

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 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 9% 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 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.

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 \$274.68.

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 make an appointment via our Digital Services (<https://www.lta-eappointment.sg>, select Vehicle Approval > Apply for Vehicle Approval Code) to 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;
- g) Letter of No Objection (LNO) issued by LTA for On-Board Unit (OBU) Compliance, should the motor dealer, distributor or importer want to have the classic car fitted with an OBU; and
- h) 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 via our Digital Services (<https://www.lta-eappointment.sg>, select Registration > Register Vehicles (Self-Import)) 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
 - Original¹ NRIC [for Singaporeans and Permanent Residents (PRs)] or Employment/Immigration pass card² (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;
 - Original¹ NRIC (for Singaporeans and PRs) or Employment/Immigration pass card² (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
 - Original¹ NRIC (for Singaporeans and PRs) or Employment/Immigration pass card² (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 by NETS or SGQR PayNow:

- a) Processing Fee of \$28.34 per application (if registration is done at LTA’s office);
- b) Registration Fee of \$350;

¹ Physical NRIC or long-term pass card or Digital Identity Card (Digital IC) launched via the Singpass app. Images or videos of the identity card/pass/Digital IC will not be accepted.

² Employment/Immigration pass card issued by the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) or Immigration & Checkpoint Authority of Singapore (ICA) bearing the Foreign Identification Number (FIN).

- c) Additional Registration Fee (ARF), which is calculated as follows:

For classic cars registered before 15 February 2023

Vehicle OMV	ARF Rate
First \$20,000	100%
Next \$30,000 (i.e. \$20,001 to \$50,000)	140%
Next \$30,000 (i.e. \$50,001 to \$80,000)	180%
Above \$80,000 (i.e. \$80,001 and above)	220%

Example:

The ARF payable for a classic car with an OMV of \$100,000 will be calculated as follows:

Vehicle OMV (\$100,000)	ARF Rate	ARF Payable
First \$20,000	100%	100% x \$20,000 = \$20,000
Next \$30,000	140%	140% x \$30,000 = \$42,000
Next \$30,000	180%	180% x \$30,000 = \$54,000
Above \$80,000	220%	220% x \$20,000 = \$44,000

Total ARF payable is (\$20,000 + \$42,000 + \$54,000 + \$44,000) = **\$160,000**

For classic cars registered on or after 15 February 2023

Vehicle OMV	ARF Rate
First \$20,000	100%
Next \$20,000 (i.e. \$20,001 to \$40,000)	140%
Next \$20,000 (i.e. \$40,001 to \$60,000)	190%
Next \$20,000 (i.e. \$60,001 to \$80,000)	250%
Above \$80,000 (i.e. \$80,001 and above)	320%

Example:

The ARF payable for a classic car with an OMV of \$100,000 will be calculated as follows:

Vehicle OMV (\$100,000)	ARF Rate	ARF Payable
First \$20,000	100%	100% x \$20,000 = \$20,000
Next \$20,000	140%	140% x \$20,000 = \$28,000
Next \$20,000	190%	190% x \$20,000 = \$38,000
Next \$20,000	250%	250% x \$20,000 = \$50,000
Above \$80,000	320%	320% x \$20,000 = \$64,000

Total ARF payable is (\$20,000 + \$28,000 + \$38,000 + \$50,000 + \$64,000) = **\$200,000**;

- 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:

Category A	<p><u>For COEs obtained before the May 2022 first COE bidding exercise:</u> Cars with engine capacity up to 1,600cc <u>and</u> Maximum Power Output up to 97kW (130bhp)</p> <p><u>For COEs obtained from the May 2022 first COE bidding exercise onwards:</u> Car, except fully electric car, with engine capacity up to 1,600cc and Maximum Power Output up to 97kW (130bhp); and fully electric car with Maximum Power Output up to 110kW (147bhp)</p>
Category B	<p><u>For COEs obtained before the May 2022 first COE bidding exercise:</u> Cars with engine capacity above 1,600cc <u>or</u> Maximum Power Output above 97kW (130bhp)</p> <p><u>For COEs obtained from the May 2022 first COE bidding exercise onwards:</u> Car, except fully electric car, with engine capacity above 1,600cc or Maximum Power Output above 97kW (130bhp); and fully electric car with Maximum Power Output above 110kW (147bhp)</p>

- 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). If your 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 e-Day Licences entitlement, both free and chargeable, will also be pro-rated accordingly.

