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Part 1 Preliminary

1 Name of regulation

This regulation is the *Motor Accident Injuries (Premiums and Administration) Regulation 2019*.

3 Dictionary

The dictionary at the end of this regulation is part of this regulation.

Note 1 The dictionary at the end of this regulation defines certain terms used in this regulation, and includes references (signpost definitions) to other terms defined elsewhere.

For example, the signpost definition ‘input tax credit—see the [A New Tax System (Goods and Services) Act 1999](https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C2004A00446) (Cwlth), section 195-1 (Dictionary).’ means that the term ‘input tax credit’ is defined in that section and the definition applies to this regulation.

Note 2 A definition in the dictionary (including a signpost definition) applies to the entire regulation unless the definition, or another provision of the regulation, provides otherwise or the contrary intention otherwise appears (see [Legislation Act](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2001-14), s 155 and s 156 (1)).

4 Notes

A note included in this regulation is explanatory and is not part of this regulation.

Note See the [Legislation Act](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2001-14), s 127 (1), (4) and (5) for the legal status of notes.

5 Offences against regulation—application of Criminal Code etc

Other legislation applies in relation to offences against this regulation.

Note 1 Criminal Code

The [Criminal Code](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2002-51), ch 2 applies to all offences against this regulation (see Code, pt 2.1).

The chapter sets out the general principles of criminal responsibility (including burdens of proof and general defences), and defines terms used for offences to which the Code applies (eg conduct, intention, recklessness and strict liability).

Note 2 Penalty units

The [Legislation Act](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2001-14), s 133 deals with the meaning of offence penalties that are expressed in penalty units.

Part 2 Important concepts

6 Average weekly earnings series—Act, s 17, def average weekly earnings

The series known as Persons: fulltime adult total earnings series—seasonally adjusted for the ACT in Average Weekly Earnings, Australia (State and Territory Earnings), issued by the Australian statistician, is prescribed.

Note Average Weekly Earnings, Australia is issued in May and November and is available at [www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au).

7 Indexation day—Act, s 18, def AWE indexed, par (b)

(1) The indexation days for each amount mentioned in the following sections of the [Act](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2019-12/) that is to be AWE indexed are 1 April and 1 October:

(a) section 96 (Amount of income replacement benefits—first payment period);

(b) section 97 (Amount of income replacement benefits—second payment period);

(c) section 103 (Income replacement benefits—interim weekly payments).

(2) The indexation day for each amount mentioned in the following sections of the [Act](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2019-12/) that is to be AWE indexed is 1 October:

(a) section 139 (5) (a) (Insurer believes injuries stable but no permanent impairment);

(b) section 167 (1) (Amount of quality of life benefits payable);

(c) section 174 (Amount of death benefits payable);

(d) section 181 (Funeral benefits—maximum amount payable);

(e) section 243 (Quality of life damages—amount that may be awarded);

(f) section 244 (2) (Quality of life damages—amount that may be awarded for children);

(g) section 276 (1) (Costs—awards of damages over $50 000).

Note Also, the indexation day for an amount that is to be AWE indexed mentioned in the [Motor Accident Injuries (ACAT Costs Orders) Regulation 2020](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2020-10/), s 6 (3) is 1 October (see that [regulation](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2020-10/), s 5).

(3) The indexation day for the amount mentioned in section 13C (c) that is to be AWE indexed is 1 October.

8 AWE indexation factor—income replacement benefits—Act, s 19 (3), def AWE indexation factor

(1) This section applies to an amount to be AWE indexed (an AWE indexed amount) on an indexation day for the amount under the following sections of the [Act](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2019-12/):

(a) section 96 (Amount of income replacement benefits—first payment period);

(b) section 97 (Amount of income replacement benefits—second payment period);

(c) section 103 (Income replacement benefits—interim weekly payments).

(2) The AWE indexation factor for an AWE indexed amount on an indexation day is the factor worked out using the following formula and applying subsections (4) and (5):

AWE1 means the AWE published for the period ending immediately before the indexation day.

AWE2 means the AWE published for the period ending 6 months before the indexation day.

(3) However, if, on an indexation day for an AWE indexed amount, the effect of a negative adjustment is to be offset against an increase in line with an adjustment in the AWE, the AWE indexation factor for the amount is worked out using the following formula and applying subsections (4) and (5):

AWE1 means the AWE published for the period ending immediately before the indexation day.

AWE3 means the AWE published for the period ending 6 months before an indexation day when a negative adjustment that has not been offset first occurred.

Example—offsetting of negative adjustment

The following AWE amounts are published in 2020, 2021 and 2022:

(a) for May 2020—$1 680;

(b) for November 2020—$1 700;

(c) for May 2021—$1 690;

(c) for November 2021—$1 695;

(d) for May 2022—$1 750.

