



Road User Charges (Light Electric RUC Vehicles) Amendment Act 2024

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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:**1 Title**

This Act is the Road User Charges (Light Electric RUC Vehicles) Amendment Act 2024.

2 Commencement

This Act comes into force on 1 April 2024.

3 Repeal of this Act

This Act is repealed on 1 July 2024.

Part 1**Amendments to Road User Charges Act 2012****4 Principal Act**

This Part amends the Road User Charges Act 2012.

5 Section 5 amended (Interpretation)

- (1) In section 5(1), insert in their appropriate alphabetical order:

plug-in hybrid electric RUC vehicle means a light electric RUC vehicle with motive power partly derived from petrol and partly derived from an external source of electricity

very light electric RUC vehicle means a RUC vehicle with—

- (a) a gross vehicle mass of 1 000 kilograms or less; and
- (b) motive power wholly or partly derived from an external source of electricity

Examples

An electric motorcycle or an electric moped.

- (2) In section 5(1), definition of **light electric RUC vehicle**, replace paragraph (a) with:

- (a) a gross vehicle mass of more than 1 000 kilograms but not more than 3 500 kilograms; and

- (3) In section 5(1), definition of **light RUC vehicle**, after paragraph (b), insert:

- (c) does not include a very light electric RUC vehicle

6 New section 6AA inserted (Transitional, savings, and related provisions)

After section 6, insert:

6AA Transitional, savings, and related provisions

The transitional, savings, and related provisions set out in Schedule 1AA have effect according to their terms.

7 Section 85 amended (Regulations specifying rates of road user charges)

After section 85(2), insert:

- (2A) For the purposes of subsection (2)(a), regulations made under subsection (1) may specify, for plug-in hybrid electric RUC vehicles, a reduced rate that takes into account any excise duty or excise-equivalent duty payable under the Customs and Excise Act 2018 in relation to the amount of petrol likely to be used by the vehicle type.

8 New Schedule 1AA inserted

Insert the Schedule 1AA set out in Schedule 1 of this Act as the first schedule to appear after the last section of the principal Act.

Part 2**Amendments to, and revocation of, secondary legislation****Subpart 1—Amendments to Road User Charges Regulations 2012****9 Principal regulations**

This subpart amends the Road User Charges Regulations 2012.

10 New regulation 3A inserted (Transitional, savings, and related provisions)

After regulation 3, insert:

3A Transitional, savings, and related provisions

The transitional, savings, and related provisions set out in Schedule 1 have effect according to their terms.

11 Regulation 4 amended (RUC vehicle types and RUC weight bands)

In regulation 4(1), (2), and (2A), replace “the Schedule” with “Schedule 2”.

12 New Schedule 1 inserted

Insert the Schedule 1 set out in Schedule 2 of this Act as the first schedule to appear after the last provision of the principal regulations.

13 Schedule amended

- (1) In the Schedule heading, replace “Schedule” with “Schedule 2”.
- (2) In the Schedule, Part 1, table, item relating to RUC vehicle type 1, replace “type 2 or 299” with “type 12, 2, or 299”.

- (3) In the Schedule, Part 1, table, after the item relating to RUC vehicle type 1, insert:

12	RUC weight of not more than 3 500 kg	Powered plug-in hybrid electric RUC vehicle with 2 axles
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Subpart 2—Amendments to Road User Charges (Rates) Regulations 2015

14 Principal regulations

This subpart amends the Road User Charges (Rates) Regulations 2015.

15 Schedule 1 amended

- (1) In Schedule 1, table, item relating to RUC vehicle type 1, replace “type 2 or type 299” with “type 12, 2, or 299”.
- (2) In Schedule 1, table, after the item relating to RUC vehicle type 1, insert:

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Subpart 3—Revocation of Road User Charges (Exemption Period for Light Electric RUC Vehicles) Order 2012

16 Revocation

The Road User Charges (Exemption Period for Light Electric RUC Vehicles) Order 2012 (SR 2012/140) is revoked.

Subpart 4—Amendment to Road User Charges (Classes of RUC Vehicles) Exemption Order 2012

17 Principal order

This subpart amends the Road User Charges (Classes of RUC Vehicles) Exemption Order 2012.

