in other words you will spoil it for the rest of us! If you're unregistered, you're also uninsured from any angle... consider the consequences!!!!

The above is a brief outline. If you require more info or a copy of the rules regarding club historic registration please contact the Club Registrar or Secretary.