

**Motor Car Act 1915.
REGULATIONS.**

At the Executive Council Chamber, Melbourne, the nineteenth day of March, 1918.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Governor of Victoria.	
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Baird
Mr. Wynne	Mr. McWhae
Mr. McPherson	Mr. Oman
Mr. Clarke	Mr. Kendall.

WHEREAS by section 15 of the *Motor Car Act 1915* (6 Geo. V. No. 2702) it is provided that the Governor in Council may make regulations with respect to any matters therein referred to: Now therefore His Excellency the Governor of the State of Victoria, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, doth hereby make the following Regulations, that is to say:—

REGULATIONS.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the "Motor Car Regulations 1918," and shall come into force upon the date of their publication in the *Government Gazette* on and from which date the Regulations made severally on the eighteenth day of February, 1910, and the tenth day of March, 1913, by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in Council as Deputy for His Excellency the then Governor and His Excellency the Governor in Council respectively shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

2. No person shall cause or permit a motor car to be used on any road, street, lane, highway or other public place or shall drive or have charge of a motor car when so used unless the conditions hereinafter set forth are satisfied, namely:—

(1) The motor car, if it exceeds in weight unladen five hundredweight, shall be capable of being so worked that it may travel either forwards or backwards.

(2) The motor car shall not exceed seven feet six inches in width, such width to be measured between its extreme projecting points. The registration of cars exceeding this width may be allowed on special conditions to be fixed by the Chief Commissioner of Police.

(3) The tire of each wheel of the motor car shall be of the width following:—

(a) If the weight of the car unladen exceeds fifteen hundredweight but does not exceed one ton, not less than two-and-a-half inches.

(b) If such weight exceeds one ton, but does not exceed two tons, not less than three inches.

(c) If such weight exceeds two tons, but does not exceed three tons, not less than four inches.

Provided that where a pneumatic tire, or other tire of a soft and elastic material, is used, the conditions hereinbefore set forth with respect to tires shall not apply.

(4) The motor car shall have two independent brakes in good working order and of such efficiency that the application of either to the motor car shall cause two of its wheels on the same axle to be so held that the wheels shall be effectually prevented from revolving or shall have the same effect in stopping the motor car as if such wheels were so held. Provided that in the case of a motor car having less than four wheels this condition shall apply as if, instead of two wheels on the same axle, one wheel was therein referred to. Such brakes must be so constructed as to be within the control of the driver of the motor car.

(5) The motor car and all the fittings thereof shall be in such a condition as not to cause, or to be likely to cause, danger to any person on the motor car or on any road or highway.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DRIVERS.

3. Every person driving or in charge of a motor car when used on any road, street, lane, highway or other public place shall comply with the Regulations hereinafter set forth, namely:—

(1) He shall not cause the motor car to travel backwards for a greater distance or time than may be requisite for the safety or convenience of the occupants of the motor car and of the passenger and other traffic on the road, street, lane, highway or other public place where such backward travelling is found necessary.

(2) He shall not, when on the motor car, be in such a position that he cannot have control over the same, or that he cannot obtain a full view of the road and traffic ahead of the motor car, nor quit the motor car without having taken due precautions against its being started in his absence, nor allow the motor car or a vehicle drawn thereby to stand on any street, road, lane, highway or other public place so as to cause any unnecessary obstruction thereof.

PASSING A TRAM CAR.

(3) (a) He shall when meeting any horse, cattle or vehicle (whether tram car or other vehicle) keep the motor car on the left or near side of the road and when passing any horse, cattle or vehicle (other than a tram car) proceeding in the same direction shall keep the motor car on the right or off side of the same.

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In passing a tram car proceeding in the same direction he shall keep the motor car on the left or near side of such tram car, as close to the kerb or gutter as is practicable. In this clause "tram car" means a vehicle running with flanged wheels on grooved rails laid in or about the middle of any street, road or thoroughfare.

CONTROL SPEED.

(b) The driver of any motor car, other than a motor car belonging to the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board which is proceeding to a fire call, overtaking any such tram car which is about to stop or is stationary for the purpose of allowing passengers to alight or for any other reason shall reduce the rate of motion of the motor to a speed so slow that he may be in a position to stop the car immediately in case of sudden danger, and shall not increase such speed until he has passed a reasonable distance beyond such tram car.