For the indexation day on 1 October 2021, the AWE indexation factor is $1 690/$1 700. Because the AWE indexation factor would be less than 1, the AWE indexation factor for 1 October 2021 is 1.

A negative adjustment applies for the indexation day on 1 April 2022. The indexation factor is $1 695/$1 700. Because the AWE indexation factor would be less than 1, the AWE indexation factor for 1 April 2022 is 1.

A negative adjustment also applies for the indexation day on 1 October 2022. The indexation factor is $1 750/$1 700. The negative adjustment is now fully offset and the AWE indexation factor for 1 October 2022 is 1.02941 rounded to 1.029.

*Note* The [Act](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2019-12/), s 18 sets out what happens if an amount to be AWE indexed would, if adjusted in line with a negative adjustment to the AWE, become smaller.

(4) The AWE indexation factor for the AWE indexed amount must be—

(a) worked out to 3 decimal places; and

(b) if the 4th decimal place is 5 or more—rounded up.

(5) If the AWE indexation factor worked out under subsection (2) or (3) would be less than 1, the AWE indexation factor is 1.

9 AWE indexation factor—amounts indexed annually—Act, s 19 (3), def AWE indexation factor

(1) This section applies to an amount to be AWE indexed (an AWE indexed amount) on an indexation day for the amount under the following sections of the [Act](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2019-12/):

(a) section 139 (5) (a) (Insurer believes injuries stable but no permanent impairment);

(b) section 167 (1) (Amount of quality of life benefits payable);

(c) section 174 (Amount of death benefits payable);

(d) section 181 (Funeral benefits—maximum amount payable);

(e) section 243 (Quality of life damages—amount that may be awarded);

(f) section 244 (2) (Quality of life damages—amount that may be awarded for children);

(g) section 276 (1) (Costs—awards of damages over $50 000).

(2) This section also applies to an AWE indexed amount mentioned in the following sections:

(a) section 13C (c);

(b) [Motor Accident Injuries (ACAT Costs Orders) Regulation 2020](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2020-10/), section 6 (3).

(3) The AWE indexation factor for an AWE indexed amount on an indexation day is the factor worked out using the following formula and applying subsections (5) and (6):

AWE1 means the AWE published for the period ending immediately before the indexation day.

AWE2 means the AWE published for the period ending 12 months before the indexation day.

(4) However, if, on an indexation day for an AWE indexed amount, the effect of a negative adjustment is to be offset against an increase in line with an adjustment in the AWE, the AWE indexation factor for the amount is worked out using the following formula and applying subsections (5) and (6):

AWE1 means the AWE published for the period ending immediately before the indexation day.

AWE3 means the AWE published for the period ending 12 months before an indexation day when a negative adjustment that has not been offset first occurred.

*Note* The [Act](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2019-12/), s 18 sets out what happens if an amount to be AWE indexed would, if adjusted in line with a negative adjustment to the AWE, become smaller.

(5) The AWE indexation factor for the AWE indexed amount must be—

(a) worked out to 3 decimal places; and

(b) if the 4th decimal place is 5 or more—rounded up.

(6) If the AWE indexation factor worked out under subsection (3) or (4) would be less than 1, the AWE indexation factor is 1.

10 Adjustment day—Act, s 94 (1), def AWE adjusted, par (b)

The adjustment days for a person’s pre-injury income are 1 April and 1 October.

11 AWE adjustment factor—Act, s 95 (3), def AWE adjustment factor

(1) The AWE adjustment factor for an amount of pre-injury income to be adjusted on an adjustment day is the factor worked out using the following formula and applying subsections (3) and (4):

AWE1 means the AWE published for the period ending immediately before the adjustment day.

AWE2 means the AWE published for the period ending 6 months before the adjustment day.

(2) However, if, on an adjustment day for an amount of pre-injury income to be adjusted, the effect of a negative adjustment is to be offset against an increase in line with an adjustment in the AWE, the AWE adjustment factor is the factor worked out using the following formula and applying subsections (3) and (4):

AWE1 means the AWE published for the period ending immediately before the adjustment day.

AWE3 means the AWE published for the period ending 6 months before an adjustment day when a negative adjustment that has not been offset first occurred.

*Note* The [Act](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2019-12/), s 94 sets out what happens if an amount to be AWE adjusted would, if adjusted in line with a negative adjustment to the AWE, become smaller.

(3) The AWE adjustment factor for the amount must be—

(a) worked out to 3 decimal places; and

(b) if the 4th decimal place is 5 or more—rounded up.

(4) If the AWE adjustment factor worked out under subsection (1) or (2) would be less than 1, the AWE adjustment factor is 1.

Part 3 Income replacement benefits

12 Amount of interim weekly payment—prescribed percentage—Act, s 103 (3)

The amount of the interim weekly payment is 22.5% of $2 250 AWE indexed, rounded up to the nearest cent.

13 Notice of changed circumstances—Act, s 106 (3)

(1) Notice may be given orally or in writing.

