

**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA**

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### Regulations under the *Motor Vehicles Act*

#### 1 Short title

These Regulations may be cited as the *Motor Vehicles (Fees and Charges) Regulations*.

#### 2 Commencement

These Regulations shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Administrator by notice in the *Gazette*.

#### 2A Definitions

In these Regulations:

***classic***, in relation to a motor vehicle, means of a kind that was manufactured after 31 December 1930 but which is more than 30 years old.

***corporate number plate*** means a number plate that is to be issued to a corporation or other organisation and that displays a logo or other letters or figures, in colours chosen by the corporation or organisation, identifying the corporation or organisation.

***gross vehicle mass***, in relation to a vehicle, means the mass recorded by the Registrar, whether by reference to the particulars recorded or kept by an officer having duties in connection with the registration of vehicles in a State or in another Territory of the Commonwealth or otherwise, as the maximum laden mass at which the vehicle should be operated.

***heavy vehicle*** means a vehicle to which the Schedule, Part 2 of the Road Transport Charges Act applies.

**Road Transport Charges Legislation**, see the *National Transport Commission (Road Transport Legislation – Road Transport Charges Act) Regulations 2006* (Cth).

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***slimline number plate*** means a number plate that is to be issued in respect of a particular motor vehicle and that is narrower than the number plates determined by the Registrar to be affixed to motor vehicles belonging to the same class of motor vehicle as that motor vehicle.

***veteran***, in relation to a motor vehicle, means of a kind manufactured before 1 January 1919.

***vintage***, in relation to a motor vehicle, means of a kind manufactured after 31 December 1918 but before 1 January 1931.

### **3 Fees and charges**

Subject to these Regulations, the fees and charges set out in the Schedule are prescribed fees for the purposes of the *Motor Vehicles Act*.

#### **3A Registration fees for heavy vehicles**

- (1) This regulation applies subject to regulation 4.
- (3) The fee for registering or renewing the registration of a heavy vehicle in a financial year commencing on or after 1 July 2005 is the same as the annual registration charge for the vehicle determined for the financial year in accordance with the Road Transport Charges Legislation.
- (4) The amounts of the annual registration charges for heavy vehicles are made available to the public by the National Transport Commission under the Road Transport Charges Legislation.

#### **4 Reduced registration fees in certain circumstances**

- (1) In the case of:
  - (a) a goods vehicle;
  - (b) a motor tractor; or
  - (c) a trailer,

owned by a grazier or farmer and used solely for the carting of his own produce or the requisites of his occupation, and not let on hire or for any reward, the fee for registration or renewal of registration of that vehicle shall be one-half of the fee that would, except for this subregulation, be applicable:

- (d) in the case of a heavy vehicle – under regulation 3A; or

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(e) in any other case – under the Schedule.

(2) In the case of:

(a) a goods vehicle; or

(b) a trailer,

owned by a person engaged on his own account, and not in association with more than 2 other persons, in mining, or in hunting or trapping buffaloes, crocodiles, kangaroos or dingoes, and used solely for the purposes of the owner's occupation, the fee for registration or renewal of registration of that vehicle shall be one-half of the fee that would, except for this subregulation, be applicable:

(c) in the case of a heavy vehicle – under regulation 3A; or

(d) in any other case – under the Schedule.

**Schedule Scale of fees payable under Motor Vehicles Act**

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Item	Description of fee or charge	Section of the Act	Prescribed fee
1	Driving licences and associated charges:		
	(a) learner licence	9(3)	\$18.00
	(b) licence or renewal of licence taken out for one year	13(1)	\$24.00 per annum
	(c) licence or renewal of licence taken out for 2 years	13(1)	\$36.00
	(d) licence or renewal of licence taken out for 3 years	13(1)	\$48.00
	(e) licence or renewal of licence taken out for 4 years	13(1)	\$60.00
	(f) licence or renewal of licence taken out for 5 years	13(1)	\$72.00
2	Registration or renewal of registration of all motor vehicles or trailers (other than motor vehicles in respect of which another fee is provided by this Schedule or in the case of a heavy vehicle, under regulation 3A):		
	(a) motor vehicles (other than motor cycles) with engine capacity:	13(1)	
	(i) not greater than one litre		\$15.00 per 500 millilitres or part thereof

