

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

MOTOR TRAFFIC ORDINANCE 1968

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 2 of 1968

To facilitate administrative procedures, the following amendments are being made to the Motor Traffic Ordinance 1936-1966:—

- (i) A new system of licensing of motor vehicle drivers is being introduced, which will make the licences tenable for periods up to three years instead of the existing period of one year, however, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles is to have a discretion to issue licences for shorter periods.
- (ii) The period of permit licences, which are granted to persons learning to drive, has been extended from two months to three months and the minimum age limit of persons to whom those type of licences are issued has been lowered from seventeen years to sixteen years and nine months.
- (iii) As the Traffic Section of the Department of the Interior is now responsible for the enforcement of the parking provisions contained in the Ordinance it is necessary to substitute the Registrar of Motor Vehicles for the Commissioner of Police in these provisions.
- (iv) In order to overcome the problem associated with seasonal workers and itinerants, who do not have a permanent place of residence, the definition of the term “visiting motor vehicle” is amended so that the owner need not be a resident of the State or Territory in which the vehicle is registered. Furthermore the question whether a vehicle has been brought into the Territory temporarily will be decided by a Court and not by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.
- (v) A new definition of “the City Area” is being introduced so that the term will be fixed in meaning for the purposes of the Ordinance.
- (vi) Minor variations are also being made to some of the fees chargeable under the Ordinance.

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