



New South Wales

Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Amendment (Release of Information) Regulation 2014

under the

Road Transport Act 2013

His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Road Transport Act 2013*.

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Explanatory note

The objects of this Regulation are as follows:

- (a) to extend the release of vehicle registration information to Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurers to include the release of information before the point-of-sale of third-party insurance,
- (b) to confirm that Roads and Maritime Services is authorised to release vehicle registration information through its services known as the “Free registration check report”, the “NSW Rego App” and the “Vehicle history report”,
- (c) to confirm that Roads and Maritime Services may verify concession entitlement claims with Centrelink,
- (d) to permit the automatic renewal of registration of vehicles where the registered operator is an eligible pensioner and there is a zero renewal payment.

This Regulation is made under the *Road Transport Act 2013*, including sections 23 (the general statutory rule-making power), 24 and 64 (3) and Schedule 1.

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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Amendment (Release of Information) Regulation 2014*.

2 Commencement

This Regulation commences on the day on which it is published on the NSW legislation website.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2007

[1] Part 2, Division 3A

Insert after clause 14:

Division 3A Release of information by Authority

[2] Clauses 14D–14F

Insert after clause 14C:

14D Release of information in Register to CTP insurers

- (1) The Authority may enter into an agreement with a CTP insurer (a *CTP insurer registration information disclosure agreement*) that provides for the release to the CTP insurer of the relevant information about a registrable vehicle in connection with the issue by that CTP insurer of a third-party policy in respect of the vehicle (including the provision of a quote for the issue of such a policy).
- (2) The Authority is authorised to release relevant information in accordance with a CTP insurer registration information disclosure agreement.
- (3) A CTP insurer registration information disclosure agreement may provide for the payment of fees by a CTP insurer to the Authority in connection with the agreement, including fees for the release of relevant information in accordance with the agreement.

- (4) In this clause:

CTP insurer means a licensed insurer under the *Motor Accidents Compensation Act 1999*.

relevant information, with respect to a registered vehicle, means the following information:

- (a) any information recorded on the Register,
- (b) the date of birth of any registered operator or proposed registered operator of the vehicle.

third-party policy means a third-party policy of insurance as defined under the *Motor Accidents Compensation Act 1999*.

14E Release of information for searches

- (1) The Authority is authorised to release vehicle information as part of the operation of a service that allows any person to conduct a search of information about the registration of a motor vehicle, whether or not for payment, including, but not limited to:
 - (a) the online service known as “Free registration check report” provided by the Authority,
 - (b) the computer program designed to run on a smartphone or other mobile device known as the “NSW Rego App”,
 - (c) the online service known as the “Vehicle history report” provided by the Authority.

- (2) In this clause:

CTP insurer means a licensed insurer under the *Motor Accidents Compensation Act 1999*.

vehicle information, with respect to a registrable vehicle, means the following information:

- (a) the plate number of the vehicle,
- (b) the month and year of manufacture of the vehicle,
- (c) the colour of the vehicle,
- (d) the make and model of the vehicle,
- (e) the variant of the vehicle,
- (f) the shape of the vehicle,
- (g) the last 4 characters of the vehicle identification number or chassis number of the vehicle,
- (h) the tare weight of the vehicle,
- (i) the gross vehicle mass of the vehicle,
- (j) the registration status of the vehicle (that is, whether it is current, cancelled or suspended),
- (k) the date on which the registration of the vehicle will expire,
- (l) whether a registration concession applies to the vehicle,
- (m) whether a registration restriction applies to the vehicle,
- (n) the date of first registration of the vehicle in New South Wales,
- (o) the written-off vehicle status of the vehicle,
- (p) the stolen vehicle status of the vehicle,
- (q) the odometer reading of the vehicle,
- (r) the number of current and previous New South Wales registered operators of the vehicle,
- (s) the registration usage history, including the usage type and period of use of the vehicle,
- (t) the last 4 characters of the engine number of the vehicle,
- (u) the third-party policy of insurance (as defined under the *Motor Accidents Compensation Act 1999*) applying to the vehicle and its end date,
- (v) the name of the CTP insurer of the vehicle,
- (w) the code of the CTP insurer of the vehicle.

14F Release of information in Register to Centrelink to verify concession entitlements

- (1) The Authority is authorised to release to Centrelink the relevant details of the registered operator of a registrable vehicle, or a person who has applied to be the registered operator of a registrable vehicle, for the purposes only of verifying whether or not the registered operator or proposed registered operator is eligible for a concession.

- (2) In this clause:

Centrelink includes any Commonwealth body that takes over the function of Centrelink.

relevant details of a person means the following details:

- (a) the person's name,
- (b) the person's date of birth,

- (c) the customer reference number assigned to the person by Centrelink or the Commonwealth Department of Veterans' Affairs.

[3] Clause 30 Renewal of registration

Insert after clause 30 (1):

- (1A) However, the Authority may renew the registration of a vehicle if the registered operator is an eligible pensioner (who is not liable to pay any registration charge in relation to the vehicle), without the need for any application.