Note For how documents may be given, see the [Legislation Act](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2001-14), pt 19.5.

(2) If an injured person gives notice orally, the injured person must confirm the notice, in writing, within 10 business days after giving the oral notice.

Part 3A Quality of life benefits

13A WPI taken to be 10% in certain circumstances—prescribed requirements—Act, s 133 (1) (b) (i)

The injured person must—

(a) have a current recovery plan under which the injured person requires ongoing treatment and care; and

(b) be undergoing treatment and care that has been approved by the relevant insurer in accordance with the Act.

Example—treatment and care that is ongoing

regular occupational therapy and speech pathology sessions

Note Under the [Act](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2019-12/), s 124, an injured person’s recovery plan must state the treatment and care approved by the relevant insurer as reasonable and necessary treatment and care for the person.

Part 3B Medical treatment

13B Medical treatment—Act, s 221, def medical treatment

(1) Treatment provided by a health practitioner is prescribed, other than the following treatment:

(a) dental treatment not provided by a dentist registered as a dental specialist with the Dental Board of Australia;

(b) optometry other than post-operative treatment following surgery by a registered medical practitioner;

(c) paramedicine.

Note Health practitioner—see the [Legislation Act](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2001-14), dictionary.  
Medical practitioner—see the [Legislation Act](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2001-14), dictionary.

(2) In this section:

Dental Board of Australia means the National Health Practitioner Board continued for the dental health profession under the [Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Regulation 2018](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2018-166/), section 4.

Part 3C Motor accident claims

13C Mandatory final offer accepted—costs—Act, s 266 (2)

If a mandatory final offer for at least $30 000 but not more than $50 000 is accepted, costs (including disbursements) must—

(a) be worked out on a party and party basis; and

(b) be paid by the insurer; and

(c) not exceed $5 000 AWE indexed.

Part 4 MAI premiums

14 Definitions—pt 4

In this part:

annual MAI premium, for an MAI policy, means the premium payable for insurance under the MAI policy for 1 year.

MAI premium class means a class mentioned in an item in schedule 1, part 1.2, consisting of—

(a) a class number mentioned in column 2 for the item; and

(b) a kind of motor vehicle or trader’s plate mentioned in column 3 for the item; and

(c) a case (if any) mentioned in column 4 for the item; and

(d) an entitlement to an input tax credit mentioned in column 5 for the item.

15 Licensed insurers to have annual MAI premium approved for MAI premium classes

A licensed insurer must have an annual MAI premium approved by the MAI commission under the [Act](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2019-12/), part 6.7 (MAI premiums), for each MAI premium class.

16 MAI premium if vehicle or plate in multiple classes

(1) This section applies if a motor vehicle or trader’s plate fits into 2 or more MAI premium classes.

(2) The maximum MAI premium payable for an MAI policy for the vehicle or plate is the higher of the maximum premiums that apply to the vehicle or plate.

Example

Phillipe uses his ute for car sharing. This means the ute fits into both MAI premium class 3 (goods vehicle) and class 25B (personal share vehicle). If the MAI premium is higher for class 25B than class 3, Phillipe must pay the class 25B premium.

17 MAI premiums for policies for less than 1 year

(1) This section applies if a person—

(a) registers a motor vehicle for less than 1 year; or

(b) renews the registration of a motor vehicle for less than 1 year; or

(c) is issued with a trader’s plate for less than 1 year; or

(d) enters into an MAI policy for a light rail vehicle for less than 1 year.

Note An MAI premium for an MAI policy must be paid when—

(a) registering a vehicle (see [Act](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2019-12/), s 298); and

(b) renewing the registration of a vehicle (see [Act](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2019-12/), s 299); and

(c) applying for a trader’s plate (see [Act](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2019-12/), s 300); and

(d) intending to use a light rail vehicle (see [Act](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2019-12/), s 301).

(2) The maximum MAI premium payable for an MAI policy for the vehicle or plate must be worked out in accordance with the MAI guidelines.

18 Additional MAI premium payable if change in construction or use of vehicle

(1) This section applies if—

(a) an MAI premium (the original premium) has been paid for an MAI policy for a motor vehicle; and

(b) a change is made in the construction or use of the motor vehicle; and

(c) because of the change, a higher MAI premium than the original premium would be payable if a new MAI policy were issued for the motor vehicle.

(2) The owner of the motor vehicle is liable to pay an additional MAI premium, starting on the day the change happens, worked out in accordance with the MAI guidelines.

Part 5 Nominal defendant

Division 5.1 Nominal defendant’s liabilities

19 Circumstances in which motor vehicle has sufficient connection with ACT—Act, s 326 (4)

A motor vehicle has sufficient connection with the ACT if the motor vehicle—

(a) is usually used and garaged in the ACT; or

(b) is usually used for a business that has its principal place of business in the ACT; or

(c) is in the ACT at the time of the motor accident and there is no place outside the ACT where a claim in relation to personal injury could be made against a nominal defendant in relation to the motor accident.

