

Motor Vehicle Registry Information Bulletin

V61 – Speed Trials and Races

Introduction

The Northern Territory (NT) *Traffic Regulations* (Regulation 37) prohibits a person from organising, taking part in, or attending a speed trial, race or event which is to be conducted on a public road unless a permit has been granted by the Director of Transport (Director).

Events exempt from this requirement include:

- 1) Events that are authorised under Section 43A of the *Traffic Act*, or
- 2)
 - (a) the World Solar Challenge;
 - (b) the Finke Desert Race;
 - (c) the Australian Safari; and
 - (d) the London to Sydney Marathon.

Requirements

A person or an organisation wishing to organise a speed trial, race or event must apply to the Director of Transport for a permit. The Competent Authority and NT Police must also approve the event.

Note: Application Form VS14 – “Permit Application for Road Event” - is attached to this Bulletin for your convenience.

Competent Authority

The Competent Authority is the body or authority having the care, control and management of the public road on which the event is to be conducted.

Examples of Competent Authorities include: city councils, town councils, shire councils, community councils and the Northern Territory Government (NTG).

More than one Competent Authority may need to grant their approval for an event.

Public Liability

The organiser may be required to have adequate liability insurance.

Traffic Management Plan

Where the Competent Authority deems an event is likely to cause significant disruption to normal traffic flow, the organiser shall be required to provide evidence of a Traffic Management Plan.

For events conducted on NTG controlled roads, an ‘approved’ Traffic Management Plan is a plan designed by a qualified Northern Territory Traffic Management Plan Designer in accordance with Australian Standard “AS 1742.3 Manual of uniform traffic control devices – Traffic control for works on roads”.

(Traffic Management Inquiries – refer Department of Infrastructure (Operations and Traffic) telephone (08) 8999 4402 – email Roadsdarwin.ntg@nt.gov.au)

Advisory Signs and Warning Signs

Certain events may require advisory or warning signs. Where applicable, signs shall comply with relevant standards – such as Australian Standards – for signage.

Medical Facility

The organiser may be required to provide appropriate aid, comfort or medical facility to anyone involved in an event.

Litter and Refuse

The organiser may be required to remove litter and refuse as a result of an event.

Application Time Frames

Generally, applications will not be accepted more than 3 months or less than seven (7) days prior to an event date.

Public Notice Requirement

Public notice of the application must be made not less than seven (7) days prior to an event taking place. This is not a notice of approval for the event.

Permit

The Director of Transport may grant a permit if satisfied that:

1. Approval has been granted from the Competent Authority;
2. Written consent has been granted from the NT Police;
3. Public notice of the application has been made not less than 7 days prior to the event taking place; and
4. The event will not endanger or unduly inconvenience persons in the vicinity of the event.

Note: Various conditions may be imposed on a permit.

Applications for a speed trial, race or event may be lodged with Transport Regulation and Compliance Division and faxed to (08) 8924 7009. Alternatively, applications may be lodged at any Motor Vehicle Registry (MVR) Office.

For more information, contact Transport Regulation and Compliance Division on telephone (08) 8924 7041 / (08) 8924 7157.

Note: Form VS14 – “Permit Application for Road Event” - is to be read in conjunction with this Bulletin.

Application Form VS14 is attached to this bulletin and is also available at all MVR Offices.

Contact Details	
Motor Vehicle Registry	
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Official Use
Date Received
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Permit Application for Road Events

Applicant Details

Organisation

Contact Person

Surname

Given Name

Postal Address

Contact Details - *Please tick (☐) preferred method of contact*

Phone:
Fax:
Email Address:

Event Details

Event Name

Event Type

- Parade Trial Race
 Procession Speed Trial Other (*specify*) _____

Event Dates

Start	Finish

Assembly Area _____

Event Times

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Finish Area _____

Route of Travel (i.e. include details of all roads)

Will any person involved in this event be riding in any open load space on a vehicle, trailer or float?

- Yes (*provide details below*) No

Public Notice (to be given no less than 7 days prior to event)

Attachments:

Yes No

Date(s) of Public Notice

1 - Sample of Public Notice

2 - Confirmation receipt of Public Notice

Details:

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Declaration

I declare that the information provided on this application is true and correct.

Contact Person Signature Date / /.....

Privacy Statement

The Registrar of Motor Vehicles is required to collect information for Registrations, Licenses and Permits under section 92 of the *NT Motor Vehicles Act*. The Registrar adheres to the Department's Privacy Statement and the *Information Act*. Further information on privacy can be found at www.nt.gov.au/dlp

Official Use

Competent Authority

Conditions (if any)

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Date / /.....

Signature

Authorising Officer

NT Police

Conditions (if any)

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Date / /.....

Signature

Authorising Officer

Dept of Infrastructure

Conditions (if any)

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Date / /.....

Signature

Authorising Officer