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; and
- b) Receipt.

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 (see **Annex A**) 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.

Usage Restrictions

You can only use your classic car for up to 45 days in a calendar year under the Classic Vehicle Scheme, including weekends and public holidays.

Electronic Day (e-Day) Licence

You will be issued 28 free undated e-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 e-Day Licences at \$20 per licence for the calendar year.

To use your vehicle, you must indicate a usage date for your free e-Day Licence or buy an e-Day Licence with a usage date. An e-Day Licence without a date is deemed not valid and cannot be considered as a used e-Day Licence for any day.

You may buy the e-Day Licence up to 2 weeks in advance of the usage date. If you change your mind about using it, you can cancel the e-Day Licence or change the usage date by 11.59pm on the day **before** the specified date of use. For example, if the specified date of use is 5 January 2025 and you wish to cancel the e-Day Licence or change the usage date, you must do so by 11.59pm on 4 January 2025.

If you are unable to buy or enter the usage date for the e-Day Licence prior to the use of your classic car, you have up to 11.59pm on the next day of usage of the classic car to do so.

e-Day Licences cannot be transferred to another vehicle, exchanged or refunded. e-Day Licences cannot be carried over to another calendar year.

Please ensure that your classic car has valid insurance coverage when it is in use. It is an offence to use an uninsured car.

You can access e-Day Licence services on OneMotoring website (<https://onemotoring.lta.gov.sg>) through the following:

- a) Online Digital Services (Available all day except from midnight to 1am)
- b) By logging in to your dashboard

To access the respective Digital Services, click on "Digital Services" (<https://onemotoring.lta.gov.sg/content/onemotoring/home/digitalservices.html>), type the name of the Digital Service you wish to access e.g. "Buy e-Day Licence" or "Enter Usage Date of e-Day Licence" in the search field.

If You Drove Your Classic Car Without an e-Day Licence

It is an offence to use a classic car without an e-Day Licence.

If you have driven your classic car without an e-Day Licence, you have until 11.59pm the next day to indicate a usage date for an unused free e-Day Licence or buy an e-Day Licence. If you miss this deadline, you have 3 more days to make a declaration to LTA. If the usage of your classic car is within the usage quota and the declaration is received within the 3-day period, a composition sum of \$30.00 will be offered for driving your classic car without an e-Day Licence. If the declaration is not made within this 3-day period, you may be subject to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 for a first offence and up to \$10,000 for subsequent offences. You can only declare the usage of your classic car online (available all day except from midnight to 1am).

Conditions

Your classic car must go for periodic inspection and its registration number plates must be inspected once every 2 years at any LTA-Authorised Inspection Centres (see **Annex A**).

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.

Installation of the ERP 2.0 OBU for classic cars is optional. If you are using ERP-priced roads, you can opt to install the OBU which will be subject to technical feasibility assessment by an LTA-Authorised OBU installation workshop. Please refer to **Annex B** for a sample copy of the OBU Compliance Form and the OBU installation requirements. For those who choose not to install the OBU and vehicle will be driven on ERP-priced roads, more details will be shared at a later stage. For any queries, please contact LTA at LTA_OBU_LNO@lta.gov.sg.

The vehicle registration number plate of your classic car must be sealed at any LTA-Authorised Inspection Centres (see **Annex A**). You must apply to LTA for approval before breaking the vehicle registration number plate seal for repairs or carrying out other works on your classic car.

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

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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On-Board Unit (OBU) Installation Requirements

1) Placement of the OBU Components for Cars

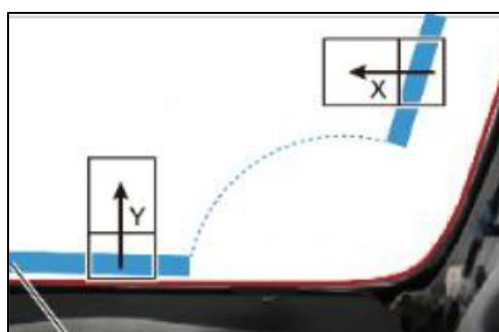
The three-piece OBU for cars comprises an Antenna, Processing Unit and an optional Touchscreen Display. During installation, the workshop* will assess the make and model of the car and check with the vehicle owner on aspects such as placement of the Processing Unit and the optional installation of the Touchscreen Display, including its preferred position.

