

VIB8: Unregistered motor vehicles

Vehicle Inspectors Bulletin

Background

Under Northern Territory Legislation, it is an offence to drive or cause to be driven, a motor vehicle on a public street or public place, which is not registered.

However, a motor vehicle will be deemed to be registered if it is driven under certain circumstances, which include:

- Driving a vehicle by the shortest practical route to the nearest office of the Registrar or police station for the purpose of registering that vehicle.
- A motor vehicle being driven with an appropriate Temporary Licence.
- A motor vehicle being driven with a current Pastoral Permit.
- A motor vehicle under the control of a Police Officer.
- A motor vehicle which is the property of, or authorised by the Commonwealth.

Current Situation

Changes to Northern Territory legislation now enable motor vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Mass less than 4.5 tonnes to be driven unregistered to a repair workshop:

- i. that is located within a reasonable distance in the circumstances; and
 - ii. that has the services of an Authorised Inspector appointed under the *Motor Vehicles Act 1949*; and
 - iii. where arrangements for the presentation of the vehicle have been made in advance,
- for the purpose of the vehicle being inspected or repaired in order for it to be registered.

At all times a motor vehicle being used on a public street or public place is required to be in a safe condition.

Reference to the above information is located in the *Northern Territory Traffic Act 1987, Section 33 and 33A*.

More information

For more information, contact the department on 08 8924 7157 or email vehiclestandards.mvr@nt.gov.au