Division 5.2 Nominal defendant fund

20 Collections for nominal defendant fund—prescribed person—Act, s 331 (1) (a)

The following people (each of whom is a prescribed person) are prescribed:

(a) each licensed insurer;

(b) the Territory;

(c) the Commonwealth.

21 Collections for nominal defendant fund—arrangements—Act, s 331 (1) (b)

(1) This section applies if the MAI commission decides an amount to be collected for a financial year under the [Act](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2019-12/), section 331 (2).

(2) The MAI commission must decide what proportion of the amount is to be paid by each prescribed person each quarter.

(3) In deciding a prescribed person’s proportion for a quarter, the MAI commission must have regard to—

(a) for a licensed insurer—the income received by the insurer for MAI policy premiums in the previous quarter; and

(b) for the Territory—the premiums that would have been payable for territory government vehicles in the previous quarter if the vehicles had been insured under MAI policies; and

(c) for the Commonwealth—the premiums that would have been payable for commonwealth government vehicles in the previous quarter if the vehicles had been insured under MAI policies.

(4) In this section:

commonwealth authority means a body, whether or not incorporated, established under a Commonwealth Act.

commonwealth government vehicle means a motor vehicle usually used in the ACT and owned by the Commonwealth or a commonwealth authority.

territory government vehicle means a motor vehicle usually used in the ACT and owned by the Territory or a territory authority.

Note territory authority—see the [Legislation Act](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2001-14), dictionary, pt 1.

22 Collections for nominal defendant fund—collection notice—Act, s 331 (1) (b)

(1) The MAI commission must give written notice (a collection notice) of a decision under the [Act](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2019-12/), section 331 (2) to each prescribed person.

(2) The collection notice must state—

(a) the amount payable by the prescribed person; and

(b) that the amount must be paid to the nominal defendant fund not later than a stated date (the due date).

(3) The MAI commission may amend or revoke a prescribed person’s collection notice by giving written notice to the prescribed person before the due date.

(4) The due date for a prescribed person’s collection notice, or an amended collection notice, must be at least 42 days after the day the collection notice is given to the prescribed person.

23 Offence—failure to pay contribution—Act, s 331 (1) (b)

(1) A licensed insurer commits an offence if—

(a) a collection notice is in force for the licensed insurer; and

(b) the licensed insurer does not pay the amount stated in the notice to the nominal defendant fund on or before the due date stated in the collection notice.

Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

(2) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

(3) If the Magistrates Court convicts a licensed insurer, or finds a licensed insurer guilty, of an offence against this section, the court may order the insurer to pay any unpaid amount to the nominal defendant fund.

(4) An order under subsection (3) is in addition to a penalty imposed for the offence.

(5) For the enforcement of payment of the order and the calculation of interest in relation to a judgment, the order is taken to be a final judgment of the Magistrates Court for the amount stated in the order.

Part 6 MAI insurer licences

24 What must be included in an insurance industry deed—Act, s 360 (2)

(1) The MAI commission must approve the required content for the insurance industry deed.

(2) An approval is a disallowable instrument.

*Note* A disallowable instrument must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the [Legislation Act](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2001-14).

(3) The insurance industry deed must be substantially in accordance with the content approved under this section.

25 Application requirements—Act, s 362 (2)

An application for an MAI insurer licence must—

(a) include the following information:

(i) the applicant’s trading name;

(ii) the address of the applicant’s registered office;

(iii) the applicant’s ABN;

(iv) details of reinsurance arrangements proposed to be made for reinsurance for MAI policies to be issued by the applicant; and

(b) be accompanied by the following:

(i) a copy of the applicant’s authority to carry on an insurance business under the [Insurance Act 1973](https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C1973A00076) (Cwlth);

(ii) if the applicant is licensed to carry on business as a CTP insurer in another Australian jurisdiction—a copy of the licence from the other jurisdiction;

(iii) if the applicant is not licensed to carry on business as a CTP insurer in another Australian jurisdiction—

(A) a copy of all documents given to APRA in applying for authority to carry on an insurance business under the [Insurance Act 1973](https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C1973A00076) (Cwlth); and

(B) a copy of the applicant’s latest annual financial accounts and annual statement lodged with ASIC; and

(C) a copy of all reports and returns lodged with APRA under reporting and prudential standards applying to the applicant’s general insurance business in relation to the 12 months before the date of the application.