*Do note that only LTA-Authorised persons (e.g. authorised workshop technicians) are able to install the OBU in motor vehicles. Self-installation of the OBU is not permitted, and doing so is an offence under the Road Traffic Act (Electronic Road Pricing System) Rules 2015.

2) Placement of the OBU Antenna

For the OBU Antenna, the position with respect to the windscreen edges and the associated fitting base are determined by the angle of the windscreen from the vertical line, as specified below:

Windscreen Angle (from Horizontal Line)	Antenna Unit Fitting Base	Minimum Distance from Vehicle's Black Ceramic Border Line	
		Horizontally (X dimension)	Vertically (Y dimension)
<45°	Not required	10 cm	5 cm
45° to 65°	20° Fitting Base	15 cm	15 cm
>65°	40° Fitting Base	15 cm	15 cm



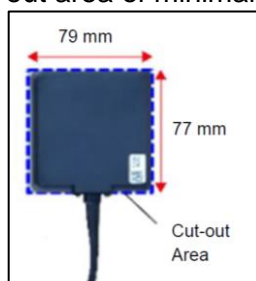
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In addition, the OBU Antenna should not be installed at locations that could potentially interfere with the transmission of signals between the OBU Antenna installed in such vehicle and any Electronic Road Pricing facility.

Locations known to have caused such interference are:

- i) Any type of solar film that affects or interferes with radio frequencies.
- ii) Windscreens that contain metallic oxide coating or are designed with defroster. A cut-out area of minimally 77 mm by 79 mm will be required.



- iii) A location on or near metal surfaces and/or electronic devices (e.g. dash cam) that will affect performance of antenna.
- iv) A location that will be blocked or hindered by wiper's stationary position. In which case, the OBU Antenna needs to be placed above and away from the wiper's stopping position.

3) Technical Requirements for OBU Installation in Cars

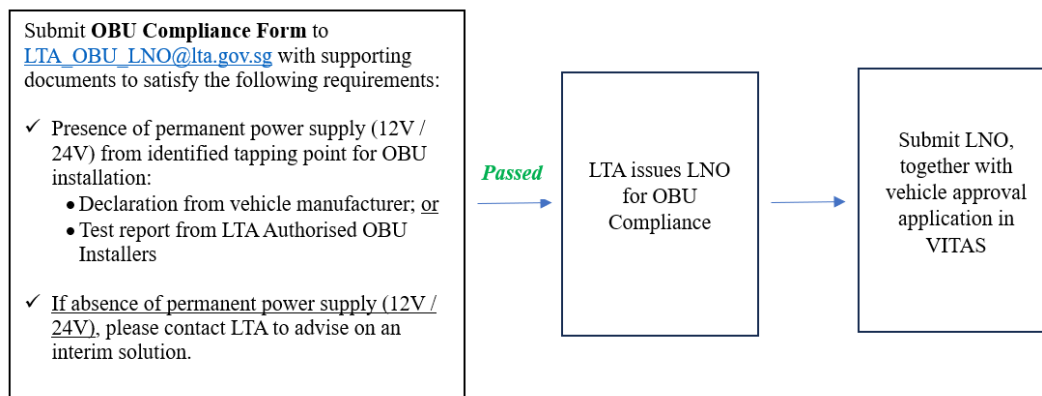
Category	Requirements
+B Permanent Power (OBU Yellow Cable)	<p>OBU requires a permanent power source:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of DC 12V • Maximum of DC 36V <p>This permanent power source shall be available <u>regardless of vehicle engine on/off</u> and even during the charging of the vehicle's battery.</p>
Ignition Detection Line (OBU Red Cable)	Must exceed DC 4.16V when vehicle ignition is on and must not exceed DC 4.16V when vehicle ignition is off, even if certain accessories remain active.
Ground (OBU Black Cable)	Use of vehicle battery or vehicle chassis ground
Battery Capacity	Vehicle battery capacity shall meet minimum : 34Ah @12V
Current Rating	<p>Vehicle's battery must support the following OBU current rating:</p> <p>Typical: 0.6-0.8A @12V</p> <p>Maximum (high load situation): 1.2A @12V</p>

