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Regulations under the *Motor Vehicles Act 1949*

1 Short title

These Regulations may be cited as the *Motor Vehicles Regulations 1977*.

2 Repeal of regulation repealing former regulations

Regulations 1976, No. 14 are repealed.

3 Commencement

These Regulations shall come into operation on the date of commencement of the *Motor Vehicles Ordinance 1972*.

4A Definitions

(1) In these Regulations:

approved motor cycle means a motor cycle of a make and model approved by the Registrar under regulation 5.

articulated motor omnibus means a motor omnibus consisting of 2 rigid sections connected so as to allow:

- (a) rotary movements about the vertical and horizontal axes; and
- (b) passenger movement,

between the 2 rigid sections.

construction or agricultural vehicle, see regulation 4B.

corresponding law, in relation to the registration of a heavy vehicle, means a law of a State or another Territory that provides for the registration of heavy vehicles.

moped means a motor vehicle:

- (a) that is categorised as a moped in the Australian Design Rules; and
- (b) in relation to which at least one of the following applies:
 - (i) the identification device attached to the vehicle identifies the vehicle as a moped;
 - (ii) the vehicle is recorded on the RAV as a moped;
 - (iii) the vehicle is approved by the Registrar for use as a moped.

motor cycle includes:

- (a) a motor cycle that has attached to it a side car supported by a third wheel; and
- (b) a motor vehicle that has 3 wheels and that is designed to be ridden in the same manner as a motor cycle.

national heavy vehicle number plate, see Schedule 1 to the *Motor Vehicles (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2008*.

repairable write-off means a vehicle that is assessed as a total loss but is not a statutory write-off.

road has the same meaning as in the *Australian Road Rules*.

road-related area has the same meaning as in the *Australian Road Rules*.

statutory write-off means a vehicle that is assessed as a total loss and is any of the following:

- (a) a motor vehicle (other than a motor cycle) that has been:
 - (i) immersed in salt water above the doorsill level for any period; or
 - (ii) immersed in fresh water up to the dashboard or steering wheel for more than 48 hours;
- (b) a motor cycle that has been:
 - (i) fully immersed in salt water for any period; or
 - (ii) fully immersed in fresh water for more than 48 hours;

- (c) a motor vehicle or trailer that is burnt to such an extent that it is fit only for wrecking or scrap;
- (d) a motor vehicle or trailer that is stripped of all, or a combination of most, interior and exterior body parts, panels and components (for example, the engine, wheels, bonnet, guards, doors or boot lid);
- (e) a motor vehicle (other than a motor cycle) that is damaged by at least 3 of the following impact damage indicators:
 - (i) damage to an area of the roof equal to or exceeding 300 mm by 300 mm in size;
 - (ii) damage to an area of the cabin floor pan equal to or exceeding 300 mm by 300 mm in size;
 - (iii) damage to an area of the firewell equal to or exceeding 300 mm by 300 mm in size;
 - (iv) any damage to the suspension;
 - (v) damage (in the form of cracks or breaks) to major mechanical components (for example, the engine block or transmission casings);
- (f) a motor cycle that has impact damage (excluding scratching) to the suspension and at least 2 areas of structural frame damage.

total loss means a vehicle damaged by collision, fire, flood, accident, trespass, dismantling, demolition or other event to the extent that its fair salvage value plus the cost of repairing the vehicle for use on a road or road-related area would be more than the fair market value of the vehicle immediately before the event that caused the damage.

- (2) For the purposes of these Regulations, a vehicle is destroyed if it is a total loss, including if the vehicle is a statutory write-off or a repairable write-off.

truck means:

- (a) a goods vehicle that has a gross vehicle mass greater than 4.5 t; or
- (b) a prime mover.

4B Meaning of *construction or agricultural vehicle*

(1) A *construction or agricultural vehicle* includes:

- (a) a motor vehicle constructed to perform agricultural tasks (for example, a tractor or harvester); and
- (b) machinery constructed to perform a specific function that is not related to the carriage of passengers or goods on a public street (for example, an excavator, road grader, road roller, bulldozer or forklift).

(2) However, a construction or agricultural vehicle does not include:

- (a) a motor vehicle with a chassis that is substantially the same as a truck chassis; or
- (b) a mobile crane that has a gross vehicle mass greater than 4.5 t.

4BA Excluded provisions

For section 5A(2)(h) of the Act, all provisions of these Regulations are excluded provisions.

