

Using Vehicles under Conditional Registration at Weddings

The club has received a number of queries recently regarding the use of their conditionally registered cars for personal weddings. The following will hopefully provide some clarity surrounding both the Club's and the Owners responsibilities and obligations.

This subject has invoked emotions on both sides being family members wanting to use their car and others saying that this is not possible. Hopefully this article will help.

The Code of Practice (COP) on page 19 clause 3.5 (e) for Conditionally Registered Cars states under Duties of Vehicle Owners; “

“not drive, or allow anyone else to drive, the conditionally registered vehicle on the road for fee, hire or reward”

Whilst there is a general understanding under the COP that using a historically registered vehicle for a wedding free of charge is generally not considered a "hire" provided no payment or reward is exchanged. The legal issue is cloudy (as always) and a member should undertake their own risk assessment on the matter.

The COP goes onto clarify additional key rules for using a vehicle under this scheme and with personal use in mind:

- **No Fee, Hire, or Reward:** The vehicle must not be used for any form of commercial gain, including being driven for a fee or reward. If any payment is accepted (including "donations" that act as fees), it would violate the conditions of the scheme.
- **Logbook Entry Required:** Every journey, including a trip for a wedding, must be recorded in the vehicle's logbook before the start of the journey.
- **Club Membership:** The owner must maintain financial membership with a recognised motor vehicle club.
- **90-Day Limit:** Total road use for all purposes cannot exceed 90 days in any one-year registration period.

Additional point to consider, as there have been and currently real examples in the court pertaining to insurance claims whilst undertaking a wedding run. While the scheme allows for private use, you should check with your Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurance provider and comprehensive insurer to ensure "gratuitous" (free) wedding use is covered under your specific policy.

Whilst, under the COP Part Two, Summary of Club Responsibilities, part 2.1 (c) *“Ensure, so far as is reasonably practical, that club members with conditionally registered vehicles abide by the conditions detailed in this code”*; JDCSA takes no responsibility for definitive advice in this matter or Members' own interpretation and risk in relation to the Code of Practice when using their vehicle for a wedding.

A copy of the Conditional Code of Practice can be downloaded [HERE](#)

[The Code of Practice for Club Registration \(931.9 KB PDF\)](#) [\(949.6 KB PDF\)](#) and I encourage you all to do so and ensure you are personally familiar with the COP. It's not a difficult document to read and understand.

Should anyone like to discuss this matter with me please do so.

Regards

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