Department of Transport

Fact Sheet

Licensing Quad Bikes- Farm Use Only

Introduction

Quad bikes are primarily off-road recreational or agricultural vehicles that do not meet national vehicle standards. As such these vehicles cannot be licensed under the *Road Traffic Act 1974* **unless** there is a genuine need for it to cross and/ or travel along one or more public roads. A licence under the *Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978* may be granted for use in permitted areas.

Licensing a quad bike

Quad bikes **used on a farm** do not need prior approval from Driver and Vehicle Services, and can be taken directly to a Vehicle Examination Centre (VEC) or Authorised Inspection Station (AIS) for examination and licensing. To locate your nearest VEC or AIS please visit <u>www.transport.wa.gov.au</u> or call Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS) on 13 11 56. When attending a DVS centre, agent, or Department of Transport regional office to licence your farm quad you will need to provide photographic proof of identity e.g. WA driver's licence or Australian Passport.

Licence conditions

A Quad bike will only be licensed with conditions imposed on the vehicle use. Conditions are necessary to minimise the risk of injury to any person using these vehicles, or to other road users. Conditions will include speed and area restrictions, daylight operation only, operator requirements and restrictions against the transfer of the vehicle licence. The below conditions are applied to all Farm Use Quad Bikes licences.

| 001 | Licence to be carried in vehicle at all times. |
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| 003 | Daylight use only. |
| 004 | This licence is not transferable without prior approval of Department of Transport |
| 037 | Speed limit 35 km/h. |
| 047 | Permitted to travel on road for purposes of fire prevention or to the nearest practical |
| | place for repair |
| 087 | To be used only on farm or between one portion of that farm and another portion of |
| | that farm within the Shire or adjoining Shire boundary |
| 400 | Rider must wear an approved motorcycle helmet when operating vehicle on a |
| | road |

Licence Fees

Owners of quad bikes that are used exclusively on an owner's farm may apply for 'Farm Vehicle Concession' by completing an *Application for Farm Vehicle Concession* form (VL39) provided that the **vehicle owner is in the business of farming or grazing** and the vehicle is to be **used principally on the owner's farm or on another portion of land that the owner farms.** *Application for Farm Vehicle Concession* forms (VL39) can be downloaded from <u>www.transport.wa.gov.au</u> or posted to you by calling 13 11 56.

Quad bikes licensed with a farm concession are issued with, and required to have affixed farm series number plates. The vehicle use is limited to being driven on the owner's farm or between one portion of that farm and another portion of that farm within the Shire or adjoining Shire boundary, or for fire fighting and fire prevention operations.