

Date - 10/03/2023

Subject - Helmet Exemption for Sikh Motorcycle Riders.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We, the members of "Singhs Social Motorcycle Club Australia" ABN – 56 509 686 831 registered as a Not-for-Profit Organization, request for your support in relation to a helmet exemption for Sikh motorcycle riders in New South Wales.

We have been riding for the past 10 to 12 years in Australia and we respect all traffic laws. Australia is a democratic country which allows all religions to practice their faith in a peaceful manner. Sikhism is all about selfless service and helping others. Sikhs in Australia and around the world have been doing a lot of community service and we are proud of it. In the Sikh tradition, a truly religious person is one who cultivates the spiritual self while also serving the communities around them — or a saint-soldier. The saint-soldier ideal applies to women and men alike.

In Sikhism, turbans are one of the most important, respected and integral articles of faith. It is mandated that all Sikhs initiated into the faith cover their heads with a turban, thereby signifying the equal status among the faith's followers. The turban represents their commitment to equality, unity, and service that are at the heart of the Australian ethic.

Sikh Soldiers have also been allowed to wear turbans in most countries even during war times. Sikhs fought in WWI, WWII and even alongside ANZACS during the Gallipoli campaign with their turbans. Sikhs are considered to be one of the most respected armed forces of the world. Turbans for Sikhs are not just about practising their faith, but it gives them the courage and willingness to help others and be role models.

The Sikh turban is a long piece of cloth, typically up to six meters long and one to two meters wide. It takes around 10 minutes on an average to tie a Turban. It is not possible to wear a helmet on top of a Turban, in-fact it would be disrespectful to do so.



This request is about freedom of expression and choice in a democratic country. Sikhs should be able to ride a motorcycle with their fundamental article of faith, the turban. The lack of a helmet exemption for Sikhs prevents them from freely practicing their religion if they wish to ride a motorcycle.

For your reference:

We have sample letters from Dept. of Motor Transport NSW for some elderly Motorcycle Riders of the Sikh Community who rode Motorcycles in NSW without helmets. The letter clearly states that they were exempted from wearing helmets so they could practice their faith respectfully.

Sikhs are exempted from wearing helmets in a lot of Commonwealth countries including New Zealand being the most recent country to exempt Sikhs from wearing helmets. Other countries include United Kingdom, parts of USA, Canada, India, Pakistan, Malaysia, Singapore, UAE, Philippines etc.

We have received a lot of support from our own community and from other local Motorcycle Riders. They have signed this letter to show their support for this appeal.

We look forward to your support, to present this as a government Bill in Parliament.

Your Sincerely

Mavleen Singh (Founder/Committee member)
On behalf of Singhs Social Motorcycle Club Australia

Signatures of residents in support:

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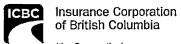
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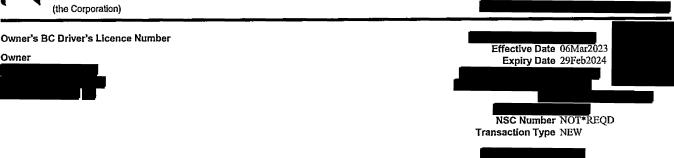
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Owner's Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle Licence



Proof of Insurance

The owner and/or the operator of the vehicle described herein is insured against liability for bodily injury and property damage by reason of the operation of such vehicle. The coverage provided by this certificate also satisfies the minimum limits set out by the respective legislation governing vehicle insurance in any area of Canada and the USA.

This document is to be signed and carried in the insured vehicle as proof of insurance.

Vehicle Use Motorcycle any use.

Declaration of Declaration of principal driver not permitted. Principal Driver

Conditional Factor

By signing here, you:

· apply for a Vehicle Licence and Registration under the Motor Vehicle Act or Commercial Transport Act, or for Registration under the Off-Road Vehicle Act;

apply for an Owner's Certificate of Insurance under the Insurance (Vehicle) Act (the Act) and regulations pursuant to the Act (the Regulations);
 apply for optional Insurance for which a premium is shown, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the ICBC Autoplan Optional Policy (the Optional Policy);

- If optional insurance is purchased, accept delivery of a copy of the Optional Policy by viewing it at www.icbc.com/optionalpolicy, or 🖂 acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Optional Policy;
- · certify that the driver is correct for all new plate, renewal transactions, and for adding or removing drivers;

certify that coverage, use, territory and where applicable, location address are correct;
 acknowledge that the description of vehicle use set out is a summary of permitted uses in the indicated rate class and that complete details are available to you from your Autoplan agent or ICBC;

· certify that the vehicle is not currently required to be registered and licensed in another jurisdiction;

certify that you, if under 18 years of age, have the consent of a parent or (legal) guardian to license and register this vehicle;
 certify that all information on all pages of this form is true and agree that you are responsible for any inaccuracies on any page or pages of this form.

