



New South Wales

Road Transport (Heavy Vehicles Registration Charges) Regulation 2001

under the

Road Transport (Heavy Vehicles Registration Charges) Act 1995

Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Road Transport (Heavy Vehicles Registration Charges) Act 1995*.

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Explanatory note

The object of this Regulation is to replace, without substantial amendment, the *Road Transport (Heavy Vehicles Registration Charges) Regulation 1996*. That Regulation will be repealed on 1 September 2001 under section 10 (2) of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1989*.

This Regulation deals with the following matters for the purposes of the *Road Transport (Heavy Vehicles Registration Charges) Act 1995*:

- (a) declaring certain vehicles not to be special purpose vehicles,
- (b) declaring certain vehicles to be special purpose vehicles,
- (c) axle load limits,
- (d) prescribing the method for calculating an amount to be used in a formula specified in that Act to determine the charge for the grant of a permit to operate vehicles with certain loads,
- (e) the calculation of a refund of registration and permit charges on cancellation of registration,
- (f) matters of a machinery nature.

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Explanatory note

This Regulation is made under the *Road Transport (Heavy Vehicles Registration Charges) Act 1995*, including section 17 (Authority to determine charges), section 22 (Refund of charges on cancellation of registration or permit), section 38 (the general regulation-making power), the definitions of *special purpose vehicle*, *special purpose vehicle (type o)* and *special purpose vehicle (type t)* in Part 1 of Schedule 1, and Part 3 of Schedule 1.

This Regulation comprises or relates to matters arising under legislation that is substantially uniform or complementary with legislation of the Commonwealth or another State or Territory.

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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Road Transport (Heavy Vehicles Registration Charges) Regulation 2001*.

2 Commencement

This Regulation commences on 1 September 2001.

Note. This Regulation replaces the *Road Transport (Heavy Vehicles Registration Charges) Regulation 1996* which is repealed on 1 September 2001 under section 10 (2) of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1989*.

3 Definitions

In this Regulation:

the Act means the *Road Transport (Heavy Vehicles Registration Charges) Act 1995*.

4 Notes

The explanatory note, table of contents and notes in the text of this Regulation do not form part of this Regulation.

5 Vehicles declared not to be special purpose vehicles

For the purposes of paragraph (a) of the definition of *special purpose vehicle* in Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act, each of the following vehicles is declared not to be a special purpose vehicle:

- (a) a caravan,
- (b) a mobile home,
- (c) a mobile library,
- (d) a mobile workshop,
- (e) a mobile laboratory,
- (f) a mobile billboard.

6 Vehicles declared to be special purpose vehicles

For the purposes of paragraph (b) of the definition of *special purpose vehicle* in Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act, each of the following vehicles is declared to be a special purpose vehicle:

- (a) a forklift,
- (b) a straddle carrier,
- (c) a mobile cherry picker,
- (d) a mobile crane.

7 Axle load limits for special purpose vehicles

For the purposes of the definitions of *special purpose vehicle (type o)* and *special purpose vehicle (type t)* in Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act, the load limit for an axle or axle group specified in Column 1 of Schedule 1 to this Regulation is that specified in Column 2 opposite that axle or axle group.

8 Calculation of “N” for the purposes of Part 3 of Schedule 1 to the Act

- (1) For the purposes of the formula set out in Part 3 of Schedule 1 to the Act, the number *N*, in relation to a vehicle or a combination of vehicles that includes one or more trailers, is the sum of the equivalent standard axles for each of the rows of tyres across the trailer or trailers.
- (2) For the purposes of subclause (1):
 - (a) the number of equivalent standard axles per row of 8 tyres across a trailer with an average load per row (tonnes) specified in Column 1 of Table A in Schedule 2 is that specified in Column 2 opposite that average load per row (tonnes), and
 - (b) the number of equivalent standard axles per row of 4 tyres across a trailer with an average load per row (tonnes) specified in Column 1 of Table B in Schedule 2 is that specified in Column 2 opposite that average load per row (tonnes).
- (3) For the purposes of subclause (2) and Schedule 2, the average load per row (tonnes) of tyres across a trailer is to be determined using the following formula:

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$$\frac{C}{B}$$

where:

C is the loaded mass (in tonnes) of the trailer, and

B is the number of rows of tyres across the trailer.