4C Classification of licences

(1) Subject to this regulation, a reference in a licence granted under section 9 or 10 of the Act to a classification by letter or letters is a reference to the type of motor vehicle specified in the column opposite the letter or letters in the table that the licensee is licensed to drive under the licence.

Table

| Classification | Type of Vehicle |
|--------------------------------|--|
| <u>Part A – Motor Vehicles</u> | |
| C | A motor vehicle: |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) that has a gross vehicle mass not greater than 4.5 t; or(b) that is a construction or agricultural vehicle. |

| Classification | Type of Vehicle |
|----------------|---|
| LR | A motor vehicle that has a gross vehicle mass greater than 4.5 t but not greater than 8 t |
| MR | A rigid motor vehicle that has: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) 2 axles; and (b) a gross vehicle mass greater than 8 t |
| HR | A rigid motor vehicle or an articulated motor omnibus that has: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) 3 or more axles; and (b) a gross vehicle mass greater than 8 t |
| HC | A motor vehicle that is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a prime mover to which is attached a single semi trailer that has a gross vehicle mass greater than 9 t plus any unladen converter dolly; or (b) a rigid motor vehicle to which is attached a trailer that has a gross vehicle mass greater than 9 t plus any unladen dolly trailer |
| MC | Any motor vehicle or any combination of vehicles |

Note for Part A

For a commercial passenger vehicle of any type of motor vehicle specified in this Part, see regulation 4C(5).

Part B – Motor Cycles

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|----|---|
| Rm | Moped |
| Re | A motor cycle with an engine capacity not greater than 260 mL |
| Rr | An approved motor cycle |

| Classification | Type of Vehicle |
|----------------|-----------------|
| R | Any motor cycle |

- (2) In addition to licensing the licensee to drive a motor vehicle of the class referred to in subregulation (1), the licensee is licensed to drive a motor vehicle of a class that is a lower class according to the hierarchy specified in subregulation (4).
- (3) A licensee may drive a motor vehicle of a higher class according to the hierarchy specified in subregulation (4) than that specified in his or her licence but only if:
 - (a) a person licensed to drive the motor vehicle is occupying the nearest practicable seat to the licensee; and
 - (b) a notice in accordance with regulation 9 is displayed conspicuously on, and so as to be clearly visible from, the rear of the motor vehicle; and
 - (c) in the case of a motor omnibus, the motor omnibus is not used to convey passengers for reward.
- (4) The hierarchy, from the lowest to the highest, is as follows:
 - (a) C;
 - (b) LR;
 - (c) MR;
 - (d) HR;
 - (e) HC;
 - (f) MC.
- (5) A licence granted under section 10(2) of the Act is to have endorsed on it the letter "h", in brackets, after the classification of the motor vehicle that the licensee is licensed to drive under the licence.
- (5A) A licence granted under section 10(4A) of the Act must have endorsed on it the letter "l" after the classification of the motor vehicle that the licensee is licensed to drive under the licence.
- (6) If:
 - (a) a person is the holder of a licence that is provisional by virtue of section 10A of the Act; and

(b) the motor vehicle used in the test conducted under section 10(7) of the Act to determine the person's capacity to drive a motor vehicle was fitted with automatic transmission,

the Registrar may endorse the licence with the letter "A".

(7) A licensee whose licence is endorsed with the letter "A" is licensed to drive only a motor vehicle fitted with automatic transmission.

(8) A licensee whose licence is endorsed with the letter "A" may drive a motor vehicle that is not fitted with automatic transmission if a person licensed to drive the motor vehicle is occupying the seat next to the licensee.

(9) If:

(a) a licence is granted to a person to drive a motor vehicle with a gross vehicle mass greater than 4.5 t; and

(b) the motor vehicle used in the test conducted under section 10(7) of the Act to determine the person's capacity to drive a motor vehicle of that mass was fitted with synchromesh transmission,

the Registrar may endorse the licence with the letter "B".

(10) A licensee whose licence is endorsed with the letter "B" is licensed to drive only a motor vehicle with a gross vehicle mass greater than 4.5 t that is fitted with synchromesh transmission.

(11) A licensee whose licence is endorsed with the letter "B" may drive a motor vehicle with a gross vehicle mass greater than 4.5 t that is not fitted with synchromesh transmission if a person licensed to drive the motor vehicle is occupying the seat next to the licensee.

