



New South Wales

# Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Amendment (Auxiliary Number-plates) Regulation 2016

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 amend the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2007* to apply certain vehicle standards relating to the display and illumination of number-plates to the display and illumination of auxiliary number-plates and to make other miscellaneous amendments.

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

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### **1 Name of Regulation**

This Regulation is the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Amendment (Auxiliary Number-plates) Regulation 2016*.

### **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] Clause 14E Release of information for searches**

Omit “the plate number” from paragraph (a) of the definition of *vehicle information* in clause 14E (2).

Insert instead “the registration number”.

**[2] Clause 17 Definition**

Omit the definitions of *number*, *number-plate* and *vehicle number-plate*.

**[3] Clause 21 Auxiliary number-plates**

Omit clause 21 (1) and (2). Insert instead:

- (1) The Authority may, on the payment of the applicable fee, issue an *auxiliary number-plate* (in addition to any vehicle number-plates) bearing the registration number assigned to the motor vehicle for which it is issued.

**Note.** Clause 19 requires the Authority to assign a distinguishing registration number to any motor vehicle that is registered (conditionally or otherwise) by the Authority. See clause 13 for conditional registration.

**[4] Clause 21A Display of auxiliary number-plates**

Omit clause 21A (2) and (3).

**[5] Clause 33 Obligations of disposers: application for transfer of registration and notification to Authority**

Omit clause 33 (2) (c). Insert instead:

- (c) the registration number of the vehicle.

**[6] Clause 36 Registration of the transfer of vehicles and functions of the Authority**

Omit “the distinguishing number of the registration” from clause 36 (2) (a).

Insert instead “the registration number”.

**[7] Clause 43 Issue of unregistered vehicle permits**

Omit clause 43 (1).

**[8] Clause 85 Number-plate and registration certificate and label offences**

Insert at the end of clause 85 (2) (b) (ii):

, or

- (c) an auxiliary number-plate otherwise than in accordance with clause 21A.

**[9] Schedule 2 Vehicle standards**

Omit clauses 60 (1) and 61 (1).

**[10] Schedule 2, clause 61 (4) (b)**

Omit “so far as practicable”. Insert instead “so far as is practicable”.

**[11] Schedule 2, clause 61 (5) and (6)**

Omit clause 61 (5). Insert instead:

- (5) Subclause (2) (b) and (c) 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 clause 21A, at the rear of the vehicle in a manner that complies (as far as is practicable) with subclause (2) (a)–(d).

**Note.** Clause 21A (1) of this Regulation sets out the circumstances in which an auxiliary number-plate may be displayed.

- (6) This clause does not apply to a tow truck that is displaying a number-plate in accordance with clause 47 of the *Tow Truck Industry Regulation 2008*.

**Note.** If the number-plate of a tow truck is likely to be obscured by a motor vehicle that is to be towed by the tow truck, clause 47 of the *Tow Truck Industry Regulation 2008* requires that the driver of the tow truck display the number-plate at the rear of the towed vehicle or in such other manner that the number-plate remains clearly visible.

**[12] Schedule 2, clause 99 (2)**

Omit “(other than an auxiliary number-plate)” from clause 99 (2).

**[13] Schedule 2, clause 99 (4)**

Insert after clause 99 (3):

- (4) Subclauses (2) and (3) apply to a number-plate light used to illuminate an auxiliary number-plate issued in respect of a vehicle as if the auxiliary number-plate were a number-plate on the rear of the vehicle.

**[14] Dictionary**

Insert in alphabetical order:

***number*** includes a letter of the alphabet.

***number-plate*** means a number-plate issued under this Regulation.

***vehicle number-plate*** means a number-plate other than an auxiliary number-plate.