

Australian Capital Territory

Road Transport (General) (Vehicle Registration and Related Fees) Determination 2026 (No 2)

Disallowable instrument DI2026-146

made under the

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

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Overview

This explanatory statement relates to the *Road Transport (General) (Vehicle Registration and Related Fees) Determination 2026 (No 2)* (the *instrument*) as presented to the Legislative Assembly. It has been prepared to assist the reader of the instrument. It does not form part of the instrument and has not been endorsed by the Assembly.

Section 96 of the *Road Transport (General) Act 1999* (the *Act*) allows the Minister to determine fees, charges and other amounts payable under the ACT road transport legislation.

This instrument determines fees, payable for transactions relating to vehicle registration and related fees under the road transport legislation.

This instrument also amends the light trailer registration charges in items 8.1 to 8.13 of schedule 1. This gives effect to the end of the period of reduced registration fees for light trailers on 31 August 2026. For registration periods that start on or after 1 September 2026, ordinary registration fees will again be applied to all light trailers. These fees are rounded down to the nearest ten cents.

This instrument amends the roads components of vehicle registration charges in items 11.1 to 15.3 in schedule 1 and the regulatory components of heavy vehicle registration charges in items 16.1 to 17.8 and 19.1 to 20.3 in schedule 1. These amendments are in line with the *Heavy Vehicle Charges Model Law*. The fees for these components are rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

No other fee amounts in this instrument have been amended.

This instrument also makes minor technical revisions in line with ACT drafting practice.

The amended fee amounts are found in schedule 1. In that schedule:

- column 1 lists the item number for which the fee is payable;
- column 2 describes the service or other matter in relation to the fee payable;
- column 3 lists the fee payable for a registration period commencing before 1 September 2026; and
- column 4 lists the fee payable for a registration period commencing on or after 1 September 2026.

The preference of the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs (Legislative Scrutiny Role) is that instruments or explanatory statements identify the amount of the old and new fee, any percentage increase and also the reason for any increase. This has been taken into account in the preparation of the instrument and this explanatory statement.

This instrument commences on the latter of the day after its notification day and 2 July 2026. This commencement ensures the instrument commences after the *Road Transport (General) Vehicle Registration and Related Fees Determination 2026 (No 1)* (DI2026-52).

This instrument revokes the *Road Transport (General) Vehicle Registration and Related Fees Determination 2026 (No 1)* (DI2026-52).

This determination, under section 96 (3) of the Act, is a disallowable instrument and must be presented to the Legislative Assembly not later than 6 sitting days after its notification day, pursuant to section 64 of the *Legislation Act 2001*.

Human Rights

There are no human rights impacts arising from this instrument.

Climate change

It is anticipated that the changes implemented in this instrument will not have an impact on climate change.

Regulation Impact Statement (RIS)

A RIS is not required for this determination due to section 36 (1) (k) of the Legislation Act, which provides that a RIS need not be prepared for an amendment of a fee consistent with announced government policy.