

Heavy Vehicle Charges Amendment (Annual Registration Charges) Model Law 2023

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1 Name of Model Law

This Model Law is the *Heavy Vehicle Charges Amendment (Annual Registration Charges) Model Law 2023*.

2 Commencement

This Model Law commences on 1 July 2023.

3 Amendment of Model Law

The *Heavy Vehicle Charges Model Law* is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Heavy Vehicle Charges Model Law

[1] Section 2

Omit the section. Insert instead—

2 Purpose

The purpose of this Model Law is to set—

- (a) the annual registration charges and permit fees that are to apply to various heavy road transport vehicles from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, and
- (b) the road component of the annual registration charges for the following financial year periods—
 - (i) from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025,
 - (ii) from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

Note. It is intended that this Model Law operates from 1 July 2023 instead of previous model provisions.

[2] Section 4

Omit the section. Insert instead—

4 Annual registration charge for 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 and road component for 2024–2025 and 2025–2026

- (1) The annual registration charge for a vehicle to which this Model Law applies for the 2023–2024 financial year is the sum of the relevant amounts set out in Tables 1a and 2 for the vehicle.

Note. The annual registration charge for a vehicle is made up of 2 separate components: a road component, which is designed to recover expenditure relating to roads that can be attributed to the use of heavy vehicles either generally or particularly; and a regulatory component, which is designed to recover expenditure related to the regulation of heavy vehicles. It is the intention of the Council that the regulatory component will be paid to the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator, subject to offsets where jurisdictions provide regulatory services under service level agreements.

For example, for the financial year period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, the annual registration charge for a truck (type 1) with 2 axles is \$653, which is the sum of \$459 shown in Table 1a for that type of truck and \$194 shown in Table 2 for that type of truck.

- (2) The road component of the annual registration charges is—
 - (a) for the financial year period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025—the amount set out in Table 1b for the vehicle, and
 - (b) for the financial year period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026—the amount set out in Table 1c for the vehicle.

Table 1a

Road component of annual registration charges

1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024

Division 1—Load carrying vehicles

Vehicle type	2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 or more axles
Trucks				
Truck (type 1)	\$459	\$815	\$815	\$815
Truck (type 2)	\$815	\$925	\$925	\$925

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Table 1a
Road component of annual registration charges
1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024

Short combination truck	\$815	\$925	\$1,886	\$1,886
Medium combination truck	\$10,083	\$10,083	\$10,890	\$10,890
Long combination truck	\$13,939	\$13,939	\$13,939	\$13,939
Prime movers				
Short combination prime mover	\$801	\$4,572	\$4,915	\$4,915
Multi-combination prime mover	\$11,598	\$11,598	\$12,758	\$12,758

Division 2—Load carrying trailers

Trailer type	Charge per axle			
	Single axle	Tandem axle group	Tri-axle group	Quad-axle group and above
Pig trailer	\$681	\$681	\$681	\$681
Dog trailer	\$681	\$681	\$681	\$681
Semi trailer	\$681	\$866	\$615	\$462
B-double lead trailer and B-triple lead and middle trailers	\$681	\$866	\$615	\$462
Converter dolly or low loader dolly	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Note. All axles on a dog trailer are treated as part of one group for registration charging purposes. For example, a dog trailer with a single axle at the front and a tandem axle at the rear is treated as a tri-axle group for registration charging purposes.

Division 3—Buses

Bus type	2 axles	3 axles	4 or more axles
Bus (type 1)	\$344		
Bus (type 2)	\$350	\$2,559	\$2,559
Articulated bus		\$350	\$350

Division 4—Special purpose vehicles

Vehicle type	
Special purpose vehicle (type P)	No charge
Special purpose vehicle (type T)	\$334
Special purpose vehicle (type O)	Calculated using the formula: \$417 + (\$417 x number of axles over 2)

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Table 1b
Road component of annual registration charges
1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025

Division 1—Load carrying vehicles

Vehicle type	2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 or more axles
Trucks				
Truck (type 1)	\$485	\$876	\$876	\$876
Truck (type 2)	\$876	\$994	\$994	\$994
Short combination truck	\$876	\$994	\$1,993	\$1,993
Medium combination truck	\$10,839	\$10,839	\$11,707	\$11,707
Long combination truck	\$14,985	\$14,985	\$14,985	\$14,985
Prime movers				
Short combination prime mover	\$847	\$4,831	\$5,193	\$5,193
Multi-combination prime mover	\$12,255	\$12,255	\$13,481	\$13,481

Division 2—Load carrying trailers

Trailer type	Charge per axle			
	Single axle	Tandem axle group	Tri-axle group	Quad-axle group and above
Pig trailer	\$720	\$720	\$720	\$720
Dog trailer	\$720	\$720	\$720	\$720
Semi trailer	\$720	\$915	\$650	\$488
B-double lead trailer and B-triple lead and middle trailers	\$720	\$915	\$650	\$488
Converter dolly or low loader dolly	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Note. All axles on a dog trailer are treated as part of one group for registration charging purposes. For example, a dog trailer with a single axle at the front and a tandem axle at the rear is treated as a tri-axle group for registration charging purposes.

