

Australian Capital Territory

# Road Transport (General) Vehicle Registration and Related Fees Determination 2024 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2024-84

made under the

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

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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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.

Light vehicle registration fees have been changed from being weight-based to emissions-based as of 1 July 2024. The new fees are included in the determination in Schedule 1, part 1, items 1A.1.1 to 1A.6.6, items 2A.1.1 to 2A.6.4 and items 7A.1 to 7A.4. Other registration related road transport fees and charges have been increased by the 2023-24 wage price index of 4% in accordance with rates published in Budget memo 2023/29 rounded down to the nearest ten cents. The short-term registration surcharge (payable for registration periods of less than 12 months) has not been changed and remains at \$10.

Indexing fees and charges annually maintains the real cost of the product or service being provided.

Heavy vehicle fees are agreed nationally by transport and infrastructure ministers as the Infrastructure and Transport Ministers Meeting (ITMM). The Roads component of heavy vehicle registration charges have been increased by between 5.5 and 7.5% in line with advice from the NTC and the agreement of ITMM in relation to heavy vehicle charges in May 2023. The Regulatory component of heavy vehicle registration charges have not been adjusted. Fees for the Regulatory component of heavy vehicle registration are planned to be adjusted following endorsement by ITMM.

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 2024. Column 4 of schedule 1 lists the fee payable for a registration period commencing on or after 1 July 2024.

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

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.

Changing to emissions-based registration will positively impact the environment of the ACT through reducing the cost of low and zero emissions vehicles relative to higher emitting vehicles.

The ACT community as a whole will benefit from reduced greenhouse gas emissions from the ACT and reduced harm from particulate pollution due to increasing the uptake of zero and low emissions vehicles. The change in fee basis will therefore reduce harmful particulate pollution and also reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

There are no human rights 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*.