26 Financial penalties—matters that must be considered—Act, s 394D (1) (c)

(1) The MAI commission must consider the following matters before deciding to impose a financial penalty on a licensed insurer in relation to conduct of the insurer that constitutes a ground for financial penalty:

(a) any adverse effect, or likely adverse effect, of the conduct on the insurer’s payment of any amount to which a person is entitled, including the payment of defined benefits or an award of damages to a person in a proceeding related to a motor accident claim;

(b) any adverse effect, or likely adverse effect, of the conduct on a person’s recovery from a personal injury sustained as a result of a motor accident;

(c) whether the insurer reported the conduct to the MAI commission;

(d) any action taken by the insurer to—

(i) investigate the nature and extent of the conduct; and

(ii) remediate the conduct; and

(iii) remove or mitigate the risk of similar conduct happening;

(e) whether the conduct was caused, or likely to have been caused, by a failure of the insurer’s systems or procedures;

(f) whether the insurer has contravened—

(i) a direction given to the insurer under the [Act](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2019-12/), section 394G (Directions to licensed insurers—general) in relation to the conduct or any similar conduct; or

(ii) a direction given to the insurer under the [Act](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2019-12/), section 394I (Directions to licensed insurers—remediation plans) in relation to the conduct or any similar conduct; or

(iii) a remediation plan approved under the [Act](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2019-12/), section 394I (5) (a) in relation to the conduct or any similar conduct;

(g) any effect, or likely effect, of the conduct on the insurer, including—

(i) any adverse effect, or likely adverse effect, on public confidence in the insurer; and

(ii) any effect, or likely effect, on the operation of the insurer’s business as an MAI insurer; and

(iii) any financial implications, or likely financial implications, for the insurer;

(h) any adverse effect, or likely adverse effect, of the conduct on competition between MAI insurers;

(i) any adverse effect, or likely adverse effect, of the conduct on the operation of the Act;

(j) any adverse effect, or likely adverse effect, of the conduct on public confidence in the operation of the Act;

(k) any similar conduct, including—

(i) whether the insurer reported the similar conduct to the MAI commission; and

(ii) any action taken by the insurer to—

(A) investigate the nature and extent of the similar conduct; and

(B) remediate the similar conduct; and

(C) remove or mitigate the risk of further similar conduct happening;

(l) any other matter the MAI commission considers relevant.

(2) In this section:

similar conduct means any conduct of the licensed insurer that is the same as or similar to the conduct constituting the ground for financial penalty.

Schedule 1 MAI premium classes

(see s 14)

Part 1.1 Definitions

1.1 Definitions—sch 1

In this schedule:

ambulance means a motor vehicle built to transport sick or injured people.

breakdown vehicle means a tow truck within the meaning of the [Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2000](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2000-12/).

bus means a motor vehicle used to carry paying passengers but does not include the following:

(a) a demand responsive service vehicle;

(b) a taxi;

(c) a private hire car;

(d) a restricted hire car;

(e) a rideshare vehicle;

(f) a light rail vehicle.

car rental service means a business operating a fleet of 5 or more motor vehicles, under common ownership or management, for hire.

demand responsive service vehicle—see the [Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Act 2001](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2001-62/), section 81.

drive-yourself vehicle—

(a) means a motor vehicle let for hire, without the services of a driver, by a car rental service; but

(b) does not include a motor vehicle let for hire under a lease or hirepurchase agreement.

firefighting vehicle means a motor vehicle used mainly for firefighting.

goods vehicle means a motor vehicle built mainly to transport goods.

GVM, of a vehicle––see the [Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Act 1999](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/1999-81/), dictionary.

hire car—see the [Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Act 2001](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2001-62/), section 67.

historic vehicle—see the [Duties Act 1999](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/1999-7/), section 217 (3).

implement—see the [Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2000](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2000-12/), dictionary.

input tax credit entitlement means an entitlement to an input tax credit for the MAI premium for an MAI policy.

miscellaneous vehicle means a tractor or implement but does not include a primary producer’s tractor.

mobile crane means a motor vehicle built mainly as a crane but does not include—

(a) a breakdown vehicle; or

(b) a tractor.

modified historic vehicle means a motor vehicle that—

(a) was built at least 30 years ago; and

(b) has been modified; and

(c) if the vehicle had not been modified—would be classified as a veteran vehicle, vintage vehicle or historic vehicle.

Examples—modified historic vehicle

street rod or street machine vehicle

Examples—modified

1 vehicle’s suspension and wheel guards altered to accommodate tyres wider than original

2 vehicle’s engine adjusted to increase power output (turbocharging)

motorbike—see the [Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2000](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2000-12/), dictionary.

motorcycle means a motorbike or motortrike.

motortrike—see the [Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2000](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2000-12/), dictionary.

passenger vehicle means a motor vehicle built mainly to carry people but does not include the following:

(a) an ambulance;

(b) a bus;

(c) a demand responsive service vehicle;

(d) a drive-yourself vehicle;

(e) a motorcycle;

(f) a police vehicle;

(g) a private hire car;

(h) a rideshare vehicle;

(i) a personal share vehicle;

(j) a taxi;

(k) a light rail vehicle.

personal share vehicle—

(a) means a passenger vehicle, a goods vehicle with a GVM not over 4.5t or a motorcycle let for hire without the services of a driver; but

