



**THE ROAD USER CHARGES REGULATIONS 1978,  
AMENDMENT NO. 8**

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CATHERINE A. TIZARD, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington this 29th day of March 1993

Present:

THE RIGHT HON. D. C. MCKINNON PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to section 24 of the Road User Charges Act 1977, Her Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

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REGULATIONS

**1. Title and commencement**—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Road User Charges Regulations 1978, Amendment No. 8, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Road User Charges Regulations 1978\* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of April 1993.

\*S.R. 1978/30

Amendment No. 1: S.R. 1978/177

Amendment No. 2: (*Revoked by S.R. 1987/135*)

Amendment No. 3: (*Revoked by S.R. 1987/135*)

Amendment No. 4: S.R. 1985/11

Amendment No. 5: S.R. 1985/171

Amendment No. 6: S.R. 1987/185

Amendment No. 7: S.R. 1992/183

**2. Interpretation**—Regulation 2 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking the definition of the term “hubodometer”, and substituting the following definition:

“‘Hubodometer’ means a hubodometer manufactured under the brand name ‘Accu-Trak type AT’, ‘Argo’, ‘Engler’, ‘Macro’, ‘Mechanex’, ‘Trailmark’, or ‘Veeder-Root’ that records in kilometres and has on its face—

“(a) A unique manufacturer’s serial number that cannot be altered without dismantling the hubodometer; and

“(b) The tyre size or number of revolutions per kilometre for which the device is calibrated; and

“(c) A display showing the actual distance travelled.”

**3. Vehicles exempted from Act**—Regulation 3 of the principal regulations (as substituted by regulation 3 of the Road User Charges Regulations 1978, Amendment No. 1) is hereby amended by revoking paragraph (a), and substituting the following paragraph:

“(a) All motor vehicles that are exempted vehicles (as defined in section 99 of the Transit New Zealand Act 1989):”

**4. Applications for licences**—The principal regulations are hereby amended by revoking regulation 4, and substituting the following regulation:

“4. (1) Every first application for a licence for a motor vehicle, made under section 8 of the Act by the owner or the owner’s agent, shall contain the following information:

“(a) The full name and address of the applicant, including—

“(i) In the case of a natural person, the person’s date of birth, street and postal address, and contact telephone number:

“(ii) In the case of a body corporate, the registered number of the body corporate, the full name of the person who has the day to day responsibility for its operation, its street and postal address, and its contact telephone number:

“(b) The number or distinguishing mark shown on the registration plate or plates of the motor vehicle:

“(c) The vehicle type number of the motor vehicle specified in the First Schedule or the Second Schedule to the Act, whichever number most accurately represents the vehicle type:

“(d) The maximum gross weight to be specified on the licence:

“(e) In the case of a time licence, the period during which the licence is to be in force, being either a quarter or a year:

“(f) In the case of vehicles required to operate under a transport service licence, the type and number of the licence:

“(g) The predominant use of the vehicle:

“(h) The make and serial number of the hubodometer:

“(i) The serial number of each official seal fitted to the hubodometer (if any):

“(j) Whether the vehicle’s distance recorder records in miles or kilometres:

“(k) In the case of an application for a distance licence,—

“(i) In the case of an application for the first licence for a vehicle, the minimum distance being the reading on the

recorder when it was first fitted to the vehicle and the maximum distance to be specified on the licence:

“(ii) In any other case, the minimum and maximum readings to be specified on the licence.

“(2) In the case of an application for a distance licence, the distance to which the licence is to relate (being the difference between the minimum and maximum reading specified on the licence) shall be an integral multiple of 1000 kilometres (where the distance recorder fitted records in kilometres) or 621 miles (where the distance recorder fitted records in miles).

“(3) Every first application for a licence by an applicant, where that applicant wishes to make payment for that and subsequent licences by means of an automatic transfer of funds to the Crown Bank Account, shall be accompanied by a completed bank authority on a form provided by the chief executive or a bank.

“(4) Where an owner is adding a vehicle to an existing fleet of vehicles, it shall be sufficient compliance with subclause (1) of this regulation if the application contains the following information:

“(a) The owner’s road user charges account number:

“(b) The number or distinguishing mark shown on the registration plate or plates of the motor vehicle:

“(c) In the case of an application for a distance licence, the minimum and maximum reading to be specified on the licence:

“(d) In the case of an application for a time licence, the period during which the licence is to be in force, being a year or a quarter:

“(e) In the case of an application for a distance licence, the distance to which the licence is to relate, as specified in subclause (2) of this regulation:

“(f) The maximum gross weight to be specified on the licence:

“(g) Any information specified in subclause (1) of this regulation that has changed since any previous application for a licence for any motor vehicle owned by the applicant.

“(5) In the case of an application in respect of the first purchase of a licence for a vehicle added to the applicant’s fleet or in respect of a replacement hubodometer, the application shall, in addition to the information required by subclause (4) of this regulation, contain the following information:

“(a) The vehicle type number:

“(b) The predominant use of the vehicle:

“(c) The make and serial number of the hubodometer:

“(d) The serial number of each official seal fitted to the hubodometer (if any):

“(e) Whether the vehicle’s distance recorder records in miles or kilometres.

“(6) In the case of an application where the holder has previously held a distance licence in respect of the vehicle, the application shall contain the maximum reading specified on the last distance licence held in respect of that vehicle.