(12) Subject to the *Motor Vehicles (Standards) Regulations 2003*, a licence endorsed with the letter "C" or the letters "LR" permits the licensee to draw with a motor vehicle that the licensee is licensed to drive under the licence a trailer with a gross vehicle mass not greater than 9 t.

(13) In Part A of the table in subregulation (1) a reference to a motor vehicle includes a moped but does not include any other motor cycle.

(14) Despite subregulation (13), a person who is issued a learner licence under section 9 of the Act after the commencement of this subregulation is not licensed to drive a moped.

4D **Excluded vehicles**

For section 5(1) of the Act, definitions ***motor cycle*** and ***motor vehicle***, the following vehicles are excluded:

- (a) a motorised wheelchair that is not capable of travelling at a speed greater than 10 km/h;
- (b) a motorised scooter as defined in rule 244A(1) of the *Australian Road Rules*;
- (c) a bicycle that is designed to be propelled by pedals and an engine, motor or other device with a power output not exceeding 200 W;
- (d) a bicycle that meets European product safety standard EN 15194, published in 2009 and amended in 2011, entitled *Cycles - Electrically power assisted cycles - EPAC bicycle*;
- (e) a vehicle that is used on a railway.

5 **Novice motor cycle riders**

- (1) The Registrar may approve a model of motor cycle, with an engine capacity not greater than 660ml and a power to weight ratio not exceeding 150 kilowatts per tonne, as a motor cycle for novice motor cycle riders.

Note

A list of approved motor cycles will be available from Motor Vehicle Registry offices.

- (2) For subregulation (1), ***novice motor cycle rider*** means any of the following:
 - (a) the holder of a learner licence in relation to a motor cycle;
 - (b) the holder of a licence that is provisional under section 10A of the Act;
 - (c) a person who has not held, in the Territory or elsewhere, a licence to ride a motor cycle for a continuous period of 12 months.
- (3) If the Registrar grants a licence to ride a motor cycle (including a learner licence) to a novice motor cycle rider, the licence must be classified Rr.
- (4) When a person is no longer a novice motor cycle rider, the Registrar must reclassify the person's licence as R.

- (5) If a person holds a licence granted before the commencement of this regulation that is classified Re, the licence is, from the commencement of this regulation, taken to be classified Rr.
- (6) A motor cycle of a type mentioned in subregulation (1) is not an approved motor cycle for a novice motor cycle rider if it has performance enhancing modifications.

5A Exemption

The new owner of a heavy vehicle with a national heavy vehicle number plate issued by the Registrar is exempt from the requirement under section 21A(2) of the Act to surrender the plate if the heavy vehicle is registered under a corresponding law under the registration number shown on the plate.

6 Prescribed time for examination

For the purposes of section 25E(1)(b) of the Act, the Registrar may require a person approved under section 25B(2) of the Act to undergo:

- (a) a test or examination referred to in section 25E(1)(c) of the Act at any time after the expiration of 5 years after the person is approved under section 25B(2) of the Act and thereafter at any time after the expiration of 5 years after a previous examination or test referred to in section 25E(1)(c) of the Act; or
- (b) a medical examination referred to in section 25E(1)(d) of the Act at any time after the expiration of 12 months after the person is approved under section 25B(2) of the Act and thereafter at any time after the expiration of 12 months after a previous medical examination referred to in section 25E(1)(d) of the Act.

7 Prescribed conditions

Where a licence granted under section 9 or 10 of the Act is endorsed with the condition indicated by the letter "S" it is a condition of that licence that the licensee shall not drive a motor vehicle of a class specified in the licence unless the licensee is wearing corrective lenses.

7A **Conditions of AIL licence**

A licence granted under section 10(4A) of the Act is subject to the following conditions:

- (a) the licensee must not drive a vehicle unless it is fitted with an approved AIL;
- (b) the licensee must not drive a commercial passenger vehicle;
- (c) if the licensee is a person to whom section 24 or 25 of the *Traffic Act 1987* applies – the licensee must not drive a vehicle if the licensee's breath or blood contains alcohol;
- (d) if the licensee is not a person to whom section 24 or 25 of the *Traffic Act 1987* applies – the licensee must not drive a vehicle if the licensee has:
 - (i) a breath alcohol content equal to or exceeding 0.02 grams of alcohol per 210 litres of exhaled breath; or
 - (ii) a blood alcohol content equal to or exceeding 0.02 grams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood;
- (e) the licensee must comply with any agreement in relation to an AIL supplied to the licensee made between the licensee and the approved supplier of the AIL;
- (f) the licensee must use the AIL fitted to a vehicle driven by the licensee in accordance with any instructions for use issued by the manufacturer of the AIL (the *manufacturer*) or the Registrar;
- (g) the licensee must ensure that an AIL owned by or leased to the licensee is maintained and serviced in accordance with any specifications of the manufacturer or approved supplier;
- (h) the licensee must not:
 - (i) interfere with the proper operation of an AIL fitted to a vehicle driven by the licensee; or
 - (ii) require or permit a person to interfere with the proper operation of an AIL fitted to a vehicle driven by the licensee;
- (i) immediately after a request from a police officer – the licensee must permit the police officer to inspect an AIL fitted to a vehicle driven by the licensee;