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Any motor dealer, distributor or importer who wants to register classic cars with LTA in Singapore and **have them fitted with an OBU** must submit the OBU Compliance Form together with the relevant declaration and/or test report to LTA (via email to LTA_OBU_LNO@lta.gov.sg). A LNO will be issued by LTA if the submitted documents and information are in order. You are required to submit the LNO as part of your vehicle approval application for new registration of classic cars in the Vehicle Inspection and Type Approval System (VITAS).

If the relevant classic cars do not present a permanent 12V power supply that can be used for OBU installation, LTA will contact the applicant on an interim solutioning.

An overview of the procedure for obtaining the LNO is shown in the diagram below.



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5) OBU Compliance Form for Non-Motorcycles/Scooters

OBU Compliance Form for Non-Motorcycles/Scooters	
Notes for Application: 1) For Batch Vehicles Approval , only one OBU Letter of No Objection (LNO) is needed per each batch approval application (limited to 50 quantities per application). 2) For Extension to Type Approval , a new OBU LNO is required only if the vehicle's internal circuitry is changed, which results in different permanent power and ignition source points.	
Application Date	DD/MM/YYYY
Company Name	Applicant Company Name "SAMPLE XYZ Pte Ltd"
UEN	<i>Applicant to provide UEN</i>
Local Registered Office Address	<i>Applicant to provide Singapore Registered Office Address</i>
Contact Person Name / Phone No. / Email Address	<i>Applicant to provide contact details</i>
Vehicle Brand	<i>Applicant to provide brand of vehicle</i>
Vehicle Type	<i>Applicant to provide type of vehicle and if ICE or Hybrid or Electric</i>
Vehicle Models	<i>Applicant to provide model/s of vehicle</i>
Battery Capacity	xx Ah
Permanent Power 12V/24V source available for OBU installation	Yes/No
Indicate with illustrations of actual vehicle (e.g. pictures, schematics, datasheet) on where power sources are tapped	Please indicate the following electrical points clearly: i. Permanent 12V/24V – ii. Ignition Source –
Does the vehicle come with an original factory fitted power disconnect switch?	Yes/No

6) Format of Declaration / Test Report

Template for Declaration / Test Report Vehicles (Non-Motorcycles/Scooters)			
Permanent Power Source (Indicate electrical point: _____)			
No.	Test Description	Expected Result	Actual Result (Provide pictures)
1	Test electrical point for permanent power using multimeter when vehicle in Ignition OFF / Sleep state	Minimum 12V / 24V present at electrical point	
2	Test same electrical point 30 mins later, for permanent power using multimeter when vehicle in Ignition OFF / Sleep state (Dependent on vehicle design please adjust to the correct waiting time if the vehicle takes more than 30 mins to be in sleep state)	Continue to have minimum 12V / 24V present at electrical point	
Ignition / State Source (Indicate electrical point: _____)			
No.	Test Description	Expected Result	Actual Result (Provide pictures)
1	Test electrical point for Ignition / state using multimeter when vehicle in Ignition ON / Active state	Voltage measure within 12V / 24V	
2	Test electrical point for Ignition / state using multimeter when vehicle in Ignition OFF / Sleep state	Voltage measure 0V	

Company Name:	
Name of Tester:	
NRIC/FIN (Last 4 digit):	
Email:	
Contact Number:	

Annex C

Registration Documents Checklist

- ☒ **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)
 - ☐ Original³ identification document of vehicle owner (e.g. NRIC for Singaporean and PR or Employment/Immigration pass card for foreigner)
 - ☐ Letter of No Objection (LNO) issued by LTA for OBU Compliance, should the motor dealer, distributor or importer want to have the classic car fitted with an OBU
 - ☐ 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
 - ☐ Payment of applicable fees by NETS or SGQR PayNow only
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It is subject to change as may be required by the LTA or other relevant authorities.

³ Physical NRIC or long-term pass card or Digital Identity Card (Digital IC) launched via the Singpass app. Images or videos of the identity card/pass/Digital IC will not be accepted.