Item	Description of fee or charge	Section of the Act	Prescribed fee
	(ii) greater than 1 litre but not greater than 2 litres		\$16.00 per 500 millilitres or part thereof
	(iii) greater than 2 litres but not greater than 3 litres, except engines with more than 4 cylinders and rotary engines		\$70.00
	(iv) greater than 2 litres but not greater than 3 litres and not included in subparagraph (iii)		\$18.00 per 500 millilitres or part thereof
	(v) greater than 3 litres but not greater than 4 litres		\$19.00 per 500 millilitres or part thereof
	(vi) greater than 4 litres but not greater than 5 litres		\$20.00 per 500 millilitres or part thereof
	(vii) greater than 5 litres but not greater than 6 litres		\$21.00 per 500 millilitres or part thereof
	(viii) greater than 6 litres but not greater than 7 litres		\$42.00 per litre or part thereof
	(ix) greater than 7 litres but not greater than 9 litres		\$37.70 per litre or part thereof
	(x) greater than 9 litres but not greater than 12 litres		\$36.60 per litre or part thereof
	(xi) greater than 12 litres		\$36.10 per litre or part thereof

Item	Description of fee or charge	Section of the Act	Prescribed fee
	(xii) maximum charge for any motor tractor or plant		\$110.00
	(b) any vehicle powered solely by electricity (other than a motor cycle)	13(1)	\$30.00
	(c) trailers, and caravans, having a gross vehicle mass not exceeding 4.5 tonnes:	13(1)	
	(i) not greater than 200 kilograms tare mass		\$4.80
	(ii) greater than 200 kilograms tare mass but not greater than 1 tonne tare mass		\$4.80 per 200 kilograms tare mass or part thereof
	(iii) greater than 1 tonne tare mass but not greater than 2 tonnes tare mass		\$6.00 per 200 kilograms tare mass or part thereof
	(iv) greater than 2 tonnes tare mass		\$28.70 per tonne tare mass or part thereof
	(d) motor cycles with engine capacity:	13(1)	
	(i) not greater than 600 millilitres		\$10.00
	(ii) greater than 600 millilitres		\$15.00
3	Registration or renewal of registration of a vintage, veteran or classic motor vehicle:		
	(a) being a motor cycle	13(1)	\$10.00



Item	Description of fee or charge	Section of the Act	Prescribed fee
	(b) not being a motor cycle	13(1)	\$35.00
4	Registration or renewal of registration of a powered wheelchair capable of travelling at a speed exceeding 10 km/h	13(1)	\$6.00
5	Inspection prior to registration or renewal of registration by an inspector who is not an officer or employee of the Public Service of Australia or an employee as defined in the <i>Public Sector Employment and Management Act</i> :		
	(a) for a motor vehicle not exceeding 4.5 tonnes gross vehicle mass or a trailer not exceeding 4.5 tonnes gross mass	13(2)	\$35.00
	(b) in any other case	13(2)	\$70.00
6	Replacement of damaged or defaced number plates that are not corporate number plates or slimline number plates:		
	(a) where replaced by number plates consisting of numerals and letters identical to those on the damaged or defaced number plates	17(2)	\$50.00
	(b) in any other case	17(2)	\$12.00
7	Replacement of damaged or defaced corporate number plates or slimline number plates	17(2)	\$50.00

Item	Description of fee or charge	Section of the Act	Prescribed fee
8	Replacement of number plates declared lost or destroyed that are not corporate number plates or slimline number plates:		
	(a) where replaced by number plates containing numerals and letters identical to those on the lost number plates	18(2)	\$50.00
	(b) in any other case	18(2)	\$12.00
9	Replacement of corporate number plates or slimline number plates declared lost or destroyed	18(2)	\$50.00
10	Transfer of registration of a motor vehicle from one person to another	20(3)	\$14.40
11	Test or examination to determine suitability of a person to be a driving instructor	25E(2)	\$84.00
12	(1) Motor vehicle traders licence for the use of trader's plates for motor vehicles other than motor cycles:		
	(a) for one plate	34(3)	\$90.00
	(b) for each additional plate	34(3)	\$12.00
	(2) Motor vehicle traders licence for the use of trader's plates for motor cycles:		
	(a) for one plate	34(3)	\$24.00
	(b) for each additional plate	34(3)	\$12.00
13	Transfer of motor vehicle traders licence and trader's plates from the person who sold or disposed	38(2)	\$39.60