9 Calculation of refund of registration and permit charges on cancellation of registration

(1) For the purposes of section 22 (3) (b) of the Act, a refund of a registration charge or permit charge is to be calculated in accordance with this clause.

(2) A refund is to be calculated using the formula:

$$\left(\frac{\text{number of days} \times \text{charge}}{365} \right) - \text{fee}$$

where:

charge means the registration charge or permit charge paid under the Act.

fee means any unpaid fees payable under the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Act 1997* or the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 1998* (including any unpaid fee for the cancellation of the registration).

number of days means the number of unexpired days of the registration period or permit of the vehicle concerned, from the date on which the Authority cancels the registration of the vehicle or the permit.

(3) If an amount of refund determined in accordance with subclause (2) would comprise an amount that is not a whole number of dollars, the amount of refund is to be adjusted downwards to the next whole number of dollars.

10 Saving

Any act, matter or thing that had effect under the *Road Transport (Heavy Vehicles Registration Charges) Regulation 1996* immediately before the repeal of that Regulation is taken to have effect under this Regulation.

Schedule 1 Axle load limits

(Clause 7)

Column 1	Column 2
Type of axle or axle group	Axle load limit (tonnes)
Single axle	
(a) 2 tyres	6.0
(b) 2 wide profile tyres:	
(i) 375 mm to 450 mm	6.7
(ii) over 450 mm	7.0
(c) 4 or more tyres:	
(i) on pig trailers	8.5
(ii) on other trailers	9.0
Twin steer axle groups (2 consecutive axles connected to the same steering mechanism)	
(a) non-load sharing suspensions	10.0
(b) load sharing suspensions	11.0
Tandem axle groups (2 consecutive axles connected by a load sharing suspension)	
(a) 4 tyres	11.0
(b) 4 wide profile tyres:	
(i) 375 mm to 450 mm	13.3
(ii) over 450 mm	14.0
(c) 6 tyres	13.0
(d) 8 or more tyres:	
(i) on pig trailers	15.0
(ii) on other vehicles	16.5

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Column 1	Column 2
Type of axle or axle group	Axle load limit (tonnes)
Tri-axle groups (3 consecutive axles connected by a load sharing suspension)	
(a) 6, 8 or 10 tyres	15.0
(b) 6 wide profile tyres (375 mm or over):	
(i) on pig trailers	18.0
(ii) on other vehicles	20.0
(c) 12 or more tyres:	
(i) on pig trailers	18.0
(ii) on other vehicles	20.0

Schedule 2 Equivalent standard axles for rows of tyres across trailers

(Clause 8)

Table A Trailers with rows of 8 tyres

Column 1	Column 2
Average load per row (tonnes)	Equivalent standard axles per row
10 or more but less than 11	0.4
11 or more but less than 12	0.6
12 or more but less than 13	0.9
13 or more but less than 14	1.2
14 or more but less than 15	1.7
15 or more but less than 16	2.2
16 or more but less than 17	2.8
17 or more but less than 18	3.6
18 or more but less than 19	4.6
19 or more but less than 20	5.7
20 or more but less than 21	6.9
21 or more but less than 22	8.4
22 or more but less than 23	10.2
23 or more but less than 24	12.1
24 or more	14.4

Table B Trailers with rows of 4 tyres

Column 1	Column 2
Average load per row (tonnes)	Equivalent standard axles per row
5 or more but less than 6	0.1
6 or more but less than 7	0.3
7 or more but less than 8	0.5
8 or more but less than 9	0.9
9 or more but less than 10	1.5
10 or more but less than 11	2.2
11 or more but less than 12	3.2

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Column 1	Column 2
Average load per row (tonnes)	Equivalent standard axles per row
12 or more	4.6

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