



New South Wales

Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Amendment (Auxiliary Number-plates) Regulation 2015

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 object of this Regulation is to make further provision with respect to the issuing and display of auxiliary number-plates.

This Regulation is made under the *Road Transport Act 2013*, including sections 23 (the general regulation-making power) and 195.

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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Amendment (Auxiliary Number-plates) Regulation 2015*.

2 Commencement

This Regulation commences on 1 December 2015 and is required to be published on the NSW legislation website.

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

[1] Clause 21 Auxiliary number-plates

Omit clause 21 (1). Insert instead:

- (1) The Authority may, on the payment of any applicable fee, issue a number-plate (referred to in this Regulation as an *auxiliary number-plate*) for a motor vehicle in addition to the vehicle number-plates.

[2] Clause 21 (2)

Omit “registrable vehicle on which it is to be used”.

Insert instead “motor vehicle for which it is issued”.

[3] Clause 21 (3)

Omit “use on”.

[4] Clause 21 (5) and (6)

Omit the subclauses.

[5] Clause 21A

Insert after clause 21:

21A Display of auxiliary number-plates

- (1) An auxiliary number-plate must not be displayed unless the rear number-plate of the motor vehicle for which it is issued is obscured by:
- (a) an apparatus attached to the motor vehicle for use in transporting a bicycle, personal mobility device or motor bike, or
 - (b) a trailer or caravan being towed by the motor vehicle, but only if the number-plate of the trailer or caravan is obstructed by an apparatus attached to the trailer or caravan for use in transporting a bicycle or personal mobility device, or
 - (c) an implement, a vehicle exempted from registration or an unregistered registrable vehicle being towed by the motor vehicle, or
 - (d) a trailer being towed by the motor vehicle for the conveyance of a boat, but only if the number-plate of the trailer is obscured by the boat.
- (2) A vehicle displaying an auxiliary number-plate between the hours of sunset and sunrise must be fitted with a light for the auxiliary number-plate that complies, as far as is practicable, with clause 99 of Schedule 2 as if the auxiliary number-plate were a number-plate on the rear of the vehicle.
- (3) If an auxiliary number-plate is displayed in contravention of subclause (1) or does not have a light fitted in accordance with subclause (2):
- (a) the driver, and
 - (b) the registered operator (other than the driver) of the motor vehicle, but only if it is proved that the operator caused, permitted, allowed or failed to take reasonable precautions to prevent the contravention,
- are each guilty of an offence.
Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

[6] Schedule 2 Vehicle standards

Omit clause 61 (2) (c) from Schedule 2. Insert instead:

- (c) the numbers on the number-plate are clearly visible from any point that is:
 - (i) up to 20 metres from the number-plate, and
 - (ii) within an arc of 45 degrees from the surface of the number-plate above or to either side of the vehicle, as shown in figures 1 and 2 of diagram 1 (in relation to heavy vehicles) and figures 1 and 2 of diagram 2 (in relation to light vehicles), and

[7] Schedule 2, clause 61

Insert after clause 61 (4):

- (5) Subclause (2) (a) and (b) do not apply to the rear vehicle number-plate of a motor vehicle if an auxiliary number-plate issued for the motor vehicle is displayed, in accordance with this Regulation, at the rear of the vehicle in a manner that complies (as far as is practicable) with subclause (2) (a) and (b).
Note. Clause 21A (1) of this Regulation sets out the circumstances in which an auxiliary number-plate may be displayed.

Schedule 2 Amendment of Road Transport (General) Regulation 2013

Schedule 5 Penalty notice offences

Insert “Clause 21A (3);” before “Clause 22 (5)” in Column 1 of the matter relating to the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2007*.