- (j) within 7 days of a request from the approved supplier of an AIL owned by or leased to the licensee – the licensee must authorise the approved supplier in writing to provide information obtained from the AIL to the Registrar;
- (k) within 7 days of a request from the Registrar – the licensee must authorise the Registrar in writing to provide information obtained from an AIL owned by or leased to the licensee to any person.

7B Exemption

A person is exempt from the requirement to return a number plate under section 98(1) of the Act if:

- (a) the registration or licence mentioned in that section is of, or for, a heavy vehicle with a national heavy vehicle number plate issued by the Registrar; and
- (b) the heavy vehicle is registered under a corresponding law under the registration number shown on the plate.

7C Prescribed registration period for prescribed trailers

- (1) For section 103(2)(a) of the Act, a trailer that has a gross vehicle mass which does not exceed 750 kg is a prescribed class.
- (2) For section 103(2)(a)(i) of the Act, the prescribed period for the registration of a trailer of the prescribed class described in subregulation (1) is 3 years.

8 Prescribed period of licence

For the purposes of section 104(1) of the Act, the prescribed period is 10 years.

9 Notice to be displayed

A notice referred to in regulation 4C(3)(b) shall be not less than 530 mm x 300 mm in size with the words "DRIVER UNDER INSTRUCTION" in black capital letters not less than 75 mm in height on a yellow background.

9A Fitness to hold licence

- (1) The Registrar shall not:
 - (a) grant a licence to drive a commercial passenger vehicle as defined in the *Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport Act 1991* unless the Registrar is satisfied that the applicant is:
 - (i) a fit and proper person; and
 - (ii) is medically fit to drive the vehicle specified in the application; or
 - (b) renew a licence to drive a commercial passenger vehicle as defined in the *Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport Act 1991* unless the Registrar is satisfied that the holder of the licence:
 - (i) is a fit and proper person; and
 - (ii) is medically fit to drive the vehicle specified in the licence currently held by the person.
- (2) The Registrar must have regard to the following in considering whether a person is fit and proper for subregulation (1)(a)(i) or (b)(i):
 - (a) whether or not the person has shown a pattern of committing offences;
 - (b) any other circumstances concerning the person that the Registrar considers relevant.

10 Ownership of national heavy vehicle number plates

- (1) A national heavy vehicle number plate issued by the Registrar is the property of the Territory.
- (2) However, a national heavy vehicle number plate issued by the Registrar ceases to be the property of the Territory if the heavy vehicle for which the plate was issued is registered under a corresponding law under the registration number shown on the plate.
- (3) A national heavy vehicle number plate is taken to have been issued by the Registrar if:
 - (a) the plate was originally issued under a corresponding law; and

(b) the Registrar registers the vehicle under the registration number shown on the plate.

15 Information sharing

(1) The Registrar may give information of a type specified in the heading to each Table to a person of a class of persons specified in column 1 of the Tables, under the circumstances set out opposite in column 2, and subject to any conditions set out opposite in column 3.

Table 1 – Information relating to a registered vehicle

| Item | Column 1 Class of person | Column 2 Purpose for giving information | Column 3 Conditions |
|------|---|---|----------------------------|
| 1 | The owner or operator of a vehicle involved in an accident The owner or operator's insurance company or legal representative | The information is given for the purpose of identifying or locating the owner or operator of another vehicle involved in the accident | The prescribed fee is paid |
| 2 | The owner or occupier of premises into which a vehicle impacts, or where it remains, as a result of an accident | The information is given for the purpose of identifying or locating the owner or operator of a vehicle involved in the accident | The prescribed fee is paid |
| 3 | An owner or occupier of land, or the competent authority in relation to a public street or public place, where a vehicle is abandoned | The information is given for the purpose of identifying or locating the owner of the abandoned vehicle | The prescribed fee is paid |
| 4 | The administrator of the estate of a deceased vehicle owner The trustee, or registered debt administrator, of the estate of an insolvent vehicle owner The legal representative of the administrator or trustee | The information is given for the purpose of ascertaining the existence and whereabouts of a vehicle belonging to the owner | The prescribed fee is paid |