“(7) Every person and every body corporate shall be entitled to hold a licence for a motor vehicle, except the following:

“(a) An undischarged bankrupt, where the application relates to a vehicle used in trade or business:

“(b) A body corporate in receivership, where the application is made by or on behalf of a person other than the receiver.”

**5. Hubodometers**—(1) The principal regulations are hereby amended by revoking regulation 6, and substituting the following regulation:

“6. (1) Every motor vehicle to which section 5 of the Act applies and whose gross laden weight is more than 3.5 tonnes shall be fitted with a hubodometer at all times.

“(2) Every motor vehicle to which section 5 of the Act applies and whose gross laden weight is 3.5 tonnes or less shall at all times be fitted with another kind of distance recorder that records accurately the distance travelled.

“(3) Except as provided in subclause (4) of this regulation, every hubodometer (other than an electronic hubodometer) fitted to a motor vehicle for the purposes of this regulation shall be affixed by a rigid bracket to a non-lifting axle or wheel on the left-hand side (or the right-hand side, in any case where the Secretary has given written notice to the effect that he or she considers that it is impracticable to affix a hubodometer to the left-hand side) of the motor vehicle in such a manner that—

“(a) It accurately records the distance travelled by the vehicle; and

“(b) Its face, unique serial number, and the distance travelled are readable from outside the vehicle; and

“(c) Its axis of rotation is central and parallel to the axis of rotation of the axle or wheel to which it is affixed; and

“(d) It is not readily detachable from the axle or wheel to which it is affixed without the use of any tool.

Where an adjustable bracket is used to affix a hubodometer to an axle or wheel, the bracket shall be welded, riveted, or otherwise modified to ensure that, once so affixed, the hubodometer's position cannot be altered.

“(4) Where the Secretary considers that it is impracticable to fit a hubodometer to a non-lifting axle or wheel, the Secretary may approve the fitting of the hubodometer to a lifting axle or wheel; and, in that case, the hubodometer shall be fitted in the manner specified by the Secretary and shall comply in all other respects with subclause (3) of this regulation.

“(5) Every electronic hubodometer fitted to a motor vehicle for the purposes of this regulation shall be affixed to the motor vehicle in such a manner that—

“(a) It accurately records the distance travelled by a vehicle; and

“(b) Its wheel revolution detector is affixed by a rigid bracket in such a manner that it accurately records the revolutions of a non-lifting wheel of the vehicle; and

“(c) The face of the distance recording unit thereof, its unique serial number, and the distance travelled are readable from outside the left-hand side of the vehicle; and

“(d) All cables and fittings of the hubodometer are easily visible without dismantling any part of the vehicle; and

“(e) It cannot be switched off or temporarily disconnected from within the vehicle; and

“(f) Where its functioning is dependent upon internal re-chargeable batteries, it is connected to a power supply that continuously re-charges the batteries whenever the vehicle is moving.

Where an adjustable bracket is used to affix a wheel revolution detector to a vehicle, the bracket shall be welded, riveted, or otherwise modified to ensure that, once so affixed, the detector's position cannot be altered.

“(6) Notwithstanding subclauses (1) and (2) of this regulation, a motor vehicle need not be fitted with a hubodometer if—

“(a) The Secretary has given written notice to the effect that he or she considers that because of the construction of the vehicle it is impracticable to affix a hubodometer to the vehicle in accordance with subclause (3) or subclause (4) or subclause (5) of this regulation; and

“(b) The vehicle is fitted with another kind of distance recorder that has been sealed to the satisfaction of an automotive surveyor and records accurately the distance travelled.”

(2) The following regulations are hereby consequentially revoked:

(a) Regulation 4 of the Road User Charges Regulations 1978, Amendment No. 1:

(b) The Road User Charges Regulations 1978, Amendment No. 6.

**6. Endorsement of supplementary licences with overweight permit details**—Regulation 7 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking subclause (1).

**7. Fees**—The principal regulations are hereby amended by inserting, after regulation 7, the following regulation:

“7A. (1) A fee of \$9.50 shall be payable in respect of a first application for the issue of a road user charges card.

“(2) An annual fee of \$9.50 shall be payable by the user of a road user charges card.

“(3) A fee of \$3.60 shall be payable in respect of the application for the issue of a road user charges licence that is made by telephone or facsimile.

“(4) The fees prescribed by this regulation are inclusive of goods and services tax under the Goods and Services Tax Act 1985.”

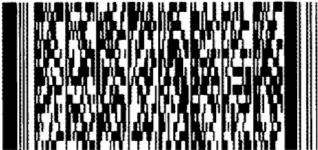
**8. New Schedule substituted**—The principal regulations are hereby amended by revoking the Schedule, and substituting the Schedule set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

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SCHEDULE  
NEW SCHEDULE SUBSTITUTED IN PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS  
"SCHEDULE  
FORM OF LICENCES  
Form No. 1

Reg. 8

Reg. 5

ROAD USER CHARGES	DISTANCE LICENCE
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TYPE NO 99	
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	SITE AA9999 HR:M:S DD/MM/YY

Form No. 2

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MARIE SHROFF,  
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 April 1993, amend the Road User Charges Regulations 1978 to align them with changes made to the Road User Charges Act 1977 by the Road User Charges Amendment Act 1993 that take effect on that day.

The principal changes are—

- (a) New regulation 4 sets out the information to be furnished with an application for a licence for a motor vehicle (formerly set out in section 8 of the Act);
- (b) Some new fees are prescribed in respect of applications and the road user charges card;
- (c) New forms of licences are prescribed.

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