

Road Transport (General) Vehicle Registration and Related Fees Determination 2025 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2025–58

made under the

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

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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.

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 and the Parliamentary Counsels' Committee following agreement of the fees by the Infrastructure and Transport Ministers Meeting through a later instrument.

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

Fees for regulatory services at items 3.1 to 6.1, 8.1 to 8.13, 21.1 to 26.5 of Schedule 1 are indexed by the estimated 2024/25 WPI of 3.5% plus an additional 0.35% (3.85% in total) in line with budget memo 2024/14.

Fees for items not considered to be regulatory services including the hourly fee for complex enquiries of the road transport database taking more than 2 hours of programming time at item 26.6 and the data request fees in Schedule 2 have been indexed by the estimated 2024/25 WPI of 3.5%.

Indexing fees and charges annually maintains the real cost of the product or service being provided. In relation to the Regulatory Component of heavy vehicle registration fees adjustment of the fees is undertaken to align with the approved budget of the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.

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 2025. Column 4 of schedule 1 lists the fee payable for a registration period commencing on or after 1 July 2025.

Schedules 2 and 3 provide for fees applicable to external organisations requesting data sourced from the road transport authority database rego.act.

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.

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*.