Item	Description of fee or charge	Section of the Act	Prescribed fee
	of the business to the person to whom the business was sold or disposed of		
14	Exemption of a vehicle from the operation of one or more provisions of Part VA of the Act, the Standards or Schedule 4 to the Act:		
	(a) an exemption permitting an increase of the mass on the steer axle of a motor vehicle from 6.5 tonne to 7 tonne	59	\$480.00 per annum
	(b) any exemption permitting a motor omnibus that complies with Australian Design Rule 68 having a tandem rear axle to allow an overall mass up to 1 tonne greater than that specified	59	\$480.00 per annum
	(c) an exemption of a heavy vehicle approved for volumetric loading of livestock	59	\$24.00 per annum
	(d) an exemption of a semi-trailer, with an unladen mass of more than 13 tonnes but less than 14 tonnes, that is used to carry livestock	59	\$300.00 per annum
	(e) an exemption of a semi-trailer, with an unladen mass of 14 tonnes or more but less than 15 tonnes, that is used to carry livestock	59	\$600.00 per annum
	(f) any other exemption	59	\$18.00

Item	Description of fee or charge	Section of the Act	Prescribed fee
15	Provision of certified copy of:		
	(a) certificate of registration that has been lost or destroyed	96(2)	\$12.00
	(b) licence that has been lost or destroyed	96(2)	\$18.00
16	Obtaining a new certificate of registration or licence where such certificate or licence has been defaced and is returned to the Registrar:		
	(a) certificate of registration	100(3)	\$12.00
	(b) licence	100(3)	\$18.00
17	Inspection or examination of a motor vehicle produced in accordance with a direction in a defect notice:		
	(a) for a motor vehicle not exceeding 4.5 tonnes gross vehicle mass or a trailer not exceeding 4.5 tonnes gross mass	128A(16)	\$35.00
	(b) in any other case	128A(16)	\$70.00
18	Fee to be deducted for the purposes of a refund under section 132(2)(d)	132(2)	\$18.00
19	Issue of a licence permitting the operation on a public street of an unregistered vehicle, or of a registered vehicle for a purpose in relation to which a greater compensation payment is payable than that paid:		

Item	Description of fee or charge	Section of the Act	Prescribed fee
	(a) where the vehicle is to be operated as a heavy vehicle	137	for each week of the permit – 1/52 of the annual registration charge that would be payable under the Road Transport Charges Laws for registration as a heavy vehicle in the configuration in which the vehicle is to be operated
	(b) in any other case	137	\$12.00
20	Pastoral vehicle permit:		
	(a) grant	137B(1)	\$18.00
	(b) renewal	137B(1)	\$12.00
	(c) transfer	137B(3)	\$12.00
21	Replacement of registration label	138	\$8.40
22	Replacement of identification plate for pastoral vehicle	138	\$12.00
23	Searching and supplying information in respect of records of registrations and licences:		
	(a) per search of the records of a vehicle	138(1)(y)	\$12.00
	(b) per list of records of vehicles	138(1)(y)	\$102.00
24	Provision of extract of a record certified by the Registrar for the purposes of section 118(2)	138(1)(y)	\$12.00
25	Transfer of number plates from one vehicle to another	138(1)(af)	\$18.00

Item	Description of fee or charge	Section of the Act	Prescribed fee
26	Issue of particular number, personalised or special number plates other than number plates referred to in item 27 or 28	138(1)(af)	\$140.00 per set
27	Issue of corporate number plates:		
	(a) for first pair of corporate number plates	138(1)(af)	\$360.00 plus cost of plate design and set up
	(b) per each subsequent pair of corporate number plates	138(1)(af)	\$180.00
28	Issue of Centenary of Federation number plates:		
	(a) for limited edition plates CF000 to CF999	138(1)(af)	\$140.00 per set
	(b) for special series plates	138(1)(af)	\$18.00 per set
29	Amendment to licence to add new or additional classifications		\$6.00
30	Endorsement to any licence classification	138(1)(af)	\$6.00
31	Administration fee for each transaction in or in relation to the registration or renewal of registration of motor vehicles	138(1)(af)	\$8.40
32	Driving tests conducted in respect of licence applications	13(1B)	\$24.00 per test
33	Inspection or examination of a motor vehicle other than under item 5 or 15:		
	(a) for a motor vehicle not exceeding 4.5 tonnes gross vehicle mass or a trailer not exceeding 4.5 tonnes gross mass	138(1)(af)	\$35.00

