

Motor Vehicle Registry Information Bulletin

R13 – Residential Requirements for Interstate Drive Yourself Vehicles

An interstate drive yourself hire vehicle which has been in the NT for three months or more, is not classed as a 'visiting motor vehicle' under the *Motor Vehicles Act* and may be deemed UNREGISTERED, if NT registration has not been obtained, even if the vehicle is registered in another State or Territory.

Interstate 'drive yourself' vehicles temporarily in the Northern Territory may be exempted from the requirement to obtain NT registration for a period of up to six (6) months. The vehicles will need to have a valid registration in another State or Territory for the period of exemption. Operators must apply specifically for the exemption under Section 8A of the *Motor Vehicles Act* and satisfy the Registrar that the vehicle meets NT registration standards.

A body corporate that is in control of a vehicle being used under a hire or lease agreement (ie for drive yourself hire) should be aware that when an infringement notice for a demerit point offence is issued against their vehicle, significantly higher penalties exist for failing to identify the driver. See [Information Bulletin L30 – Northern Territory Demerit Points Scheme](#)

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