

## Procedures on Importation and Registration of a Classic Car in Singapore

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## Registration Requirements

### Vehicle Registration

All vehicles in Singapore must be registered with the Land Transport Authority (LTA).

### Eligibility Criteria

A car that is at least 35 years old from its original registration date in a foreign country can be imported for registration in Singapore under the Classic Vehicle Scheme.

If a car was deregistered in Singapore while under the Classic Vehicle Scheme, it cannot be re-registered as a classic car.

To re-import a previously deregistered car and re-register it under the Classic Vehicle Scheme, the car must meet the following criteria:

- deregistered before 1 July 2000, or
- if it was deregistered on or after 1 July 2000, it must be less than 35 years old and cannot be a classic car when it was deregistered.

Once it is registered as a classic car, you cannot change the ownership of the car for 5 years.

## Technical Requirements

### Compliance with Road Traffic Act and its Subsidiary Legislations

All classic cars to be registered in Singapore must be maintained in roadworthy condition and meet the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction and Use) Rules and Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Lighting) Rules.

### Right-hand Drive

All classic cars imported and registered for use in Singapore should be right-hand drive cars.

### Modifications to Vehicle

The classic car should be restored to its original state. There should not be any alterations, conversions or modifications to the car before import. No kit car such as a replica or a car rebuilt with old or new parts is allowed.

### Concessions

The following concessions are given to classic cars:

- a) They need not meet exhaust emission requirements, as classic cars are unlikely to meet modern requirements; and
- b) Where the technical specifications of a classic car are unable to meet regulatory requirements fully, other concessions may be granted on a case-by-case basis if safety is not affected.

## Step-by-Step Guide to Import a Classic Car in Singapore

### Step 1

Check if your classic car meets registration and technical requirements.

### Step 2

Ship the classic car to Singapore through a shipping agent.

### Step 3

Arrange with your shipping agent to obtain an **Inward Cargo Clearance Permit**. Your agent will have to submit an application to the Singapore Customs using the TradeNet® System. **Permit and processing fee, Excise Duty and Goods & Services Tax (GST)** will be payable to the Singapore Customs through inter-bank GIRO. For further information on the application for Inward Cargo Clearance Permit, please visit [www.customs.gov.sg](http://www.customs.gov.sg) or contact the Singapore Customs at:

**Singapore Customs**  
55 Newton Road  
#07-01 Revenue House  
Singapore 307987  
Tel: 6355 2000

The Singapore Customs determines the Customs Value [or commonly known as Open Market Value (OMV)] of the classic car by taking into account the purchase price, freight, insurance, handling and all other incidental charges to the sale and delivery of the classic car in Singapore. Excise Duty will be levied at 20% of the OMV. GST is computed at 7% of the total Cost, Insurance & Freight (CIF) and Excise Duty. The following documents may be required to be submitted to the Singapore Customs for assessment purposes:

- a) Original Manufacturer/Purchase Invoice;
- b) Freight and Insurance Papers;
- c) Bills/receipts relating to other incidental charges;
- d) Original foreign vehicle registration documents;
- e) Letter from a competent authority confirming the date of manufacture of the classic car (if the vehicle registration documents do not state such information); and
- f) Application for exemption from payment of excise duty (if applicable).

All documents submitted **MUST** be in the English language. Notarised translations are acceptable. For further information on the determination of OMV for vehicles, please visit [www.customs.gov.sg](http://www.customs.gov.sg) or contact the Singapore Customs.

### Step 4

Prepare documents for verification and registration of the classic car in Singapore. Please refer to the Step-by-Step Guide to Register a Classic Car in Singapore below.

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## Step-by-Step Guide to Register a Classic Car in Singapore

### Step 1

Decide whether you want to register the classic car yourself or through a motor dealer to register the classic car for you. If a motor dealer registers the classic car on your behalf, they will carry out all or most of the following steps for you.

### Step 2

You must submit an application for vehicle approval to LTA through the Vehicle Inspection and Type Approval System (VITAS). You need to pay an application fee of \$256.80.

Please refer to VITAS website (<https://vrl.lta.gov.sg/certlogin.html>) for more details on opening a user account and application procedures. If you do not have a registered account, you can submit your application to LTA, Vehicle Approval & Control Division, 10 Sin Ming Drive, Singapore 575701.