18 Clause 3 amended (Interpretation)

In clause 3(1), definition of **all-terrain vehicle**, replace paragraph (c) with:

- (c) is powered by either or both of the following:
- (i) an internal combustion engine with an engine capacity exceeding 50 ml;
 - (ii) an electric motor with an output exceeding 4 kW; and

Subpart 5—Amendment to Land Transport Management
(Apportionment and Refund of Excise Duty and Excise-Equivalent
Duty) Regulations 2004

19 Principal regulations

This subpart amends the Land Transport Management (Apportionment and Refund of Excise Duty and Excise-Equivalent Duty) Regulations 2004.

20 Regulation 3 amended (Interpretation)

In regulation 3(1), replace the definition of **licensed vehicle** with:

licensed vehicle means a motor vehicle—

- (a) that is required to be licensed under the Road User Charges Act 2012 (other than a plug-in hybrid electric RUC vehicle within the meaning of that Act); and
- (b) to which a licence within the meaning of that Act relates at all times during any period in respect of which a refund is applied for under section 41 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003

Subpart 6—Amendment to Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards
Compliance 2002

21 Principal rule

This subpart amends the Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002.

22 Part 2 amended

In Part 2, definition of **All-terrain vehicle**, replace paragraph (c) with:

- (c) is powered by either or both of the following:
 - (i) an internal combustion engine with an engine capacity exceeding 50 ml;
 - (ii) a power source (other than an internal combustion engine) with an output exceeding 4 kW; and

Subpart 7—Amendment to Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004

23 Principal rule

This subpart amends the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004.

24 Clause 1.6 amended (Interpretation)

In clause 1.6, definition of **all terrain vehicle**, replace paragraph (c) with:

- (c) is powered by either or both of the following:

- (i) an internal combustion engine with an engine capacity exceeding 50 ml:
- (ii) an electric motor with an output exceeding 4 kW; and

Subpart 8—Amendment to Land Transport (Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2011

25 Principal regulations

This subpart amends the Land Transport (Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2011.

26 Regulation 3 amended (Interpretation)

In regulation 3, definition of **all-terrain vehicle**, after “given”, insert “for All-terrain vehicle”.

Schedule 1
New Schedule 1AA inserted into Road User Charges Act 2012

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Schedule 1AA
Transitional, savings, and related provisions

s 6AA

Part 1
Provisions relating to Road User Charges (Light Electric RUC Vehicles) Amendment Act 2024

1 Interpretation

In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires,—

exempt light electric RUC vehicle means a light electric RUC vehicle—

- (a) registered under Part 17 of the Land Transport Act 1998 on or before 31 March 2024; and
- (b) for which a distance licence has not previously been issued

transition period means the period between 1 April 2024 and 31 May 2024.

2 No licence held

- (1) This clause applies to a person who, during the transition period, operates a light electric RUC vehicle that—
 - (a) is an exempt light electric RUC vehicle; and
 - (b) does not have a distance licence that complies with section 9(2).
- (2) The person does not commit an offence against section 9(4)(a) if a distance licence that complies with section 9(2) is issued by the end of the transition period.

3 No licence displayed or carried

- (1) This clause applies to a person who, during the transition period, operates a light electric RUC vehicle that was an exempt light electric RUC vehicle without displaying or carrying a RUC licence in accordance with section 19(1).
- (2) The person does not commit an offence against section 19(2) if a RUC licence is displayed or carried in accordance with section 19(1) by the end of the transition period.

Schedule 2

New Schedule 1 inserted into Road User Charges Regulations 2012

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Schedule 1

Transitional, savings, and related provisions

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Part 1

Provisions relating to Road User Charges (Light Electric RUC Vehicles) Amendment Act 2024

1 Application for distance licence for light electric RUC vehicle

- (1) This clause applies to an application for a distance licence made on or after 1 April 2024 in relation to a light electric RUC vehicle—
- (a) registered under Part 17 of the Land Transport Act 1998 on or before 31 March 2024; and
 - (b) for which a distance licence has not previously been issued.
- (2) The application must, in addition to containing the information required by regulation 7, specify the distance travelled by the vehicle as recorded by the vehicle's distance recorder on the date of the application.

Legislative history

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5 March 2024	First reading and referral to Transport and Infrastructure Committee
14 March 2024	Reported from Transport and Infrastructure Committee (Bill 25–2)
19 March 2024	Second reading
27 March 2024	Committee of the whole House
28 March 2024	Third reading
28 March 2024	Royal assent

This Act is administered by the Ministry of Transport.