



## **RALLIES HELD UNDER THE TERMS OF THE ACCEO 28-DAY CERTIFICATE (PARA' 4) AND THE ACCEO 5-DAY CERTIFICATE (PARA' 6)**

This information sheet gives a summary of the points to be considered before proceeding with an application for an 'Extended' or 'Holiday Rally' of more than five days duration. For more information please contact the ACCEO Extended Rallies Officer via the link on [www.acceo.org](http://www.acceo.org) > **Contact us**; or in writing to the address above.

### **1) EXTENDED 'HOLIDAY' RALLIES OF UP TO 28 DAYS DURATION**

The **ASSOCIATION OF CARAVAN AND CAMPING EXEMPTED ORGANISATIONS** is one of the organisations approved by the appropriate Government department to hold extended rallies under a Certificate granted in accordance with Paragraph 4 of the First Schedule of the *Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960*.

As members of ACCEO Member Clubs or Sub-groups, you may, subject to certain conditions, use this Certificate in order to stage rallies of longer duration than those available under your own Certificate of Exemption. Applications for Extended Rallies **must** be made via ACCEO and a modest charge is made to cover the cost of the administrative work involved.

#### **Choosing a Rally Venue**

When your club is looking for suitable sites for extended visits, it is worth bearing the following points in mind to make sure that the rally application and the rally will proceed smoothly:

- Do not seek to rally on Certificated Locations (Caravan Club) or Certified Sites (Camping and Caravan Club). This is contrary to ACCEO policy and the Government department Code of Conduct. The landowner needs to offer a separate area.
- Commercial Sites may only take the number of outfits for which they are licensed whether these are part of a rally or individuals.

If you are offered a 'rally field' adjacent to or associated with a commercial site, be very careful to ensure that EITHER the number of outfits for your rally is within the total number for which the site is licensed OR you are properly covered by your club's certificate (5 days or less) or it is an ACCEO certificate rally (more than 5 days).

If it is a 'certificate' rally of either type, you may not make any use of the site facilities as these are planned for the licensed numbers and the site owner is jeopardising the site licence if he/she tells you otherwise. ( See ACCEO Information Sheet 2 )

#### **TO APPLY TO USE THE ACCEO 'EXTENDED RALLY' CERTIFICATE:**

First contact The ACCEO National Parks & Extended Rallies Officer via the link on [www.acceo.org](http://www.acceo.org) > **Contact us**; or by writing to ACCEO at the address above for an Application Pack.

When completing the forms and making the rally booking, the following points should be noted:

- The rally must be booked with the landowner in the name of ACCEO.
- The Rally Marshal/ Officer must be a Personal Member of ACCEO.
- It must be confirmed that ACCEO will have exclusive use of the field as defined by its natural boundaries, i.e. no temporary fencing off of part of the field.
- A six-figure Ordnance Survey Map grid reference identifying the site must be given. If possible, supply the field number as well.
- The precise name and full postal address of the Planning Authority for the area in which the rally will take place must be supplied so that ACCEO can undertake all the necessary correspondence.
- State the approximate number of outfits that you expect to attend.
- If it is intended to include the attendance of Tents/Trailer Tents on the rally a Natural England Camping Certificate under Section 269(6) of The Public Health Act 1936 will also be necessary.
- A minimum of fourteen weeks before the date of the rally is required to process an application but this gives no latitude should problems arise so please try to return the completed forms to Head Office as far ahead as possible, six months to a year is preferable.

Every effort will be made to ensure a successful application and your club's co-operation with the necessary procedures will greatly assist.



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## **2) RALLIES OF UP TO 5 DAYS (5 X 24 HOUR PERIODS) DURATION**

In response to requests from Clubs to find a legitimate means of holding Invitation Rallies or for members of one club to accept a personal invitation to rally with another, it is possible to use the ACCEO (Para' 6)

Exemption Certificate.

To satisfy the legislation in this circumstance, everyone attending such a rally has to hold Personal Membership of ACCEO. Such Personal membership covers the individual named on his/her membership card and his/her immediate family.

The conditions noted above concerning rallying on Certified Locations and Certificated Sites apply, as does the note relating to rallies on Commercial Sites.

### **APPLICATION TO USE THE ACCEO 5 DAY CERTIFICATE**

The use of this certificate is only available to fully paid up Member Clubs who hold a current Para' 6 Certificate of Exemption in their own right and to the ACCEO Sub-group known as the "ACCEO Companions".

If it is intended to include the attendance of Tents/Trailer Tents on the rally a Natural England Camping Certificate under Section 269(6) of The Public Health Act 1936 will also be necessary.

This facility is not available to Sub-groups of Member Clubs, neither is it available to groups of individuals who are in membership of Member Clubs, irrespective of whether or not they hold ACCEO Personal Membership.

A Form of Application - which should be completed and returned at least 14 weeks before the date of the rally - is available from The ACCEO Extended Rallies Officer via the link on [www.acceo.org](http://www.acceo.org) > **Contact us**; or by writing to ACCEO at the address above. (A minimum of fourteen weeks before the date of the rally is required to process an application but this gives no latitude should problems arise so please try to return the completed forms as far ahead as possible, six months to a year is preferable).

The ACCEO Executive Committee reserves the right to refuse the use of the ACCEO Certificate without giving reasons.

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Further reading: ACCEO Information Sheet 4 "Caravan Rallies in National Parks"