| Item | Column 1 Class of person | Column 2 Purpose for giving information | Column 3 Conditions |
|------|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| 5 | <p>The adult guardian of a vehicle owner</p> <p>The legal representative of the guardian</p> | <p>The information is given for the purpose of ascertaining the existence and whereabouts of a vehicle belonging to the owner</p> | <p>The prescribed fee is paid</p> |
| 6 | <p>A charitable organisation registered under the <i>Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012</i> (Cth)</p> | <p>The information is given for the purpose of locating a missing person</p> | <p>The prescribed fee is paid</p> |
| 7 | <p>A statutory officer or an interstate regulator involved in the registration of vehicles</p> <p>An entity engaged to host an information sharing system between driver licensing and vehicle registration regulators, driver licensing authorities, law enforcement agencies and State, Territory or Commonwealth agencies</p> <p>CrimTrac and participants and users as defined in the NEVDIS Participation Agreement dated 17 March 2018</p> <p>A Commonwealth agency responsible for the regulation of border control, immigration, citizenship or the issue of passports</p> | <p>The information is given for the purpose of identifying and locating the owner or operator of a vehicle registered in the Territory</p> | |

| Item | Column 1 Class of person | Column 2 Purpose for giving information | Column 3 Conditions |
|------|--|---|------------------------|
| 8 | The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator established by the Heavy Vehicle National Law | The vehicle is a heavy vehicle and the information is given for the purposes of the national scheme for facilitating and regulating the use of heavy vehicles on roads in Australia | |

Table 2 – Information relating to a licence to drive a motor vehicle or the holder of such a licence

| Item | Column 1 Class of person | Column 2 Purpose for giving information | Column 3 Conditions |
|------|---|---|----------------------------|
| 1 | A charitable organisation registered under the <i>Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012</i> (Cth) | The information is given for the purpose of locating a missing person | The prescribed fee is paid |
| 2 | A statutory officer or an interstate regulator involved in the issuing of licences to drive a motor vehicle or licences to operate a commercial passenger vehicle An entity engaged to host an information sharing system between driver licensing and vehicle registration regulators, driver licensing authorities, law enforcement agencies and State, Territory or Commonwealth agencies CrimTrac and participants and users as defined in the NEVDIS Participation Agreement dated | The information is given for the purpose of identifying or confirming the identity of a person, and to provide the person's address, driver licence and commercial passenger vehicle licence status | |

| Item | Column 1 Class of person | Column 2 Purpose for giving information | Column 3 Conditions |
|------|--|---|------------------------|
| | 17 March 2018 A Commonwealth agency responsible for the regulation of border control, immigration, citizenship or the issue of passports A foreign licensing authority | | |

(2) In this regulation:

competent authority, in relation to a public street or public place, means the person, body or authority (including the Territory) having the care, control and management of that street or place.

CrimTrac means the CrimTrac Agency established under section 65 of the *Public Service Act 1999* (Cth).

information means information contained in a record kept by, or document filed with, the Registrar, relating to:

- (a) a registered vehicle; or
- (b) the holder of a licence to drive a motor vehicle.

licence to drive a motor vehicle includes a learner licence.

NEVDIS means the National Exchange of Vehicle and Driver Information System, a database of Australian driver and vehicle information operated by Austroads Ltd ACN 136 812 390.

prescribed fee means the amount prescribed by the *Motor Vehicles (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2008* for the service provided.

