



## **Land Transport (Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Regulations 2023**

Cindy Kiro, Governor-General

### **Order in Council**

At Wellington this 28th day of August 2023

Present:

Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

These regulations are made under section 269 of the Land Transport Act 1998 on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council.

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## Regulations

### 1 Title

These regulations are the Land Transport (Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Regulations 2023.

### 2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 1 October 2023.

### 3 Principal regulations

These regulations amend the Land Transport (Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2011.

### 4 Regulation 3 amended (Interpretation)

In regulation 3, insert in their appropriate alphabetical order:

**agent** means a person who—

- (a) provides specified services on behalf of the Registrar; and
- (b) is recognised as an agent by the Registrar because they hold a delegation from the Registrar to deliver the specified services

**Direct Connect** means a service offered by the Registrar to a transport operator that authorises the transport operator to complete specified motor vehicle registration and licensing activities—

- (a) under an applicable delegation from the Registrar to the transport operator; and

(b) in respect of motor vehicles owned or leased by the transport operator

**motor vehicle industry agent** means a person who—

(a) holds a delegation from the Registrar to deliver services for which the Registrar has responsibility, including, without limit, motor vehicle registration and licensing activities; and

(b) provides those services on behalf of the Registrar to the person’s customers

**online service** means a service provided—

(a) by, or on behalf of, the Agency or the Registrar; and

(b) for the purpose of enabling persons to make requests for information from the register of motor vehicles

**register of motor vehicles** means the register continued and maintained by the Registrar under section 234 of the Act

**Registrar** has the meaning given in section 233(1) of the Act

**5 Regulation 19 amended (Exemptions from certain requirements)**

In regulation 19(2), after “used”, insert “only”.

**6 Regulation 48 amended (Notice by person who acquires motor vehicle)**

Replace regulation 48(3) with:

- (3) The notification required by section 247(1)(b) or (2) of the Act must be accompanied by the certificate of registration of the motor vehicle, if production of it is required by the Registrar.

**7 Regulation 50 amended (Change from joint to sole registered person)**

In regulation 50(3), delete “payment of the prescribed fee and”.

**8 Regulation 53 amended (Application under section 241(3)(a) and (4) of Act)**

In regulation 53(1), replace “Subject to regulation 68, an” with “An”.

**9 Regulation 62 revoked (Reflectorised registration plates)**

Revoke regulation 62.

**10 Regulation 63 amended (Registration and licensing fees)**

(1) After regulation 63(1), insert:

- (1A) The fees specified in Part 1A of Schedule 5 are in addition to the fees specified in Parts 1 and 5 of Schedule 5.

(2) In regulation 63(2), replace “Parts 2, 2A, 3, and 4” with “Parts 2 and 4”.

(3) After regulation 63(2), insert:

(2A) The fees specified in Part 4 of Schedule 5 are in addition to the fees specified in Part 2 of Schedule 5.

(4) In regulation 63(3), replace “Parts 1, 2, and 3” with “Parts 1 and 2”.

#### **11 Regulation 64 amended (Fees for registration plates)**

(1) Replace regulation 64(1) with:

(1) The fees payable for the production and issue of a registration plate (including plates for use on official motor vehicles allocated to New Zealand Government Ministers of the Crown) are specified in Part 5 of Schedule 5.

(2) Replace regulation 64(2)(b) with:

(b) in the case of personalised plates, the fee must accompany the request for the production and issue of the plates:

#### **12 Regulation 64B amended (Additional fee for certain RUC vehicles)**

In regulation 64B(1), replace “Part 2AC” with “Part 3”.

#### **13 Regulation 65 amended (Fees for replacement certificates and licences, and duplicate and replacement plates)**

(1) Replace the heading to regulation 65 with “**Fees for replacement certificates and licence labels, and duplicate and replacement plates**”.

(2) Replace regulation 65(1) with:

(1) The fees payable for the issue of a replacement certificate or licence label or a duplicate registration plate are specified in Parts 1A, 4, and 5 of Schedule 5.

(3) Revoke regulation 65(3) and (4).

#### **14 Regulation 66 amended (Fees for information from register)**

(1) Replace regulation 66(1) with:

(1) The fee payable for each request for information under section 236(1)(a)(ii) of the Act is the fee specified in Part 6 of Schedule 5.

