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Dear Mr Pilgrim

CLUB PERMIT SCHEME – FINANCIAL MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

I refer to your recent telephone conversation with VicRoads' officers in relation to the requirements regarding financial membership of clubs for permit holders operating on the club permit scheme.

The conditions of use for vehicles operating on the club permit scheme are referred to in Regulation 157(A) of the Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 2009. Whilst the Regulation requires, amongst other things, that the permit holder must remain a financial member of an approved club there is no requirement that proof of club membership be carried when the club permit vehicle is being operated. Whilst it is not a VicRoads requirement that evidence be carried, Victoria Police may request proof of financial membership.

Although, as you have indicated, clubs may issue membership cards to permit holders as proof of current financial membership, it does not necessarily follow that the permit holder's membership is still current at the time the police may seek to verify the status of the permit holder.

VicRoads is of the view that the production of a letter from a club confirming current financial membership is the most practical way to meet the legislative requirement for a permit holder to be a financial member. However, as this may impose an additional requirement on club office bearers, VicRoads will discuss the matter with the various club peak bodies and the Victoria Police to gauge whether a regulation change is appropriate.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further Mr Fergus McDonald (Tel: 9854 2794) would be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



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