(b) does not include a vehicle let for hire by a car rental service.

police vehicle—see the [Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2000](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2000-12/), dictionary.

primary producer’s tractor means a tractor used by a primary producer for the producer’s operations as a primary producer.

private hire car means a hire car that is not a restricted hire car.

restricted hire car—see the [Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Act 2001](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2001-62/), section 68.

rideshare vehicle—see the [Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Act 2001](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2001-62/), section 60A.

tractor—see the [Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2000](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2000-12/), dictionary.

undertaker’s vehicle means a motor vehicle used only as an undertaker’s hearse.

veteran vehicle—see the [Duties Act 1999](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/1999-7/), section 217 (3).

vintage vehicle—see the [Duties Act 1999](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/1999-7/), section 217 (3).

Part 1.2 MAI premium classes

| column 1  item | column 2  class number | column 3  kind of motor vehicle or trader’s plate | column 4  case (if any) | column 5  input tax credit entitlement |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | 1 | passenger vehicle |  | not entitled |
| 2 | 1 | passenger vehicle |  | entitled |
| 3 | 3 | goods vehicle | GVM not over 4.5t | not entitled |
| 4 | 3 | goods vehicle | GVM not over 4.5t | entitled |
| 5 | 4 | goods vehicle | GVM over 4.5t | not entitled |
| 6 | 4 | goods vehicle | GVM over 4.5t | entitled |
| 7 | 5A | bus or demand responsive service vehicle | vehicle has seating for more than 16 adults (including driver) | not entitled |
| 8 | 5A | bus or demand responsive service vehicle | vehicle has seating for more than 16 adults (including driver) | entitled |
| 9 | 5B | bus or demand responsive service vehicle | vehicle has seating for not more than 16 adults (including driver) | not entitled |
| 10 | 5B | bus or demand responsive service vehicle | vehicle has seating for not more than 16 adults (including driver) | entitled |
| 11 | 6 | taxi |  | not entitled |
| 12 | 6 | taxi |  | entitled |
| 13 | 7 | private hire car |  | not entitled |
| 14 | 7 | private hire car |  | entitled |
| 15 | 8 | drive-yourself vehicle |  | not entitled |
| 16 | 8 | drive-yourself vehicle |  | entitled |
| 17 | 9A | motorcycle | engine capacity over 600cc | not entitled |
| 18 | 9A | motorcycle | engine capacity over 600cc | entitled |
| 19 | 9B | motorcycle | engine capacity over 300cc but not over 600cc | not entitled |
| 20 | 9B | motorcycle | engine capacity over 300cc but not over 600cc | entitled |
| 21 | 9C | motorcycle | engine capacity not over 300cc | not entitled |
| 22 | 9C | motorcycle | engine capacity not over 300cc | entitled |
| 23 | 9D | motorcycle | electrically powered motor | not entitled |
| 24 | 9D | motorcycle | electrically powered motor | entitled |
| 25 | 10 | firefighting vehicle |  | not entitled |
| 26 | 10 | firefighting vehicle |  | entitled |
| 27 | 11 | undertaker’s vehicle |  | not entitled |
| 28 | 11 | undertaker’s vehicle |  | entitled |
| 29 | 12 | breakdown vehicle |  | not entitled |
| 30 | 12 | breakdown vehicle |  | entitled |
| 31 | 14 | miscellaneous vehicle |  | not entitled |
| 32 | 14 | miscellaneous vehicle |  | entitled |
| 33 | 15 | primary producer’s tractor |  | not entitled |
| 34 | 15 | primary producer’s tractor |  | entitled |
| 35 | 16 | mobile crane |  | not entitled |
| 36 | 16 | mobile crane |  | entitled |
| 37 | 17 | trader’s plate | to be attached to a motorcycle | not entitled |
| 38 | 17 | trader’s plate | to be attached to a motorcycle | entitled |
| 39 | 18 | trader’s plate | to be attached to a motor vehicle other than a motorcycle | not entitled |
| 40 | 18 | trader’s plate | to be attached to a motor vehicle other than a motorcycle | entitled |
| 41 | 18D | trader’s plate | to be attached to a registrable vehicle other than a motor vehicle | not entitled |
| 42 | 18D | trader’s plate | to be attached to a registrable vehicle other than a motor vehicle | entitled |
| 43 | 19 | veteran vehicle |  | not entitled |
| 44 | 19 | veteran vehicle |  | entitled |
| 45 | 20 | vintage vehicle |  | not entitled |
| 46 | 20 | vintage vehicle |  | entitled |
| 47 | 21 | historic vehicle |  | not entitled |
| 48 | 21 | historic vehicle |  | entitled |
| 49 | 22 | ambulance |  | not entitled |
| 50 | 22 | ambulance |  | entitled |
| 51 | 23 | police vehicle |  | not entitled |
| 52 | 23 | police vehicle |  | entitled |
| 53 | 24 | modified historic vehicle |  | not entitled |
| 54 | 24 | modified historic vehicle |  | entitled |
| 55 | 25A | rideshare vehicle |  | not entitled |
| 56 | 25A | rideshare vehicle |  | entitled |
| 57 | 25B | personal share vehicle |  | not entitled |
| 58 | 25B | personal share vehicle |  | entitled |
| 59 | 26 | light rail vehicle |  | not entitled |
| 60 | 26 | light rail vehicle |  | entitled |

Dictionary

(see s 3)

*Note 1* The [Legislation Act](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2001-14) contains definitions and other provisions relevant to this regulation.

