



Road User Charges (Administration Fees) 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 sections 88 and 89 of the Road User Charges Act 2012 and section 167(1)(j) and (k) 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 Road User Charges (Administration Fees) Regulations 2023.

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 1 October 2023.

3 Interpretation

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—

Act means the Road User Charges Act 2012

agent means, in relation to the payment of a specified fee, a person to whom the RUC collector has, under section 73(1) of the Crown Entities Act 2004, delegated functions and powers that relate to the fee that is being imposed

Direct Connect means a service offered by the RUC collector to a transport operator that authorises the transport operator to issue RUC licences and to undertake other RUC activities—

- (a) under an applicable delegation from the RUC collector 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 RUC collector to deliver services for which the RUC collector has responsibility, including, without limit, the issue of RUC licences and other RUC activities; and
- (b) provides those services on behalf of the RUC collector to the person's customers

RUC means road user charges.

4 Transitional, savings, and related provisions

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

5 Administration fees

The administration fees set out in Schedule 2 are—

- (a) payable for the matters to which they relate; and
- (b) payable to the Agency; and
- (c) exclusive of goods and services tax.

6 Fees in relation to electronic system provider

- (1) The fee payable for an application under section 43 of the Act is the actual and reasonable costs incurred by the RUC collector in—
 - (a) deciding whether to grant the approval; and
 - (b) establishing an electronic connection if the application is successful.
- (2) The fee payable for any modification to an electronic connection is the actual and reasonable costs incurred by the RUC collector in modifying the electronic connection.
- (3) Without limiting subclauses (1) and (2), the **actual and reasonable costs** referred to in subclause (1) or (2) may include the cost of services carried out by third parties on behalf of the RUC collector.
- (4) For the purposes of this regulation, the **electronic connection** must be—
 - (a) between the electronic systems of—
 - (i) an approved electronic system provider; and
 - (ii) the RUC collector; and
 - (b) necessary to enable the electronic system provider to perform its functions under the Act.

7 Waiver or refund of particular administration fee

- (1) This regulation applies if the reason for an application to change the RUC vehicle type assigned to a motor vehicle is that the Agency assigned the incorrect RUC vehicle type to the motor vehicle during the period of time in which the motor vehicle was registered to a previous owner.
- (2) The RUC collector may waive or refund the administration fee described in item 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 2.

8 Revocation

The Road User Charges (Administration Fees) Regulations 2014 (LI 2014/292) are revoked.

**Schedule 1
Transitional, savings, and related provisions**

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**Part 1
Provisions relating to these regulations as made**

There are no transitional, savings, or related provisions in these regulations as made.

Schedule 2

Administration fees

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Part 1

RUC administration fees

Item	Matter in respect of which administration fee payable	Fee (\$) (GST exclusive)
RUC licensing		
1	Set-up by Agency of facilities to allow customers (excluding transport operators using Direct Connect and motor vehicle industry agents) to pay for RUC licensing activities by direct debit	15.67
2	Set-up by Agency of facilities to allow transport operators using Direct Connect and motor vehicle industry agents to pay for RUC licensing activities by direct debit	18.94
3	Application for RUC licence made—	
	(a) through motor vehicle industry agent or approved electronic system provider, or using Direct Connect:	5.48
	(b) through agent:	11.92
	(c) online:	10.82
	(d) through telephone or fax	12.93
4	Application for additional RUC licence made—	
	(a) through motor vehicle industry agent or approved electronic system provider, or using Direct Connect:	5.48
	(b) through agent:	11.78
	(c) through telephone or fax	15.12
5	Application for replacement RUC licence in printed format	3.55
Change to assigned RUC vehicle type		
6	Application by owner or operator to change RUC vehicle type assigned to motor vehicle—	
	(a) to RUC vehicle type specified in Part 1 of Schedule of Road User Charges Regulations 2012:	12.72
	(b) to RUC vehicle type specified in Part 2 or 3 of Schedule of Road User Charges Regulations 2012	11.83
Distance recorder modification		
7	Application to replace the following distance recorders:	
	(a) hubodometer through agent:	7.63
	(b) hubodometer through approved electronic system provider, using Direct Connect, or online:	5.50
	(c) hubodometer through email, telephone, or fax	8.37
8	Application to modify odometer for light RUC vehicle	11.10
9	Application for approval to have second-hand hubodometer fitted	12.13

Part 2 Exemptions under section 40 of Act

Item	Matter in respect of which administration fee payable	Fee (\$) (GST exclusive)
1	Application for exemption under section 40 of Act	33.98
2	Application for replacement of exemption label	3.57

Rachel Hayward,
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, revoke and replace the Road User Charges (Administration Fees) Regulations 2014. These regulations increase, introduce, and remove administration fees relating to the road user charges (RUC) system.

These regulations prescribe administration fees for the issue of RUC licences and related matters and for exemptions under section 40 of the Road User Charges Act 2012 (the Act).

These regulations also provide for the recovery by the New Zealand Transport Agency (the Agency) of its actual and reasonable costs in relation to—

- applications for approval as an electronic system provider under section 43 of the Act; and
- modifications to an electronic connection between the electronic systems of an electronic system provider and the Agency.

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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