Under section 75 of the Insurance (Vehicle) Act, your claim is invalid if at any time you fall to provide complete and accurate information, violate a term or condition of your policy or commit fraud. This is a summary, For full information, see section 75 of the insurance (Vehicle) Act.

If the lessee signs this form, the lessee agrees to be jointly and severally liable with the lessor for all premium or premium-related debt.

NOT VALID UNLESS STAMPED BY AUTHORIZED ISSUING OFFICE

Vehicle Registration

Customer Copy Signature(s) Not Required

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SIGNATURE OF OWNER SIGNATURE OF OWNER

CRC

Insurance Corporation of British Columbia

(the Corporation)

Registered Owner

Number of Owners 1

This Certificate must be carried in the vehicle. This Certificate must be signed by the owner as seller if the vehicle is sold.

When you sell the vehicle, the buyer must take the Registration and submit it with an application for transfer within 10 days of the purchase. Contact your Autopian agent for details.

Seating Capacity

Net Weight (kg)

GVW (kg)/Disp. (cc) 1,800

Vehicle Type MOTORCYCLE **Anti-Theft Device**

Fuel Type Gasoline

Year 2005 Make Honda

Body Style Open Motor Cycle VIC PGJXX1 Colour Yellow

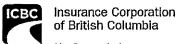
Model

Vehicle Status NORMAL

Import Code Right-Hand Drive NO ORV NO

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Owner's Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle Licence

(the Corporation)

Owner

A1 SPORTS LIMITED

Effective Date 06Mar2023 Expiry Date 29Feb2024

For complete details about your territory contact your Autoplan agent or ICBC.

Coverages, Fees and Premiums

Coverages			Your Cost
Basic As per the Act and the Regulations	Territory D Rate Class 314	Fleetplan Discount 63%	\$777
Third Party Liability (Insurance (Vehicle) Regulation, Part 6) (Optional Policy, Division 4)	Limit \$3,000,000		\$67
Collision (Optional Policy, Division 5)	Deductible \$300	Declared Value \$7,000.00	\$298
Comprehensive (Optional Policy, Division 5)	Deductible \$300**	Declared Value \$7,000.00	\$150
** Comprehensive coverage with a \$300 deductible damage caused by missiles or flying objects.	includes a \$200 deductible for any claim for windshi	eld Annual Insurance Total	\$1,292

SIGNATURE OF CUSTOMER	SIGNATURE OF CUSTOMER	SIGNATURE OF AGENT	
Your annual insurance costs include th	e following savings:	Prorated Premium	\$1,273.00
Fleetplan Discount		Prorated Licence Fee	\$33.00
		' New Plate Fee	\$18.00
Agent Comments		Transfer of Vehicle Ownership Fee	\$28.00

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Total Amount Due \$1,358.00

Applicable Tax Situation Private sale (non-registrant) Exemption Type Lic/ins purposes only

Non-Insurance Costs

Note: Your Basic insurance premium includes the following non-insurance costs.

The Non-insurance costs for the Road safety and Driver services categories represent average dollar amounts paid by each Basic policy holder.

Road safety including enhanced law enforcement \$10.17

Driver and vehicle licensing, vehicle registration, and other services \$48.79

Premium tax (4.4%) \$33.66

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This consolidation is current to November 28, 2023.

Link to Point in Time

Motor Vehicle Act

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY HELMET EXEMPTION REGULATION

[includes amendments up to B.C. Reg. 62/2017, March 1, 2017]

Exemption

- **1** The following persons are exempt from the requirements of section 194 (3) of the *Motor Vehicle Act*:
 - (a) a person who
 - (i) practises the Sikh religion, and
 - (ii) has unshorn hair and habitually wears a turban composed of 5 or more square metres of cloth.

[am. B.C. Reg. 62/2017.]

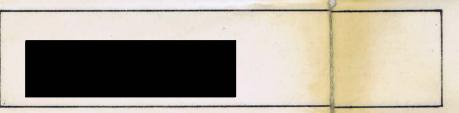
[Provisions relevant to the enactment of this regulation: *Motor Vehicle Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 318, section 194 (6) (c)]

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When replying, please quote this reference

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR TRANSPORT 50 ROTHSCHILD VENUE, ROSEBERY



Address all mail to Box 28, G.P.O., Sydney. 2001

Exemption from the wearing of rash helmet.

In accordance with the provisions of Motor Traffic Regulation 110E (2) the abovenamed is hereby exempted from the requirement to wear a safety helmet whilst driving or travelling upon a motor yele.

This authority, which is subject to revocation at any time, should be carried whilst on a motor cycle and produced to a member of the Police Force upon request.

J. W. Davies, Commissioner.

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