Documents to be submitted for verification include:

- a) Original Manufacturer/Purchase Invoice;
- b) Freight and Insurance Papers;
- c) Bills/receipts relating to other incidental charges;
- d) Original foreign vehicle registration documents;
- e) Letter from a competent authority confirming the date of manufacture of the classic car (if the vehicle registration documents do not state such information);
- f) Detailed technical specifications of the classic car; and
- g) Inward Cargo Clearance Permit;

All documents submitted **MUST** be in the English language. Notarised translations are acceptable.

Once in-principle approval has been given, you will be notified to send the classic car for inspection at any LTA-Authorised Inspection Centres (see **Annex A**) where an inspection fee will be charged.

After your classic car has passed the inspection, an approval letter with a Vehicle Approval Code (VAC) will be issued to you. With this VAC, you may proceed to register the classic car.

**Step 3**

Once all information and documents are in order, you can make an appointment (by email: [feedback@lta.gov.sg](mailto:feedback@lta.gov.sg)) to submit the following documents to LTA, Vehicle Quota & Registration Division, 10 Sin Ming Drive, Singapore 575701 for registration:

- a) Application for Registration and Licensing of a Motor Vehicle (Form R01). Refer to “Forms” at <https://onemotoring.lta.gov.sg> for the latest form;
- b) Identification documents of the vehicle owner:
  - For individual owners
    - Original NRIC [for Singaporeans and Permanent Residents (PRs)] or Employment/Immigration pass card issued by the Ministry of Manpower (MOM)/Immigration & Checkpoints Authority of Singapore (ICA) (for foreigners).
  - For companies
    - Printout of the business profile of the company from the Accounting & Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA). This printout is valid up to 14 days from the date of issue;
    - Original NRIC (for Singaporeans and PRs) or Employment/Immigration pass card issued by MOM/ICA (for foreigners) of the authorised person from the company; and
    - Original authorisation letter, signed by at least a Manager or above, if the authorised person of the company is not listed in the ACRA printout.
  - For organisations
    - A copy of certificate issued by the Registry of Societies or relevant regulating authority; and
    - Original NRIC (for Singaporeans and PRs) or Employment/Immigration pass card issued by MOM/ICA (for foreigners) of the authorised person from the organisation.
- c) Approval letter with VAC;
- d) Valid Motor Insurance Cover, covering the full licensing period (i.e. from registration date to 31 December of the same calendar year);
- e) Notice of Retained/Bid Vehicle Registration Number (if any);
- f) Notice of Preferential Additional Registration Fee (PARF)/COE rebates (if any); and
- g) Inward Cargo Clearance Permit.

Total fees payable via Cashier's Order, Cash or NETS:

- a) Processing Fee of \$25 (before GST) per application (if registration is done at LTA's office);
- b) Registration Fee of \$220;
- c) Additional Registration Fee (ARF), which is calculated as follows:

Vehicle OMV	ARF Rate
First \$20,000	100%
Next \$30,000 (i.e. \$20,001 to \$50,000)	140%
Above \$50,000	180%

Example

The ARF payable for a classic car with an OMV of \$75,000 will be calculated as follows:

Vehicle OMV (\$75,000)	ARF Rate	ARF Payable
First \$20,000	100%	100% x \$20,000 = <b>\$20,000</b>
Next \$30,000	140%	140% x \$30,000 = <b>\$42,000</b>
Above \$50,000	180%	180% x \$25,000 = <b>\$45,000</b>

Total ARF payable is (\$20,000 + \$42,000 + \$45,000) = **\$107,000**;

- d) Certificate of Entitlement (COE), which is calculated at 10% of the Prevailing Quota Premium (PQP) in the appropriate vehicle category applicable at the time of registration:

COE Category	COE obtained on or after February 2014 First Bidding Exercise
A	Cars with engine capacity up to 1,600cc <u>and</u> Maximum Power Output up to 97kW (130bhp)
B	Cars with engine capacity above 1,600cc <u>or</u> Maximum Power Output above 97kW (130bhp)

- e) Road Tax of \$280 per calendar year, expiring on 31 December each year (pro-rated to end of the same calendar year, if applicable).

