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Overview

The amendments have been made to extend the "Road Ready Plus" program for provisional licence holders to allow provisional licence holders who are 26 years or older and have held their provisional licence for at least six months to:

- (i) remove their "P" plates, and
- (ii) increase their demerit point limit from 4 to 8 points

without the need to actually complete the Road Ready Plus course.

The amendment is made on the recommendation of the Road Ready Steering Committee on the basis that the Road Ready course is intended to address drivers under 26 years of age. Riders and drivers 26 years of age are more mature and statistically significantly less prone to high risk behaviour. Furthermore, the presence of 'older' drivers attending the course could adversely affect the dynamics of the course.

Detail

1. Regulations 36 (dealing with restrictions for motorcycle riders) and 37 (dealing with restrictions for car drivers etc) are amended to allow that riders and drivers respectively, who are over the age of 26 years and have held their provisional licence for at least 6 months, do not have to display a 'P' plate.
2. Regulation 123 (Demerit points incurred by applicants for issue or renewal of learner or provisional licences) is amended to include in the definition of 'relevant number' of demerit points, licence holders who are 26 years of age or older and who have held their provisional licence for at least 6 months. The number of points for these people is 8. The relevant number of points is the number of points incurred within a three year period for which a notice of suspension of licence can be issued at the time a licence is issued.

3. Regulation 124 (Demerit points incurred by learner and provisional licence holders) is consequentially amended to include in the definition of relevant demerit points, holders of licences who are at 26 years of age or older and have held their licence for at least 6 months. The relevant number of points is the number of points incurred within a three year period for which a notice of suspension of licence can be issued, and the number of points for these people is 8.
4. The power to make these regulations amendments is found under sections 14 and 28 of the *Road Transport (Driver Licensing) Act 1999*.