



**THE TRANSPORT (CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP)  
REGULATIONS 1995**

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CATHERINE A. TIZARD, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington this 25th day of September 1995

Present:

HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to sections 20 (2) and 48 of the Transport (Vehicle and Driver Registration and Licensing) Act 1986, 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 Transport (Change of Ownership) Regulations 1995.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 30th day of October 1995.

**2. Interpretation**—In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“The Act” means the Transport (Vehicle and Driver Registration and Licensing) Act 1986:

“Dealer” means a motor vehicle dealer licensed under the Motor Vehicle Dealers Act 1975:

“Register” means a register kept under section 18 of the Act.

**3. Obligations of person who acquires ownership of motor vehicle**—Every person who acquires ownership of a registered motor vehicle shall, within 7 days after the date of the acquisition of the motor vehicle, supply to the Registrar—

- (a) The appropriate prescribed fee; and
- (b) A notice of change of ownership containing the particulars required by section 22 of this Act and completed to the satisfaction of the Registrar; and
- (c) The certificate of registration of the motor vehicle, unless production of it has been waived by the Registrar; and
- (d) Evidence of the identity of the person to be registered as the new owner of the motor vehicle showing, to the satisfaction of the Registrar, that the person is qualified under section 22 (3) of the Act to be the registered owner; and
- (e) Such other information or documents as the Registrar may require under section 22 (2) of the Act.

**4. Registration of change of ownership**—On payment of the prescribed fee and receipt of the documents and evidence referred to in regulation 3 of these regulations, the Registrar shall—

- (a) Endorse on the appropriate register the name and address of the new registered owner of the motor vehicle; and
- (b) If so requested, immediately issue an acknowledgment of change in the registered ownership of the motor vehicle; and
- (c) Issue a new certificate of registration endorsed with the particulars of the change in registered ownership and forward that new certificate to the new registered owner.

**5. Correction of register**—The Registrar, on application by any party to the sale or disposition of a registered motor vehicle or on the Registrar's own motion, may correct any entry in the appropriate register relating to the sale or other disposition of the vehicle if he or she is satisfied that the action is necessary to correct an error.

**6. Forms**—The Registrar may provide forms for the purposes of section 20 (1) of the Act.

**7. Fees**—(1) Where, under regulation 4 of these regulations, the Registrar endorses on the appropriate register particulars of the change in the ownership of a motor vehicle, the fee payable under section 25 of the Act for the endorsement shall be \$9.20.

(2) The fee prescribed by subclause (1) of this regulation shall be payable by the person who acquires ownership of the registered motor vehicle.

(3) The Registrar may discount the fee prescribed by subclause (1) of this regulation where the person liable to pay the fee is a dealer.

(4) The fee prescribed by subclause (1) of this regulation is inclusive of any goods and services tax payable under the Goods and Services Tax Act 1985.

MARIE SHROFF,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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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 30 October 1995, set out requirements to be followed when there is a change in the ownership of a registered motor vehicle.

*Regulation 2* defines certain terms used in the regulations.

*Regulation 3* sets out the particulars and documents that a person who acquires ownership of a motor vehicle must supply to the Registrar.

*Regulation 4* sets out the steps to be taken by the Registrar to complete registration of a change of ownership of a registered motor vehicle.

*Regulation 5* provides for correction of errors in entries in the register.

*Regulation 6* provides that the Registrar may provide forms for the purposes of section 20 (1) of the Act.

*Regulation 7* prescribes the fee payable for registration of a change of ownership of a registered motor vehicle. The fee, which is payable by the person acquiring ownership of the registered motor vehicle, shall be \$9.20. The Registrar may discount the prescribed fee where the person liable to pay it is a licensed motor vehicle dealer.

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