

Road Transport (General) Vehicle Registration and Related Fees Determination 2025 (No 3)

Disallowable instrument DI2025-254

made under the

Road Transport (General) Act 1999, section 96 (Determination of fees, charges and other amounts)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 96 of the *Road Transport (General) Act 1999* allows the Minister to determine fees, charges and other amounts payable under the ACT road transport legislation.

This disallowable instrument has the effect of determining fees, payable, for transactions relating to vehicle registration and related fees under the road transport legislation.

This instrument amends the 12-month registration fees for light vehicles first registered in the ACT by a registered operator on or after 1 December 2025. The fees for people first registering a light vehicle in the ACT on or after 1 December 2025 will be charged the full reference fees for emissions-based registration, rather than transition fees applying other light vehicles. This is line with Cabinet decision 23/901 approving early application of reference fees and fee amounts in Cabinet decision 24/604.

Items subject to transition fees for light vehicle registration are in Part 1, items 1.1.1 to 2.6.4 of schedule 1. Items subject to full reference fees are in Part 1A, items 1A.1.1 to 2A.6.4 of schedule 1.

Column 1 of schedule 1 lists the item number for which the fee is payable. Column 2 of schedule 1 describes the service or other matter in relation to the fee payable. Column 3 of schedule 1 lists the fee payable for a registration period commencing on or before 30 November 2025. Column 4 of schedule 1 lists the fee payable for a registration period commencing on or after 1 December 2025.

Schedules 2 and 3 provide for fees applicable to external organisations requesting data sourced from the road transport authority database rego.act.

The preference of the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety (Legislative Scrutiny Role) that Instruments or Explanatory Statements identify the amount of the old and new fee, any percentage increase and also the reason for any increase in the Instrument or the Explanatory Statement has been taken into account in the preparation of the Instrument and the Explanatory Statement.

A Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) is not required for this fee determination due to section 36(1)(k) of the Legislation Act, which states that a RIS need not be prepared for an amendment of a fee consistent with announced government policy. The introduction of full emissions-based reference fees for vehicles first registered on or after 1 December 2025 the Government's policies.

This instrument also includes a definition for 'Register' in section 11.

There are no human rights or climate change implications arising from this instrument.

This determination is a disallowable instrument and must be presented to the Legislative Assembly within 6 sitting days after its notification pursuant to section 64 of the *Legislation Act 2001*.

Clause notes

Clause 1 Name of instrument

This clause states that the name of this instrument is the *Road Transport (General) Vehicle Registration and Related Fees Determination 2025 (No 3)*.

Clause 2 Commencement

This clause states that the instrument commences on the day after it is notified.

Clause 3 Revocation

This clause states that Disallowable instrument DI2025-185, *Road Transport (General) Vehicle Registration and Related Fees Determination 2025 (No 2)*, is revoked.

Clause 4 Determination of fees

This clause provides for the:

- fees payable for vehicle registration periods of 12 months in Part 1 and Part 1A of Schedule 1;
- fees payable for items in part 1 of schedule 1 that are less than 12 months, determined in accordance with the applicable formula set out in part 2 of Schedule 1;

- fees payable for vehicle registration periods of 12 months in Part 3 of Schedule 1;
- fees payable for items in part 4 of Schedule 1; and
- fees payable by external organisations for the provision of data sourced from the Road Transport Authority database in items in Schedule 2 and Schedule 3.

Clause 5 Payment of fees

This clause states that a fee for a thing in schedules 1, 2 and 3 is payable to the road transport authority by the applicant for the thing to which the application relates. This clause also states that an amount equal to the regulatory component of the heavy vehicle registration fees paid (items 16.1 to 20.3, part 3, schedule 1) to the road transport authority will be transferred to the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator Fund.

Clause 6 Discounted fees items 1.1.1 to 2A.6.4—payment of vehicle registration

This clause states that 12-month registration fees in columns 3 or 4 for items 1.1.1 to 8.13 in part 1 of schedule 1 or in columns 3 or 4 for items 1A.1.1 to 2A.6.4 in part 1A of schedule 1 shall be discounted by 2% if paid in full.

Clause 7 Exemption from item 22.3—payment for vehicle's registration dishonoured

This clause provides for a fee in columns 3 or 4 for item 22.3 in part 4 of schedule 1 to be not payable in relation to a vehicle if the vehicle's registration is cancelled because payment for the vehicle's registration by the former registered operator is dishonoured.

Clause 8 Exemption from item 26.2—Commonwealth agencies and State and Territory authorities

This clause provides for a fee in columns 3 or 4 for item 26.2 in part 4 of schedule 1 to be not payable if the search of records is requested by a Commonwealth agency or a State or Territory authority and the provision of the results of the search to the agency or authority is required or authorised by law, or reasonably necessary for the enforcement of the criminal law or of a law imposing a pecuniary penalty, or for the protection of the public revenue.

Clause 9 Exemption from item 26.3—defective and lost registration certificates

This clause provides for a fee in columns 3 or 4 for item 26.3 in part 4 of schedule 1 to be not payable if the replacement of the registration certificate is required because of a defect in the manufacture of the certificate or the certificate was posted to a person but was not received by the person.

Clause 10 Goods and Services Tax

This clause states that where applicable, fees are inclusive of GST.

Clause 11 Definitions

This clause provides definitions relevant to the interpretation of the instrument.

Schedule 1 Fees

Schedule 1 provides:

- fees for registration of vehicles; formulas for determining registration periods of less than 12 months;
- the road rescue fee;
- vehicle registration administration fees;
- registration transfer fees;
- fees for vehicle inspections by government authorised examiners; and
- other registration related fees.

Schedule 2 & 3 Fees for requesting data from the Road Transport Authority Database

Schedules 2 and 3 provide fees for external organisations to request data from the Road Transport Authority database.