17 Notices of destruction

(1) A notice of destruction referred to in section 19A of the Act:

- (a) is to contain the following information in respect of the vehicle:
 - (i) the name and address of the registered owner;
 - (ii) the registration number;

- (iii) the make and model;
- (iv) whether it is a motor car, motor cycle, goods vehicle, motor omnibus, motor tractor or trailer;
- (v) the vehicle identification number;
- (vi) the date of manufacture stated on the RAV for the vehicle or, if that date is not stated on the RAV, the date stated by the vehicle's manufacturer on the identification device attached to the vehicle;
- (vii) whether it was destroyed by hail, water, impact, fire or stripping;
- (viii) the name and address of the person making the statutory declaration referred to in paragraph (b);
- (ix) if the person making the statutory declaration is a trader – the trader's motor vehicle trader's licence number;
- (x) if the person making the statutory declaration is an approved person under paragraph (b)(iv) – the person's approval number;
- (xi) if the person making the statutory declaration is a person referred to in paragraph (b)(v) – details of the person's qualification or accreditation to assess damaged vehicles; and

(b) is to be accompanied by a statutory declaration made by one of the following persons to the effect that the vehicle is destroyed:

- (i) the registered owner;
- (ii) the insurer that declared the vehicle to be a total loss under a contract of insurance;
- (iii) a trader;
- (iv) a person approved by the Registrar to assess damaged vehicles and, if appropriate, declare them to be total losses;
- (v) a person who is qualified or accredited to assess damaged vehicles.

- (2) A notice of destruction may be delivered to the Registrar on behalf of the owner by a person referred to in subregulation (1)(b)(ii), (iii), (iv) or (v).

18 Register of Written-off Vehicles

- (1) The Registrar must keep a Register of Written-off Vehicles.
- (2) The Register may be kept in any form, including an electronic form.
- (3) The Register is to contain the information specified in regulation 17(1)(a) obtained from a notice of destruction referred to in section 19A of the Act in respect of a vehicle, other than a trailer, if the date of manufacture mentioned in the notice is not earlier than 15 years before the date on which the notice is delivered to the Registrar.
- (4) On payment of the fee (if any) prescribed in the *Motor Vehicles (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2008*, a person is to be provided with the information contained in the Register in respect of a vehicle.

19 Exemption

A person is exempt from the requirement under section 132(3)(a) of the Act to produce a national heavy vehicle number plate issued by the Registrar if the heavy vehicle is registered under a corresponding law under the registration number shown on the plate.

ENDNOTES

1 KEY

Key to abbreviations

| | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| amd = amended | od = order |
| app = appendix | om = omitted |
| bl = by-law | pt = Part |
| ch = Chapter | r = regulation/rule |
| cl = clause | rem = remainder |
| div = Division | renum = renumbered |
| exp = expires/expired | rep = repealed |
| f = forms | s = section |
| Gaz = Gazette | sch = Schedule |
| hdg = heading | sdiv = Subdivision |
| ins = inserted | SL = Subordinate Legislation |
| lt = long title | sub = substituted |
| nc = not commenced | |

2 LIST OF LEGISLATION

Motor Vehicles Regulations (SL No. 11, 1977)

| | |
|-----------|---|
| Notified | 29 July 1977 |
| Commenced | 12 August 1977 (r 3, s 3 <i>Motor Vehicles Ordinance 1972</i> (Act No. 76, 1972) and <i>Gaz</i> No. 32, 12 August 1977, p 1241) |

Amendments of the Motor Vehicle Regulations (SL No. 17, 1980)

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| Notified | 9 May 1980 |
| Commenced | 9 May 1980 |

Amendments of the Motor Vehicles Regulations (SL No. 31, 1981)

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| Notified | 20 November 1981 |
| Commenced | 1 December 1981 (r 1) |

Amendments of the Motor Vehicles Regulations (SL No. 37, 1984)

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| Notified | 15 June 1984 |
| Commenced | 29 June 1984 (r 1) |

Amendments of the Motor Vehicles Regulations (SL No. 8, 1986)

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| Notified | 7 April 1986 |
| Commenced | r 4: 6 May 1986; rem: 7 April 1986 (r 1, s 2 <i>Motor Vehicles Amendment Act 1985</i> (Act No. 38, 1985) and <i>Gaz</i> G16, 23 April 1986, p 11) |

Amendments of the Motor Vehicles Regulations (SL No. 48, 1986)

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| Notified | 28 November 1986 |
| Commenced | 1 December 1986 (r 1) |

Amendments of Motor Vehicles Regulations (SL No. 27, 1990)

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| Notified | 1 August 1990 |
| Commenced | 1 August 1990 |

Amendments of Motor Vehicles Regulations (SL No. 61, 1992)

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Amendments of Motor Vehicles Regulations (SL No. 22, 1997)

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| Commenced | 1 July 1997 |

Amendments of Motor Vehicles Regulations (SL No. 54, 2000)

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| Notified | 15 November 2000 |
| Commenced | 15 November 2000 |

