

R41 – Golf buggy exemption for golf course use

Information Bulletin

Introduction

An exemption has been issued to allow the use of golf buggies on golf courses without the need for vehicle registration or compulsory third party insurance requirements subject to specific conditions – see **Appendix A - Copy of Gazette Notice S38 dated 19 June 2014.**

Under this exemption, golf buggies may only be driven in a public place, on footpath, shared path or other part of a road related area, or across a public street which is:

- (a) a golf course
- (b) a carpark attached to a golf course
- (c) a public street or a road related area (as defined in the Australian Road Rules) within or which bisects parts of the same golf course or
- (d) a footpath, shared path or public thoroughfare within or running between parts of the same golf course.

The exemption also applies to a trailer towed by the golf buggy.

Any breach of the exemption conditions will deem the golf buggy and/or the trailer to be unregistered and uninsured which is an offence under NT road laws.

Requirements

Driver licensing

Drivers of golf buggies must continue to hold an applicable drivers licence. Any restrictions on the licence will continue to apply – including blood alcohol restrictions.

Golf buggy limitations

- When used on golf course and related areas, the golf buggy and trailer must be in a safe operational condition and must be used in accordance with the vehicle manufacturer's instructions.
- Travel along any road is not permitted unless in accordance with the exemption.
- Other limitations may be imposed by the golf course administrators or land owner.

As a compulsory third party insurance payment is no longer required, golf buggy owners should ensure they have adequate insurance coverage for any incidents that may occur.

Appendix A - Copy of Gazette Notice S38 dated 19 June 2014

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Motor Vehicles Act and Traffic Act

Exemption from the *Motor Vehicles Act*, *Motor Vehicles (Standards) Regulations* and section 33 of the *Traffic Act*

I, Paul Nathan Rajan, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, pursuant to section 135 of the *Motor Vehicles Act* and section 43B of the *Traffic Act*, hereby exempt golf buggies from registration, motor accident compensation contributions and vehicle standards requirements of the *Motor Vehicles Act*, *Traffic Act* and the *Motor Vehicles (Standards) Regulations*, on and from 1 July 2014, subject to the following conditions:

1. A golf buggy may only be driven in a public place, on footpath, shared path or other part of a road related area, or across a public street which is:
 - (a) a golf course;
 - (b) a carpark attached to a golf course;
 - (c) a public street or a road related area (as defined in the Australian Road Rules) within or which bisects parts of the same golf course; or
 - (d) a footpath, shared path or public thoroughfare within or running between parts of the same golf course.
2. Except as provided in Condition 1, a golf buggy must not be driven on or across a public street or road related area.
3. A golf buggy must be maintained in a sound mechanical condition and only used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

For the purposes of this exemption, ***golf buggy*** means a motor vehicle designed for transporting persons on a golf course and includes any mechanically sound trailer that is towed by the golf buggy.

Dated 18 June 2014

P.N. Rajan

Registrar of Motor Vehicles