

Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Vehicle Registration) Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2014

Explanatory notes for SL 2014 No. 165

made under the

Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995

General Outline

Short title

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Authorising law

Sections 149 and 171 of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995*

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The policy objective of this amendment regulation is to reduce the regulatory burden on the community and on industry by removing the requirement to display a registration label on any light vehicle (e.g. a car or motorbike), conditionally registered or special purpose vehicle or on a dealer plate.

By removing registration labels for these vehicles, the Queensland Government expects to save approximately \$3.5 million in printing and postage costs.

Achievement of policy objectives

The *Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Vehicle Registration) Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2014* (the regulation) achieves its policy objective by amending the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2010* to provide that:

- registration labels will no longer be issued for light vehicles, special purpose or conditionally registered vehicles or for dealer plates; and
- registration certificates will no longer be issued for these vehicles for a routine renewal of registration.

To support these changes, an online tool has been developed to allow a person to easily determine whether a vehicle is currently registered and, if it is, when that registration expires. In addition, a new form of registration renewal notice will be introduced that includes registration information normally found on a registration certificate.

Registration labels and certificates will continue to be issued for heavy vehicles (that is, those over 4.5 tonnes) except where those vehicles are also special purpose or conditionally registered vehicles.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The amendments are consistent with the policy objectives of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* and, in particular, the objective of providing for the effective and efficient management of vehicle use in a public place.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The Regulation is consistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

Benefits and costs of implementation

Registered operators of relevant vehicles will no longer need to attach new labels and remove expired labels, representing a real reduction in regulatory requirements for business and the community generally. Approximately 6.1 million registration labels a year and a significant number of registration certificates will no longer be issued resulting in ongoing savings for the Government from lower printing and postage costs.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The Regulation is consistent with the fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

Consultation has been undertaken with the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, the Department of Justice and Attorney-General, the Motor Accident Insurance Commission, Queensland Treasury and Trade, the Queensland Police Service and the Office of Best Practice Regulation, Queensland Competition Authority.

All agencies consulted support the amendments. The Office of Best Practice Regulation advised that a Regulatory Impact Statement is not required for these amendments.