



AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS HEADQUARTERS

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CADET MEMBERS DRIVING TO/FROM AND ON AAFC ACTIVITIES

1. In order to provide clear and concise guidance in respect of the use of private Motor Vehicles by cadets the following directive have been established:

- a. cadets are only to drive private vehicles on AAFC activities with the specific and recorded approval of the DETCDR or OIC of that activity;
- b. cadets may only drive to/from Squadron Parade nights where recorded approval is granted by the Cadet's Parents/Guardian and accepted by the CO;
- c. cadets may only drive to/from activities where there is the recorded approval is granted by the Cadet's Parents/Guardian and accepted by the DETCDR or OIC responsible for the activity;
- d. cadets may only drive other cadets to/from activities and parade nights where the parent/guardian of the cadet passenger knows the driver and has granted approval which has been accepted by the CO, DETCDR or OIC;
- e. cadets wishing to drive to a WGHQ, clothing store or similar should only do so where there is recorded approval by the Cadet's Parents accepted by the CO (cadets posted to HQs should seek approval from the local WG XO as 'CO' of HQ for ongoing approval);
- f. Where cadets are driving on a Learner's Permit and are under the direct instruction and guidance of a parent or guardian (not any other licence holder), they remain in that person's care and the above rules do not apply.

2. The overarching philosophy is that whilst the AAFC does not wish to be overly restrictive on licensed cadets driving, cadets driving private vehicles is a risk additional to that of a normal cadet activity, and that risk needs to be managed and recorded the same as any other. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the CO, DETCDR or OIC of the activity to control these situations, as they would any other.

3. COs, DETCDRs and OICs have the right to refuse permission for a cadet to drive where they feel that the risk is too great and are unwilling to take that responsibility.

4. Where a cadet is over eighteen, they do not require parent/guardian consent. However, approvals must still be accepted and recorded as above, and any underage passengers still require parent/guardian consent.

5. Cadets are not to drive Defence vehicles, except in genuine emergency situations.