

Application Procedure for the Approval of Float Design

1. All applications in respect of the design of any float to be used in a procession or parade must be made in writing setting out the make, model and registration mark (or vehicle identification number for a brand new vehicle) of the vehicle to be used as a float.

2. The application should be accompanied by 3 copies of a drawing, certified by qualified electrical or mechanical engineers, in minimum A3 size, showing the following details:
 - (1) the float's decoration and the vehicle's outline, side, plan, front and rear views, with all major dimensions (both proposed and original) shown
 - (2) entry/exit to and from the driver's compartment
 - (3) location of rearview mirrors which enable the driver to view both sides of the float
 - (4) location of exhaust outlets of any internal combustion engines
 - (5) location of any auxiliary power equipment installed
 - (6) equipment to communicate with the passengers on the float
 - (7) location of the passenger compartment and means of support for passengers (seats, grab-rails, etc.) on the float

Applicants must pay attention to regulation 53(2) of the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) Regulations (Cap. 374G) on the requirements for carriage of passengers: no driver of a vehicle on a road shall permit a passenger to travel in the vehicle unless seated in a properly constructed seat secured to the bodywork of the vehicle except -

- (a) where the vehicle is a public service vehicle licensed to carry standing passengers; or

- (b) where the vehicle is exempted under regulation 53A of the abovementioned Regulations.
- (8) detailed artwork is **not** required
3. All applications must be made at least 1 month in advance of the date of the event to:
- Engineer (Vehicle Approval and Planning)
Vehicle Safety and Standards Division
Transport Department
(Contact telephone : 3842 5729 Fax : 2802 7533)
4. If the application is approved in principle (subject to the vehicle inspection results), the applicant will be so advised within 14 days upon the receipt of the application, and also informed of further details of the vehicle inspection.
5. If the design is not accepted, the applicant should submit the revised drawings within 1 week upon the receipt of such notice.