*Note 2* For example, the [Legislation Act](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2001-14), dict, pt 1, defines the following terms:

 Commonwealth

 Criminal Code

 disallowable instrument (see s 9)

 in relation to

 quarter

 the Territory.

*Note 3* Terms used in this regulation have the same meaning that they have in the [Motor Accident Injuries Act 2019](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2019-12) (see [Legislation Act](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2001-14), s 148). For example, the following terms are defined in the [Motor Accident Injuries Act 2019](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2019-12), dict:

 APRA

 ASIC

 AWE (see s 17)

 AWE adjusted

 AWE indexed

 Commonwealth authority

 defined benefits (see s 33)

 income replacement benefit payment

 insurance industry deed (see s 359)

 insurer

 licensed insurer

 MAI commission

 MAI guidelines

 MAI insurer (see s 287)

 MAI policy (see s 286)

 MAI premium (see s 314)

 motor accident (see s 10)

 motor accident claim (see s 228)

 nominal defendant (see s 16).

*Note 4* The [Road Transport (General) Act 1999](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/1999-77/) contains definitions relevant to this Regulation. For example, the following terms are defined in the [Road Transport (General) Act 1999](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/1999-77/), dictionary:

 driver

 jurisdiction

 light rail vehicle

 motor vehicle

 taxi

 trader’s plate

 vehicle.

ambulance, for schedule 1 (MAI premium classes)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

annual MAI premium, for an MAI policy, for part 4 (MAI premiums)—see section 14.

breakdown vehicle, for schedule 1 (MAI premium classes)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

bus, for schedule 1 (MAI premium classes)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

car rental service, for schedule 1 (MAI premium classes)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

collection notice—see section 22.

demand responsive service vehicle, for schedule 1 (MAI premium classes)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

drive-yourself vehicle, for schedule 1 (MAI premium classes)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

due date—see section 22.

firefighting vehicle, for schedule 1 (MAI premium classes)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

goods vehicle, for schedule 1 (MAI premium classes)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

GVM, of a vehicle, for schedule 1 (MAI premium classes)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

hire car, for schedule 1 (MAI premium classes)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

historic vehicle, for schedule 1 (MAI premium classes)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

implement, for schedule 1 (MAI premium classes)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

input tax credit—see the[A New Tax System (Goods and Services) Act 1999](https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C2004A00446) (Cwlth), section 195-1 (Dictionary).

input tax credit entitlement, for schedule 1 (MAI premium classes)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

MAI premium class, for part 4 (MAI premiums)—see section 14.

miscellaneous vehicle, for schedule 1 (MAI premium classes)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

mobile crane, for schedule 1 (MAI premium classes)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

modified historic vehicle, for schedule 1 (MAI premium classes)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

motorbike, for schedule 1 (MAI premium classes)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

motorcycle, for schedule 1 (MAI premium classes)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

motor trike, for schedule 1 (MAI premium classes)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

passenger vehicle, for schedule 1 (MAI premium classes)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

personal share vehicle, for schedule 1 (MAI premium classes)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

police vehicle, for schedule 1 (MAI premium classes)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

prescribed person—see section 20.

primary producer’s tractor, for schedule 1 (MAI premium classes)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

private hire car, for schedule 1 (MAI premium classes)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

restricted hire car, for schedule 1 (MAI premium classes)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

rideshare vehicle, for schedule 1 (MAI premium classes)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

tractor, for schedule 1 (MAI premium classes)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

undertaker’s vehicle, for schedule 1 (MAI premium classes)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

veteran vehicle, for schedule 1 (MAI premium classes)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

vintage vehicle, for schedule 1 (MAI premium classes)—see schedule 1, section 1.1.

Endnotes

1 About the endnotes

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The endnotes also include a table of earlier republications.

