

4WD and Off Road Vehicles

The Control of Vehicles (Off-Road Areas) Act 1978 regulates the activities of off-road vehicles.

An off road vehicle is defined as one not registered for on-road use.

Under the Act, *“off-road vehicle means a vehicle which is not licensed, deemed to be licensed, or the subject of a permit granted, under the Road Traffic Act 1974;”*



Requirements for Off-Road Vehicles

All off-road vehicles used in areas covered by the Act, other than on private land with consent of the owner, must be registered under The Control of Vehicles (Off-Road Areas) Act 1978. Road registered vehicles (Licensed) do not require separate off-road vehicle registration.

The following summarises the difference between the two types of vehicles:

Registered for off-road use

In order to access the designated off road vehicle areas, motorcycles, quads and other off road vehicles are required to have Off Road Vehicle registration.

Registered off road vehicles are not permitted on public roads.

Registration plates must be affixed to the off road vehicle and be plainly visible.

Off road vehicles can be registered at any licensing centre. All off road vehicle registrations expire on September 30 each year and must be renewed or the registration plates be surrendered. Registration does not include Third Party Insurance.

Registered for limited on road use

An off road vehicle requires to be registered under the Road Traffic Act 1974 if there is a legitimate need to access one or more public roads (for the purpose of crossing).



Permitted Locations

City of Wanneroo Pinjar Off Road Vehicle Area- corner Old Yanchep Road and Wattle Avenue
(Controlled by DPAW) enquiries 9405 5000

City of Swan Gnangara Off Road Vehicle Area
Gnangara Road, Lexia. West of Beachboro Road Intersection
enquiries 9267 9267

Shire of Gingin Lancelin Off Road Vehicle Area
9575 2211 Entrance off Bootoo Street

Shire of Gingin Ledge Point Off Road Vehicle Area
Ledge Point Road, enquiries 9575 2211

City of Kwinana- Thomas Rd, Medina

Shire of York - small MX circuit Spencers Brook Road

Shire of Roebourne - corner Millars Road & Balmoral Road, Karratha
enquiries 08 9186 8528





Penalties (Control of Vehicles (Off-Road Areas) Act 1978)

Off Road vehicles can only be used on permitted areas or on private land with the consent of the landowner.

Various fines apply for vehicles being used in non-permitted areas, such as;

- Section 6 (1) Drive / Ride an off road vehicle in a non-permitted area.
Penalty \$50, maximum \$500
- Section 7 Any motor vehicle (other than road registered) must be off road registered.
Penalty \$50, maximum \$200
- Section 9C Failure to wear protective helmets.
Penalty \$50, maximum \$800
- Vehicles may also be impounded.



BE AWARE

Riding or driving in a non-permitted area, mixed with limited knowledge or experience may have dire consequences other than receiving a fine.



