

Australian Capital Territory

Road Transport (General) (Vehicle Registration and Related Fees) Determination 2026 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2026-52

made under the

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

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Overview

This explanatory statement relates to the *Road Transport (General) (Vehicle Registration and Related Fees) Determination 2026 (No 1)* (the **instrument**) as presented to the Legislative Assembly. It has been prepared to assist the reader of the instrument. It does not form part of the instrument and has not been endorsed by the Assembly.

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

This instrument determines fees, payable for transactions relating to vehicle registration and related fees under the road transport legislation.

To prevent delays to implementing other registration fee changes, this instrument was notified without amendment to the Regulatory Component of heavy vehicle registration charges. This was due to the Regulatory Component of heavy vehicle registration charges having not been finalised at the time of notification of that instrument. The Regulatory Component of heavy vehicle registration charges in items 16.1 to 20.3 in Schedule 1 of the Instrument will be amended in line with advice from the National Transport Commission following agreement of the fees by the Infrastructure and Transport Ministers' Meeting through a later instrument.

Emission-Based Registration charges in Items 1, 2, 7, 1A and 2A of Schedule 1 have been increased in line with decisions of the Expenditure Review Committee.

Other fees are indexed by 3.85%, incorporating the estimated 2025/26 WPI of 3.5% in line with budget memo 2025/32 and an additional 0.35% as per Budget Memo 2024/14.

The surcharge for short-term registration periods has not been increased.

Fees are rounded down to the nearest ten cents.

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 June 2026. Column 4 of schedule 1 lists the fee payable for a registration period commencing on or after 1 July 2026.

The preference of the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs (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. This has been taken into account in the preparation of the instrument and this explanatory statement.

This instrument commences on the day after its notification day.

This instrument revokes the *Road Transport (General) Vehicle Registration and Related Fees Determination 2025 (No 3)* (DI2025-254).

This determination, under section 96 of the Act, is a disallowable instrument and must be presented to the Legislative Assembly not later than 6 sitting days after its notification day, pursuant to section 64 of the *Legislation Act 2001* (the **Legislation Act**).

Human Rights

There are no human rights impacts arising from this instrument.

Climate change

It is anticipated that the changes implemented in this instrument will not have an impact on climate change.

Regulation Impact Statement (RIS)

A 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.