(2) In regulation 66(2), replace “Part 7” with “Part 6”.

#### **15 Regulation 67 revoked (Fee for change of registered person)**

Revoke regulation 67.

#### **16 Regulation 68 revoked (Application processing fee under section 241(3)(b) of Act)**

Revoke regulation 68.

#### **17 New regulations 68A and 68B inserted**

After regulation 68, insert:

**68A Fee for electronic connection**

- (1) The fee payable for creating, providing, or modifying an electronic connection to enable a person to obtain or access information held by the Agency or the Registrar through an online service is the actual and reasonable costs incurred by the Agency or the Registrar in creating, providing, or modifying the electronic connection.
- (2) Without limiting subclause (1), the **actual and reasonable costs** referred to in subclause (1) may include the cost of services carried out by third parties on behalf of the Agency or the Registrar in relation to the creation, provision, or modification of the electronic connection.
- (3) For the purposes of this regulation, the **electronic connection** must be—
  - (a) between the electronic systems of—
    - (i) the Agency or the Registrar; and
    - (ii) a person who wishes to obtain or access, through an online service, information held by the Agency or the Registrar; and
  - (b) necessary to enable the person to obtain or access the information through an online service.

**68B Miscellaneous fees**

The fees payable for the following are specified in Part 7 of Schedule 5:

- (a) application to relicense a fleet of motor vehicles;
- (b) application by an overseas visitor to import a motor vehicle on a temporary basis;
- (c) issue of a motor vehicle licence invoice for outstanding licensing fees;
- (d) set-up of direct debit facilities for Direct Connect customers and motor vehicle industry agents.

**18 Regulation 70 amended (Apportionment of liability for licence fees and accident insurance levies)**

In regulation 70(1), delete “, the additional annual licence fee,” in each place.

**19 Regulation 71 amended (Abatement of licence fees and accident insurance levies)**

In regulation 71, delete “, the additional annual licence fee,”.

**20 Schedule 5 amended**

- (1) In the Schedule 5 heading, replace “rr 3, 20, 63–69” with “rr 3, 63–66, 68B, 69”.
- (2) Replace Part 1A of Schedule 5 with the Part 1A set out in Part 1 of the Schedule of these regulations.
- (3) Revoke Part 2A of Schedule 5.

- (4) Renumber Part 2AC of Schedule 5 as Part 3 of Schedule 5.
- (5) Replace Parts 3 to 10 of Schedule 5 with the Parts 4 to 7 of Schedule 5 set out in Part 2 of the Schedule of these regulations.

## Schedule Schedule 5 amended

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### Part 1 Part 1A of Schedule 5 replaced

<b>Part 1A</b>	
<b>Administration fees for registration, replacement of certificate of registration, or cancellation of registration</b>	
	<b>Fee (\$)</b>
<b>Registering motor vehicle</b>	
For each application to register motor vehicle with vehicle identification number through Registrar or agent	12.50
For each application to register motor vehicle without vehicle identification number through Registrar or agent	12.78
For each application to register motor vehicle with vehicle identification number through motor vehicle industry agent	7.51
For each application to register motor vehicle without vehicle identification number through motor vehicle industry agent	5.98
Additional fee for application for first registration of motor vehicle	7.48
For each application to reregister motor vehicle where registration previously cancelled	5.50
For each application to cancel registration of new motor vehicle where application made, and registration applied for, by motor vehicle trader registered under the Motor Vehicle Sales Act 2003 or person who is otherwise engaged in trading motor vehicles	17.50
<b>Replacing certificate of registration</b>	
For each application to replace certificate of registration made by post, telephone, or in electronic form	12.97
<b>Cancelling motor vehicle registration</b>	
For each application to cancel motor vehicle registration made through agent	8.71
For each application to cancel motor vehicle registration made by post or in electronic form	9.62