2 Abbreviation key

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| A = Act | NI = Notifiable instrument |
| AF = Approved form | o = order |
| am = amended | om = omitted/repealed |
| amdt = amendment | ord = ordinance |
| AR = Assembly resolution | orig = original |
| ch = chapter | par = paragraph/subparagraph |
| CN = Commencement notice | pres = present |
| def = definition | prev = previous |
| DI = Disallowable instrument | (prev...) = previously |
| dict = dictionary | pt = part |
| disallowed = disallowed by the Legislative | r = rule/subrule |
| Assembly | reloc = relocated |
| div = division | renum = renumbered |
| exp = expires/expired | R[X] = Republication No |
| Gaz = gazette | RI = reissue |
| hdg = heading | s = section/subsection |
| IA = Interpretation Act 1967 | sch = schedule |
| ins = inserted/added | sdiv = subdivision |
| LA = Legislation Act 2001 | SL = Subordinate law |
| LR = legislation register | sub = substituted |
| LRA = Legislation (Republication) Act 1996 | underlining = whole or part not commenced |
| mod = modified/modification | or to be expired |

3 Legislation history

Motor Accident Injuries (Premiums and Administration) Regulation 2019 SL2019-28

notified LR 17 October 2019

s 1, s 2 commenced 17 October 2019 (LA s 79 (1))

remainder commenced 1 February 2020 (s 2 and see [Motor Accident Injuries Act 2019](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2019-12) A2019-12, s 2 (1) and [CN2019-13](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/cn/2019-13/))

as amended by

[Motor Accident Injuries (Premiums and Administration) Amendment Regulation 2020 (No 1)](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2020-11/) SL2020-11

notified LR 2 April 2020

s 1, s 2 commenced 2 April 2020 (LA s 79 (1))

s 4, s 7 commenced 3 April 2020 (s 2 (2) (b))

remainder commenced 3 April 2020 (s 2 (1))

[Motor Accident Injuries (Premiums and Administration) Amendment Regulation 2022 (No 1)](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2022-18/) SL2022-18

notified LR 8 December 2022

s 1, s 2 commenced 8 December 2022 (LA s 79 (1))

remainder commenced 9 December 2022 (s 2)

[Motor Accident Injuries (Premiums and Administration) Amendment Regulation 2023 (No 1)](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2023-37/) SL2023-37

notified LR 14 December 2023

s 1, s 2 commenced 14 December 2023 (LA s 79 (1))

remainder commenced 15 December 2023 (s 2)

4 Amendment history

Commencement

s 2 om LA s 89 (4)

Indexation day—Act, s 18, def AWE indexed, par (b)

s 7 am [SL2020‑11](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2020-11/) s 4, s 5; ss renum R2 LA

(4), (5) exp 1 February 2021 (s 7 (5))

AWE indexation factor—amounts indexed annually—Act, s 19 (3), def AWE indexation factor

s 9 am [SL2020‑11](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2020-11/) s 7; ss renum R2 LA

Adjustment day—Act, s 94 (1), def AWE adjusted, par (b)

s 10 (2), (3) exp 1 February 2021 (s 10 (3))

Amount of interim weekly payment—prescribed percentage—Act, s 103 (3)

s 12 am [SL2022‑18](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2022-18/) s 4

Quality of life benefits

pt 3A hdg ins [SL2020‑11](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2020-11/) s 8

WPI taken to be 10% in certain circumstances—prescribed requirements—Act, s 133 (1) (b) (i)

s 13A ins [SL2020‑11](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2020-11/) s 8

Medical treatment

pt 3B hdg ins [SL2020‑11](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2020-11/) s 8

Medical treatment—Act, s 221, def medical treatment

s 13B ins [SL2020‑11](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2020-11/) s 8

Motor accident claims

pt 3C hdg ins [SL2020‑11](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2020-11/) s 8

Mandatory final offer accepted—costs—Act, s 266 (2)

s 13C ins [SL2020‑11](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2020-11/) s 8

Offence—failure to pay contribution—Act, s 331 (1) (b)

s 23 am [SL2020‑11](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2020-11/) s 9; ss renum R2 LA

Financial penalties—matters that must be considered—Act, s 394D (1) (c)

s 26 ins [SL2023‑37](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2023-37/) s 4

Definitions—sch 1

sch 1 s 1.1 def modified historic vehicle ins [SL2022‑18](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2022-18/) s 5

MAI premium classes

sch 1 pt 1.2 am [SL2022‑18](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2022-18/) s 6; items renum R4 LA

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dict def modified historic vehicle ins [SL2022‑18](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2022-18/) s 7

5 Earlier republications

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| R1 1 Feb 2020 | 1 Feb 2020– 2 Apr 2020 | not amended | new regulation |
| R2 3 Apr 2020 | 3 Apr 2020– 1 Feb 2021 | [SL2020-11](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2020-11/) | amendments by [SL2020-11](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2020-11/) |
| R3 2 Feb 2021 | 2 Feb 2021– 8 Dec 2022 | [SL2020-11](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2020-11/) | expiry of provisions (s 7 (4), (5) and s 10 (2), (3)) |
| R4 9 Dec 2022 | 9 Dec 2022– 14 Dec 2023 | [SL2022-18](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2022-18/) | amendments by [SL2022-18](https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/sl/2022-18/) |

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