

Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Vehicle Registration) (Fee Relief) Amendment Regulation 2024

Explanatory notes for SL 2024 No. 130

made under the

Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995

General Outline

Short title

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Authorising law

Section 171 of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995*

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

As part of a broader cost-of-living package, the 2024–25 Queensland Budget included a 20 per cent reduction in the registration fee and traffic improvement fee components of motor vehicle registration for all light vehicles, including motorcycles and trailers, for 12 months. The reduction is exclusive of Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurance premiums.

It is estimated that the reduction will benefit owners of around 5.7 million vehicles across the state.

Achievement of policy objectives

The *Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Vehicle Registration) (Fee Relief) Amendment Regulation 2024* (Amendment Regulation) will reduce by 20 per cent the registration fee for light vehicles, dealer plates, all ambulances and all motorised caravans as well as fees for conditional registration and traffic improvement fees for a 12-month period, effective from 16 September 2024. The reduction will also apply to a small number of heavy vehicles including special interest vehicles and farm plate vehicles. This change will apply to all specified vehicles regardless of their purpose of use.

A range of fees within the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2021* will not be reduced, including all nationally regulated heavy vehicle registration fees, transaction fees (for example registration transfer and cancellation), administrative fees (for example surcharges) and a number of other fees.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising laws

The Amendment Regulation is consistent with the policy objectives of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995*.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The Amendment Regulation is not inconsistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

Benefits and costs of implementation

The reduction to light vehicle registration fees is estimated to save the Queensland public approximately \$435 million over the 12 months of the reduction, which falls across 2024-25 and 2025-26 (with \$399 million in 2024-25). As an individual example, it will result in a saving of almost \$85 for a four-cylinder private use vehicle for 12 months, reducing the registration fees to approximately \$338.75 (excluding CTP insurance premiums).

For customers who receive a concession, the 20 percent reduction will apply in addition to the existing concession. For four-cylinder vehicles registered on a pensioner concession the reduction will be nearly \$50 and will reduce registration fees down to \$194.50, excluding CTP insurance premiums.

Finally, it should be noted that this policy will result in a cost to Government in terms of foregone revenue as this will be covered centrally from the Consolidated Fund.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The Amendment Regulation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles as required under the *Legislative Standards Act 1992*.

Consultation

These amendments have not been the subject of external consultation as they are entirely beneficial in nature.