**Part 2**  
**Parts 3 to 10 of Schedule 5 replaced**

**Part 4**  
**Administration fees for applications for licences and replacement of  
licence labels**

	<b>Fee (\$)</b>
<b>Application for motor vehicle licence</b>	
Administration fee for each application for licence—	
(a) if application made through agent:	10.43
(b) if application made through motor vehicle industry agent:	6.90
(c) if application made by email or post:	12.32
(d) if application made online	7.53
<b>Replacing licence label</b>	
Administration fee for each application for replacement of licence label—	
(a) if application made through agent:	12.22
(b) if application made by post, telephone, or in electronic form:	13.59
(c) if application made online or through Direct Connect:	6.90
(d) if application made through motor vehicle industry agent	6.90

**Part 5**  
**Fees for registration plates**

	<b>Plate type</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>
1	For ordinary plates embossed and coloured black against reflective background consisting of white retro-reflective sheeting—	
	(a) for use on motorcycles, mopeds, tractors, and trailers:	12.18 each plate
	(b) for use on other motor vehicles	15.87 each pair of plates
2	For plates for use on official motor vehicles allocated to New Zealand Government Ministers of the Crown	31.58 each plate or pair of plates
3	For personalised plates consisting solely of distinguishing marks coloured black against reflective background of white retro-reflective sheeting ( <b>standard-issue personalised plates</b> )—	
	(a) for use on motorcycles, mopeds, tractors, and trailers:	26.71 each plate
	(b) for use on other motor vehicles	30.40 each pair of plates
4	For personalised plates that are not standard-issue personalised plates	Reasonable cost of manufacturing and distributing each pair of plates
5	For trade plates	10.54 each plate
6	For renewal of trade plates	10.36 each plate
7	For supplementary plates (other than personalised plates that are not standard-issue personalised plates)	17.84 each plate



	<b>Plate type</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>
8	For supplementary personalised plates that are not standard-issue personalised plates	Reasonable cost of manufacturing and distributing each plate
9	For replacement plates (other than personalised plates that are not trade plates or standard-issue personalised plates)	25.31 each pair of plates or 21.62 each plate
10	Administration fee for assignment of plates in applicant's possession to motor vehicle for which applicant is registered person (other than where personalised plate is being assigned to motor vehicle that currently has personalised plate)	5.48
11	For replacement trade plates	16.05 each plate
12	For replacement personalised plates that are not standard-issue personalised plates	Reasonable cost of manufacturing and distributing each plate
13	For duplicate plates (other than personalised plates that are not standard-issue personalised plates)	14.99 each plate or pair of plates
14	For duplicate personalised plates that are not standard-issue personalised plates	Reasonable cost of manufacturing and distributing each plate

## Part 6

### Fees for information from register of motor vehicles

	<b>Fee per record (\$)</b>
Request for information from register of motor vehicles using an online service provided by or on behalf of Registrar	0.16

## Part 7

### Miscellaneous fees

	<b>Fee (\$)</b>
Fees for—	
(a) application to relicense fleet of motor vehicles:	25.07
(b) application by overseas visitor to import motor vehicle on temporary basis:	33.20
(c) issue of a motor vehicle licence invoice for outstanding licensing fees:	12.22
(d) set-up of direct debit facilities for Direct Connect customer or motor vehicle industry agent	18.94

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Clerk of the Executive Council.

## Explanatory note

*This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.*

These regulations, which come into force on 1 October 2023, amend the Land Transport (Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2011 (the **principal**

**regulations**). These regulations amend Schedule 5 of the principal regulations and make consequential amendments to the principal regulations.

Schedule 5 is amended to prescribe fees for—

- registration (Parts 1 and 1A):
- licences (Parts 2 and 4):
- certain RUC (road user charges) vehicles (Part 3):
- registration plates (Part 5):
- information from the register of motor vehicles (Part 6):
- miscellaneous matters (Part 7).

The amendments to Schedule 5 increase, introduce, decrease, and revoke certain existing fees.

### Regulatory impact statement

The New Zealand Transport Agency produced a regulatory impact statement on 3 April 2023 to help inform the decisions taken by the Government relating to the contents of this instrument.

A copy of this regulatory impact statement can be found at—

- <https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Cost-Recovery-Impact-Statement.pdf>
- <https://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/risa/stage-2-cost-recovery-impact-statement-changes-land-transport-regulatory-charges-and-fees>

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