Amendment of Motor Vehicles Regulations (SL No. 47, 2001)

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| Commenced | 6 December 2001 |

Statute Law Revision Act (No. 2) 2001 (Act No. 62, 2001)

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|-------------|---|
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| Commenced | 11 December 2001 (s 2(1) and (4), s 2 <i>Corporations Reform (Consequential Amendments NT) Act 2001</i> (Act No. 17, 2001), s 2 <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> (Cth Act No. 50, 2001) and Cth Gaz S285, 13 July 2001) |

Amendments of Motor Vehicles Regulations (SL No. 39, 2002)

| | |
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| Notified | 9 October 2002 |
| Commenced | 9 October 2002 |

Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport (Consequential Amendments) Act (Act No. 41, 2003)

| | |
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| Assent date | 7 July 2003 |
| Commenced | 1 August 2003 (Gaz G30, 30 July 2003, p 2) |

Commercial Passenger Vehicles Legislation Amendment Act 2006 (Act No. 3, 2006)

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| Assent date | 8 March 2006 |
| Commenced | 8 March 2006 |

Motor Vehicles Amendment (Compensation Contributions) Regulations 2006 (SL No. 31, 2006)

| | |
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| Notified | 18 October 2006 |
| Commenced | 18 October 2006 (r 2, s 2 <i>Motor Vehicles Amendment Act 2006</i> (Act No. 14, 2006) and Gaz G42, 18 October 2006, p 2) |

Transport Legislation (Road Safety) Amendment Act 2007 (Act No. 10, 2007)

| | |
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| Assent date | 21 June 2007 |
| Commenced | 1 July 2007 (Gaz S16, 27 June 2007) |

Motor Vehicles Amendment Regulations 2008 (SL No. 6, 2008)

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| Notified | 23 April 2008 |
| Commenced | 1 July 2008 (Gaz G22, 4 June 2008, p 7) |

Transport Legislation Amendment (Alcohol Ignition Locks) Regulations 2009 (SL No. 9, 2009)

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| Notified | 9 April 2009 |
| Commenced | 9 April 2009 (r 2, s 2 <i>Transport Legislation (Alcohol Ignition Locks) Amendment Act 2008</i> (Act No. 38, 2008) and Gaz S15, 9 April 2009) |

Territory Insurance Office and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2010 (Act No. 35, 2010)

| | |
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| Assent date | 18 November 2010 |
| Commenced | pt 4: 1 January 2011; rem: 18 November 2010 (s 2) |

Traffic and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2011 (Act No. 22, 2011)

| | |
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| Assent date | 22 August 2011 |
| Commenced | 1 September 2011 (Gaz G35, 31 August 2011, p 9) |

Motor Vehicles Amendment (Construction or Agricultural Vehicles) Regulations 2012 (SL No. 37, 2012)

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| Notified | 3 August 2012 |
| Commenced | 3 August 2012 |

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| Notified | 1 July 2013 |
| Commenced | 1 July 2013 (2) |

Penalties Amendment (Miscellaneous) Act 2013 (Act No. 23, 2013)

| | |
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| Assent date | 12 July 2013 |
| Commenced | 28 August 2013 (Gaz G35, 28 August 2013, p 2) |

Transport Legislation Amendment Regulations 2019 (SL No. 11, 2019)

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| Notified | 1 July 2019 |
| Commenced | 1 August 2019 (r 2) |

Transport Legislation Amendment Regulations 2019 (SL No. 20, 2019)

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| Notified | 31 July 2019 |
| Commenced | 1 August 2019 (r 2) |

Transport Legislation Amendment Act 2020 (Act No. 23, 2020)

| | |
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| Assent date | 10 July 2020 |
| Commenced | 1 July 2021 (Gaz G23, 9 June 2021, p 1) |

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| | |
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| Assent date | 19 November 2020 |
| Commenced | 20 November 2020 (s 2) |

Motor Vehicle Amendment Regulations 2020 (SL No. 28, 2020)

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| Notified | 5 August 2020 |
| Commenced | 5 August 2020 |

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| Assent date | 1 March 2022 |
| Commenced | 4 May 2022 (Gaz S20, 29 April 2022) |

Transport Legislation Amendment Act 2025 (Act No. 23, 2025)

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| Assent date | 12 September 2025 |
| Commenced | pts 2, 4, 5 and 6: nc; rem: 18 November 2025 (Gaz S69, 17 November 2025) |

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