Item	Description of fee or charge	Section of the Act	Prescribed fee
	(b) in any other case	138(1)(af)	\$70.00
34	Change to the registered configuration of a heavy vehicle	107A	\$18.00
35	Issue of temporary permit for heavy vehicle	107B	\$18.00

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**ENDNOTES**
**1 KEY**

Key to abbreviations

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

**2 LIST OF LEGISLATION*****Motor Vehicles (Fees and Charges) Regulations (SL No. 13, 1978)***

Notified	30 June 1978
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***Amendment of the Motor Vehicles (Fees and Charges) Regulations (SL No. 27, 1980)***

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***Amendment of the Motor Vehicles (Fees and Charges) Regulations (SL No. 24, 1981)***

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Commenced	26 August 1981 (r 1)

***Amendment of the Motor Vehicles (Fees and Charges) Regulations (SL No. 80, 1982)***

Notified	21 December 1982
Commenced	1 January 1983 (r 1)

***Amendments of the Motor Vehicles (Fees and Charges) Regulations (SL No. 48, 1984)***

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Commenced	6 September 1984 (r 1)

***Amendment of the Motor Vehicles (Fees and Charges) Regulations (SL No. 9, 1986)***

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***Amendments of Motor Vehicles (Fees and Charges) Regulations (SL No. 32, 1986)***

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***Amendment of the Motor Vehicles (Fees and Charges) Regulations (SL No. 2, 1987)***

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***Amendments of the Motor Vehicles (Fees and Charges) Regulations (SL No. 54, 1987)***

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***Amendments of the Motor Vehicles (Fees and Charges) Regulations (SL No. 53, 1988)***

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***Amendment of the Motor Vehicles (Fees and Charges) Regulations (SL No. 26, 1989)***

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***Amendment of Motor Vehicles (Fees and Charges) Regulations (SL No. 28, 1990)***

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***Amendment of Motor Vehicles (Fees and Charges) Regulations (SL No. 39, 1990)***

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***Amendments of the Motor Vehicles (Fees and Charges) Regulations (SL No. 41, 1991)***

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***Amendment of Motor Vehicles (Fees and Charges) Regulations (SL No. 18, 1995)***

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***Amendment of Motor Vehicles (Fees and Charges) Regulations (SL No. 23, 1995)***

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***Amendments of Motor Vehicles (Fees and Charges) Regulations (SL No. 30, 1996)***

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***Statute Law Revision Act 1999 (Act No. 27, 1999)***

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***Amendments of Motor Vehicles (Fees and Charges) Regulations (SL No. 23, 1999)***

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***Amendment of Motor Vehicles (Fees and Charges) Regulations (SL No. 59, 2000)***

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***Amendment of Motor Vehicles (Fees and Charges) Regulations (SL No. 48, 2001)***

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***Statute Law Revision Act 2002 (Act No. 18, 2002)***

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***Statute Law Revision Act 2003 (Act No. 12, 2003)***

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

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**3 LIST OF AMENDMENTS**

r 2A ins No. 53, 1988, r 2  
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r 3 amd No. 27, 1980, r 2

r 3A ins No. 5, 2005, r 4  
 amd No. 39, 2006, r 4

r 4 amd No. 34, 1994, r 2  
 sub No. 30, 1996, r 3  
 amd No. 5, 2005, r 5

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 No. 9, 1986, r 2; No. 32, 1986, r 2; No. 2, 1987, r 2; No. 54, 1987, rr 2 and 3;  
 No. 53, 1988, r 3; No. 26, 1989; No. 28, 1990  
 sub No. 39, 1990; No. 41, 1991  
 amd Act No. 28, 1993, s 3(2); No. 34, 1994, r 3; No. 49, 1994  
 sub No. 18, 1995  
 amd No. 23, 1995; No. 30, 1996, r 4; Act No. 27, 1999, s 16; No. 23, 1999,  
 r 3; No. 59, 2000, r 2  
 sub No. 48, 2001  
 amd Act No. 18, 2002, s 7; Act No. 12, 2003, s 19; No. 5, 2005, r 6; No. 6,  
 2008, r 8