
**Motor Traffic (Amendment) Ordinance
1983**

No. 14 of 1983

I, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby make the following Ordinance under the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910*.

Dated 13 July 1983.

N. M. STEPHEN
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command,

TOM UREN
Minister of State for Territories and Local Government

An Ordinance to amend the *Motor Traffic Ordinance 1936*

Short title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Motor Traffic (Amendment) Ordinance 1983*.¹

Principal Ordinance

2. In this Ordinance, "Principal Ordinance" means the *Motor Traffic Ordinance 1936*.²

3. After Part II of the Principal Ordinance the following Part is inserted:

"PART IIA—RESERVATION OF REGISTRATION NUMBERS

Interpretation

"26A. In this Part, unless the contrary intention appears—

" 'application' means—

- (a) an application for the reservation of a number for use as the registration number of a motor vehicle made under section 26B on or after the commencement date; and
- (b) an application for the reservation of a number for use as the registration number of a motor vehicle made to the Registrar before the commencement date;

'approved number' means a number that may, in accordance with a determination in force under section 18, be contained on number-plates issued in respect of a motor vehicle other than a taxi, motor omnibus, private hire car, motor vehicle of a member of the diplomatic corps, motor cycle or veteran, vintage or historic vehicle;

'commencement date' means the date of commencement of the *Motor Traffic (Amendment) Ordinance 1983*;

'historic vehicle' means a motor vehicle that was manufactured on or after 1 January 1931 but before 1 January 1943;

'number' includes a combination of numerals and letters;

'veteran vehicle' means a motor vehicle that was manufactured before 1 January 1919;

'vintage vehicle' means a motor vehicle that was manufactured on or after 1 January 1919 but before 1 January 1931.

Application for reservation of registration number

"26B. (1) A person may apply to the Registrar for the reservation of a number for use as the registration number of a motor vehicle.

"(2) An application made under sub-section (1) on or after the commencement date—

- (a) shall be in writing and signed by the applicant;
- (b) shall be lodged at the office of the Registrar;
- (c) shall state the full name and residential address of the applicant; and
- (d) shall specify the number in respect of which reservation is sought.

"(3) The Registrar shall process applications in the order in which they were or are received by him.

Reservation of registration number

"26C. (1) The Registrar shall approve an application unless—

- (a) the number in respect of which the application is made is not an approved number;
- (b) the number in respect of which the application is made—
 - (i) has been used previously as the registration number of a motor vehicle; or
 - (ii) is reserved under this Part; or
- (c) he has approved a previous application for the number in respect of which the application is made and the period referred to in paragraph (3) (b) has not expired in relation to that previous application.

"(2) Notwithstanding sub-section (1), the Registrar may approve an application in respect of a number, being an approved number, that has been used previously as the registration number of a motor vehicle if—

- (a) the registration of the motor vehicle in connection with which the number was used has ceased to be in force and the number-plates bearing that number have been returned to the Registrar; or

- (b) the registration of the motor vehicle in connection with which the number was used has ceased to be in force for a continuous period of not less than 2 years.

“(3) Where the Registrar approves an application, he shall—

- (a) by notice in writing, advise the applicant accordingly; and
- (b) on payment by the applicant of the fee of \$50 within 30 days of the date of the notice, reserve, on behalf of the applicant, the number in respect of which the application was made for use as the registration number of a motor vehicle.

“(4) Subject to section 26E, the reservation of a number under this Part has effect until the expiration of the period of 2 years commencing on the date on which the number is reserved.

Issue of number-plates

“26D. (1) Where a number is reserved by the Registrar under this Part he shall—

- (a) by notice in writing, advise the applicant when the number-plates bearing that number are available for issue; and
- (b) at the request of the applicant, if the reservation has not ceased to have effect, issue to or on behalf of the applicant, in respect of a motor vehicle, 2 number-plates bearing the number.

“(2) Upon the receipt of number-plates issued under this section in respect of a motor vehicle, the owner of the vehicle—

- (a) shall forthwith affix the number-plates to the vehicle in accordance with section 18; and
- (b) shall return to the Registrar any number-plates previously issued in respect of the vehicle.

Extension of period of reservation

“26E. Where—

- (a) a number is reserved under this Part; and
- (b) before the expiration of the period of 2 years referred to in sub-section 26C (4), the person on whose behalf the number was reserved—
 - (i) requests, by notice in writing, an extension of the period for which that number is reserved; and
 - (ii) pays to the Commonwealth a fee of \$50,

the Registrar shall extend the period of reservation and, in that event, the reservation has effect until the expiration of the period of 2 years commencing on the date on which, but for the extension, the reservation would have ceased to have effect.

Manner of giving notice

“26F. A notice required to be given to a person under this Part may be given by sending it by post to the person at his last known place of residence.

Other Parts of this Ordinance not affected

"26G. Nothing in this Part affects the operation of any other provision of this Ordinance."

NOTES

1. Notified in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on 27 July 1983.
2. No. 45, 1936 as amended by Nos. 25 and 41, 1938; No. 16, 1941; No. 14, 1942; Nos. 2 and 13, 1943; No. 3, 1945; Nos. 6 and 13, 1947; No. 7, 1950; No. 17, 1951; Nos. 1 and 7, 1955; No. 6, 1956; No. 19, 1957; Nos. 10 and 15, 1958; Nos. 7 and 21, 1959; No. 11, 1960; Nos. 16 and 17, 1962; No. 21, 1963; No. 8, 1964; Nos. 9 and 13, 1965; No. 19, 1966; No. 2, 1968; Nos. 27 and 29, 1969; No. 27, 1970; Nos. 13, 17, 37 and 39, 1971; Nos. 3 and 10, 1972; Nos. 1, 32, 38, 41, 42 and 57, 1973; Nos. 4, 12, 23, 37, 48 and 49, 1974; Nos. 3, 16, 23, 31, 52 and 54, 1976; Nos. 16, 23, 30, 37, 51 and 59, 1977; Nos. 2, 31 and 46, 1978; No. 32, 1979; No. 33, 1980; Nos. 3, 8, 30, 31, 33 and 40, 1981; Nos. 6, 49, 50, 64 and 96, 1982.