Division 3—Buses

Bus type	2 axles	3 axles	4 or more axles
Bus (type 1)	\$363		
Bus (type 2)	\$376	\$2,751	\$2,751
Articulated bus		\$376	\$376

Division 4—Special purpose vehicles

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Vehicle type	
Special purpose vehicle (type P)	No charge
Special purpose vehicle (type T)	\$353
Special purpose vehicle (type O)	Calculated using the formula: \$441 + (\$441 x number of axles over 2)

Table 1c
Road component of annual registration charges
1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026

Division 1—Load carrying vehicles

Vehicle type	2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 or more axles
Trucks				
Truck (type 1)	\$512	\$942	\$942	\$942
Truck (type 2)	\$942	\$1,069	\$1,069	\$1,069
Short combination truck	\$942	\$1,069	\$2,106	\$2,106
Medium combination truck	\$11,652	\$11,652	\$12,585	\$12,585
Long combination truck	\$16,109	\$16,109	\$16,109	\$16,109
Prime movers				
Short combination prime mover	\$895	\$5,105	\$5,488	\$5,488
Multi-combination prime mover	\$12,950	\$12,950	\$14,245	\$14,245

Division 2—Load carrying trailers

Trailer type	Charge per axle			
	Single axle	Tandem axle group	Tri-axle group	Quad-axle group and above
Pig trailer	\$761	\$761	\$761	\$761
Dog trailer	\$761	\$761	\$761	\$761
Semi trailer	\$761	\$967	\$687	\$516
B-double lead trailer and B-triple lead and middle trailers	\$761	\$967	\$687	\$516
Converter dolly or low loader dolly	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Note. All axles on a dog trailer are treated as part of one group for registration charging purposes. For example, a dog trailer with a single axle at the front and a tandem axle at the rear is treated as a tri-axle group for registration charging purposes.

Division 3—Buses

Bus type	2 axles	3 axles	4 or more axles
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Bus (type 1)	\$384		
Bus (type 2)	\$404	\$2,957	\$2,957
Articulated bus		\$404	\$404

Division 4—Special purpose vehicles

Vehicle type

Special purpose vehicle (type P)			No charge
Special purpose vehicle (type T)			\$373
Special purpose vehicle (type O)		Calculated using the formula: \$466 + (\$466 x number of axles over 2)	

Table 2
Regulatory component of annual registration charges
1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024

Division 1—Load carrying vehicles

Vehicle type	2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 or more axles
Trucks				
Truck (type 1)	\$194	\$228	\$243	\$243
Truck (type 2)	\$253	\$323	\$343	\$343
Short combination truck	\$283	\$359	\$344	\$344
Medium combination truck	\$644	\$644	\$697	\$697
Long combination truck	\$890	\$890	\$890	\$890
Prime movers				
Short combination prime mover	\$401	\$401	\$401	\$401
Multi-combination prime mover	\$906	\$906	\$997	\$997

Division 2—Load carrying trailers

Trailer type	Charge per axle			
	Single axle	Tandem axle group	Tri-axle group	Quad-axle group and above
Pig trailer	\$55	\$28	\$18	\$14
Dog trailer	\$55	\$28	\$18	\$14
Semi trailer	\$55	\$28	\$18	\$14
B-double lead trailer and B-triple lead and middle trailers	\$55	\$28	\$18	\$14
Converter dolly or low loader dolly	\$55	\$28	\$18	\$14

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Division 3—Buses

Bus type	2 axles	3 axles	4 or more axles
Bus (type 1)	\$203		
Bus (type 2)	\$332	\$411	\$411
Articulated bus		\$329	\$329

Division 4—Special purpose vehicles

Vehicle type	
Special purpose vehicle (type P)	No charge
Special purpose vehicle (type T)	\$201
Special purpose vehicle (type O)	\$201

[3] Section 5, heading and (1)

Omit “30 June 2023” wherever occurring. Insert instead “30 June 2024”.

[4] Section 5(2)–(3)

Omit section 5(2)–(3). Insert instead—

- (2) The annual registration charge for a vehicle to which this Model Law applies for any financial year after 30 June 2024 (the *relevant financial year*) is to be calculated in accordance with subsections (2A)–(2C).
- (2A) The road component is—
- (a) if an amount is prescribed under section 4(2) for the financial year—the amount for the vehicle for the financial year period in the relevant financial year, or
- (b) otherwise—
- (i) the road component of the annual registration charge that was payable for the vehicle for the financial year immediately preceding the relevant financial year (the *road component of the previous annual registration charge*) is to be multiplied by the annual adjustment factor percentage determined under Schedule 1 for the relevant financial year, and
- (ii) the result is to be added to, or subtracted from (if the percentage is negative), the road component of the previous annual registration charge, and
- (iii) the result is to be rounded up or down to the nearest whole dollar amount (rounding an amount of 50 cents upwards), and
- (iv) the result is the road component of the annual registration charge for the vehicle for the relevant financial year.

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- (2B) The regulatory component of the annual registration charge for the vehicle is to be determined by reference to the most recent table published by the National Transport Commission.
- (2C) The amount determined under subsection (2A) as the road component is to be added to the regulatory component determined under subsection (2B) and the result is the annual registration charge for the vehicle for the relevant financial year.
- (3) In this section—
most recent table means the table published for the purpose of determining the regulatory component (whether published for the relevant financial year or for any other financial year) in the last annual report of the National Transport Commission that was tabled in each House of the Parliament of the Commonwealth before the start of the relevant financial year.

[5] Section 6, heading

Omit “30 June 2023”. Insert instead “30 June 2026”.

[6] Section 6(1)

Omit “The annual registration charges”.

Insert instead “For a financial year commencing after 30 June 2026, the annual registration charges”.

[7] Section 6(4)(a)

Omit “2023–2024”. Insert instead “2024–2025”.

[8] Schedule 2, clause 8

Omit “2023–2024” wherever occurring. Insert instead “2026–2027”.

[9] Schedule 2, clause 8

Omit “4,362.909264”. Insert instead “\$5,193.374713”.