**Step 4**

Collect the following from LTA, Vehicle Quota & Registration Division, 10 Sin Ming Drive, Singapore 575701 upon registration of the classic car:

- a) Notification of registration;
- b) Receipt; and
- c) Paper Day Licences (pro-rated from registration date to 31 December of the same calendar year).

**Step 5**

Upon successful registration, a vehicle registration number will be assigned to the classic car, unless a retained or bid vehicle registration number is used. You have to affix the vehicle registration number plates on your car, and then seal them at any LTA-Authorised Inspection Centres within 7 days of registration. The vehicle registration number plates for a classic car will be with white lettering on a red and yellow background.

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## Usage Restrictions

You can only use your classic car for 45 days in a calendar year under the Classic Vehicle Scheme, including weekends and public holidays. You must display a valid Day Licence each time you use it.

You will be issued 28 free Day Licences per calendar year when you register your car under the scheme and when you renew your road tax annually. You can buy up to 17 additional Day Licences at \$20 per licence at LTA, Vehicle Licensing Division, 10 Sin Ming Drive, Singapore 575701. Day Licences cannot be transferred to another vehicle, exchanged nor refunded. Day Licences cannot be carried over to another calendar year.

The road tax expiry date for all classic cars is 31 December of each year. If a classic car is registered after 1 January, the road tax payable will be pro-rated from registration date to 31 December of the same calendar year. The number of Day Licences entitlement, both free and chargeable, will also be pro-rated accordingly.

## Conditions

Your vehicle registration number plates must be inspected every year at any LTA-Authorised Inspection Centres. Your classic car must go for periodic inspection once every 2 years.

Classic cars cannot be converted to other vehicle schemes such as normal car or revised off-peak car schemes.

Classic cars cannot be laid up.

A classic car pays ERP and must have an In-Vehicle Unit (IU) installed.

You must apply to LTA for approval before breaking the vehicle registration number plate seal for repairs or carrying out of other works on your classic car.



**Annex A****List of LTA-Authorised Inspection Centres**

JIC Inspection Services Pte Ltd (Ang Mo Kio)  
21 Ang Mo Kio Street 63  
Singapore 569118  
Tel: 6484 7370

JIC Inspection Services Pte Ltd (Pioneer)  
53 Pioneer Road  
Singapore 628505  
Tel: 6863 9639

STA Inspection Pte Ltd (Boon Lay)  
249 Jalan Boon Lay  
Singapore 619523  
Tel: 6261 6178

STA Inspection Pte Ltd (Sin Ming)  
302 Sin Ming Road  
Singapore 575627  
Tel: 6452 1398

VICOM Inspection Centre Ltd (Bukit Batok)  
511 Bukit Batok Street 23  
Singapore 659545  
Tel: 6567 7111

VICOM Inspection Centre Ltd (Changi)  
20 Changi North Crescent  
Singapore 499613  
Tel: 6545 4808

VICOM Inspection Centre Ltd (Kaki Bukit)  
23 Kaki Bukit Avenue 4  
Singapore 415933  
Tel: 6749 5422

VICOM Inspection Centre Ltd (Sin Ming)  
385 Sin Ming Drive  
Singapore 575718  
Tel: 6458 4555

VICOM Inspection Centre Ltd (Yishun)  
501 Yishun Industrial Park A  
Singapore 768732  
Tel: 6755 9028

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**Annex B**

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**Registration Documents Checklist**

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- Check against this list to ensure that you have all the necessary documents to register your classic car.**
  - Original Manufacturer/Purchase Invoice or foreign vehicle registration documents
  - Application for Registration and Licensing of a Motor Vehicle (Form R01)
  - Original identification document of vehicle owner (e.g. NRIC for Singaporean and PR or Employment/Immigration pass card for foreigner)
  - Approval letter with VAC
  - Valid Motor Insurance Cover, covering the full licensing period (i.e. from registration date to 31 December of the same calendar year)
  - Notice of Retained/Bid Vehicle Registration Number (if any)
  - Notice of PARF/COE rebates (if any)
  - Inward Cargo Clearance Permit
  - Cashier's Order, Cash or NETS payable to LTA
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