



— BUYING

The 12-point club permit buyer's checklist

For anyone buying a car that is on a Victorian club permit. Work through it before you pay — the paperwork decides whether your own permit is straightforward or a fortnight of chasing.

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A club permit does not transfer with the vehicle. VicRoads: “You can’t transfer a club permit. If you give or sell the club permit vehicle to another person, you’ll need to cancel the permit.” The permit belongs to a person who is a member of an approved club, not to the car. As the buyer you must join a VicRoads-approved club yourself and apply for a new permit in your own name.

Before you pay

Tick each one off with the car and the paperwork in front of you.

- 1 ☐ **Confirm the permit is real and current**
Ask for the certificate, the logbook and the last renewal receipt, then run the plate through the VicRoads check.
- 2 ☐ **Match the numbers**
The VIN or chassis number on the car must be clearly stamped, and must match the certificate and the logbook.
- 3 ☐ **Check which plates it is on**
Classic, modified, vintage, veteran, street rod, motorcycle and trailer are separate categories. You inherit it.
- 4 ☐ **Ask for the VASS approval certificate**
Needed for a modified, individually constructed or street rod vehicle, or an import built between 1969 and 1988.
- 5 ☐ **Look at the age of the last roadworthy certificate**
You need a fresh one for your own application if the vehicle was made on or after 1 January 1949.
- 6 ☐ **Read the logbook properly**
Entries show how the car has really been used. Three entries a year is not a regularly driven car.
- 7 ☐ **Confirm it is not a statutory write-off**
VicRoads will not issue a club permit for a vehicle recorded as a statutory write-off. Get a Vehicle Report.
- 8 ☐ **Confirm the vehicle is more than 25 years old by build date**
Check the Register of Approved Vehicles, the compliance plate or the build plate. Model year is not build date.
- 9 ☐ **For a vehicle not built for the Australian market**
Ask for the Vehicle Import Approval, or check that the VIN appears on the Register of Approved Vehicles.
- 10 ☐ **Ask about audit inspections and defect notices**
Has VicRoads ever required an audit inspection of this vehicle, or issued a defect notice against it?
- 11 ☐ **Agree in writing who cancels the permit, and when**
The seller must cancel it; you cannot inherit it. Get a receipt of sale with date, price, VIN and both names.
- 12 ☐ **Plan how the car gets home**
Once cancelled, the car is unregistered. Trailer it, or get a VicRoads unregistered vehicle permit first.

What to ask the seller

Six questions that surface most of the problems.

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| ☐ Can I see the certificate, the logbook and the last renewal receipt? | ☐ Is there a VASS certificate, and does it cover every modification on the car now? |
| ☐ Which approved club is the permit through, and are you still a financial member? | ☐ When will you cancel the permit, and who is keeping the plates? |
| ☐ Has the car ever been defectured, audited by VicRoads, or written off? | ☐ How many days are left in the logbook, and when does the permit period end? |