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Regulations under the *Motor Vehicles Act*

I, NEIL RAYMOND CONN, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, make the following regulations under the *Motor Vehicles Act*.

Dated 30 June 1997.

N R CONN  
Administrator

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1. PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

The Motor Vehicles Regulations are in these Regulations referred to as the Principal Regulations.

2. DEFINITIONS

Regulation 4A of the Principal Regulations is amended -

- (a) by omitting the definition of "independently braking";
- (b) by omitting the definition of "laden moped mass";
- (c) by omitting the definition of "maximum moped speed";

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- (d) by omitting the definition of "moped" and substituting the following:

"'moped' means a motor cycle that -

- (a) complies with the Australian Design Rule relating to mopeds and that has affixed to it a certification plate identifying it as a moped; or
- (b) 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;" and

- (e) by omitting the definition of "road train".

3. REPEAL AND SUBSTITUTION

Regulation 4AA of the Principal Regulations is repealed and the following substituted:

"4AA. 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

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Classification	Type of Vehicle
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Part A - Motor Vehicles

- C                    A motor vehicle that has a gross vehicle mass not greater than 4.5 t and that is constructed or equipped to seat not more

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than 12 adults (including the driver)  
other than -

- (a) a taxi;
- (b) a private hire car;
- (c) a tourist vehicle;
- (d) a motor omnibus; or
- (e) a special passenger vehicle

LR

A motor vehicle that has -

- (a) has a gross vehicle mass greater than 4.5 t but not greater than 8 t; or
- (b) is constructed or equipped to seat more than 12 adults (including the driver) and has a gross vehicle mass not greater than 8 t

MR

A rigid motor vehicle that has -

- (a) 2 axles; and
- (b) a gross vehicle mass greater than 8t

HR

A rigid motor vehicle or an articulated motor omnibus that has -

- (a) 3 or more axles; and
- (b) a gross vehicle mass greater than 8 t

HC

A motor vehicle that is -

- (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

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MC Any motor vehicle or combination of motor vehicles

Part B - Motor Cycles

Rm Moped

Re A motor cycle with an engine capacity not greater than 260 mL

R Any motor cycle

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"(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;
- (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) HC;
- (e) MC.

"(5) A licence granted under section 10(2) or (3) 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.

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"(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, a licence endorsed with the letter 'C' or the

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letters 'LR' permits the licensee to draw with a motor vehicle that the licensee is licensed to drive under the licence a trailer or semi 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."

4. REPEAL AND SUBSTITUTION

Regulation 8 of the Principal Regulations is repealed and the following substituted:

"8. PRESCRIBED PERIOD OF LICENCE

"For the purposes of section 103(1A) of the Act, the prescribed period is 5 years."

5. NOTICE TO BE DISPLAYED

Regulation 9 of the Principal Regulations is amended by omitting "regulation 4AA(2)(b) and (c)" and substituting "regulation 4AA(3)(b)".

6. SAVINGS AND TRANSITIONAL

(1) The Principal Regulations as in force immediately before the commencement of these Regulations continue to apply to and in relation to a licence in force at that commencement as if these Regulations had not been made.

(2) Subregulation (1) ceases to apply to a licence when the licence is cancelled or renewed.