(4) He shall not negligently or wilfully prevent, hinder or interrupt the free passage of any person, vehicle, horse, or cattle on any road, street, lane, highway, or other public place, and shall keep the motor car, and any vehicle drawn thereby, on the left or near side of the road, for the purpose of allowing such passage.

(5) He shall, whenever necessary, by sounding the bell, horn, or other instrument required by section 13 of the *Motor Car Act 1915*, give audible and sufficient warning of the approach or position of the motor car.

THE CALL TO STOP.

(6) He shall, at the request, or signal by hand, of a constable in uniform, or at the request of any person having charge of a horse, cause the motor car to stop, and to remain stationary so long as may be reasonably necessary. Any person who, being in charge of a horse, shall, without good cause, request the stoppage of a motor car, shall be guilty of an offence.

4. Every motor car shall be so constructed as to enable the driver, when the motor car is stationary, otherwise than through an enforced stoppage owing to necessities of traffic, to stop the action of any machinery attached to or forming part of the motor car, as far as may be necessary for the prevention of noise. The driver shall, on every such occasion, make prompt and effective use of all such means as, in pursuance of this Regulation, are provided for the prevention of noise. This Regulation shall not apply so as to prevent the examination or working of the machinery attached to or forming part of a motor car where any such operation is rendered necessary by any failure or derangement of the said machinery.

LEAVING CAR ON THE ROADWAY.

5. No person driving a motor car shall leave such car on any street, road, lane, highway, or other public place, in such a position as to obstruct other vehicles or pedestrian traffic. This Regulation shall apply, even though the motor car be left in such a position that there is room for other vehicles to pass; but shall not apply in cases where such car is drawn up close to the kerb or edge of the roadway, and left for a reasonable time (having regard to the volume of traffic) without any person being in charge thereof.

THE NUMBER PLATES.

6. Each motor car not being a motor cycle registered under the *Motor Car Act 1915* shall have firmly fixed in a central position, both on the front and on the back or rear part of the body of such motor car, a metal or wooden plate rectangular in shape, painted black, and having the identifying number shown on the registration certificate of such motor car painted thereon in white figures. Instead of using a plate, it shall be permitted to paint the identifying number on the body of the car or upon the petrol tank, provided that the position selected for such identifying number shall be prominent.

7. Each figure on such place shall be $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches high. Every part of each figure must be at least five-eighths of an inch broad, and the total width of the space taken up by each figure must be $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches, except in the case of the figure 1.

The space between adjoining figures must be $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, and there must be a margin between the nearest part of any figure and the top and bottom of the plate of at least $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, and between the nearest part of any figure and the sides of the plate of at least 1 inch.

8. Every registered motor car being a motor cycle shall have fixed to the front and back thereof a plate at least 5 inches long by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, the front one having duplicate faces painted black, and the identifying number painted in white figures on each face.

The back plate shall be placed across the back of the cycle with the registered number shown thereon and may be so constructed as to have the light required by Regulation 9 behind such numbers and exhibiting them at night.

The size and spacing of the figures shall be in proportion to the size of the plate, relatively to that provided in the case of motor cars not being motor cycles.

LIGHTS.

9. Every registered motor car, not being a motor cycle, shall carry on the right or off side of such car a lamp showing a bright white light, visible within a reasonable distance, but not less than 200 yards, in the direction toward which the motor car is proceeding, and a lamp at rear showing a red light, visible at the same distance in the reverse direction.

CUT OUT DAZZLING RAYS.

The head lamp or lamps of every motor vehicle, or motor cycle, shall be fitted in such a manner, or with such lenses, glasses, device, or devices as to reasonably prevent dangerous, dazzling rays, capable of confusing any approaching pedestrian, cyclist, or motor cyclist, or driver of any motor car, motor lorry, or other vehicle being emitted or reflected.

It shall be deemed compliance with the provisions of this Regulation if the dimming of such lamps is effected by frosting the top half of lens, or by the use of any other effective contrivance approved by the Chief Commissioner of Police provided that the means adopted shall cause the uppermost rays of the main shaft of reflected light not to be elevated more than four feet above the surface of a level roadway at a point one hundred feet ahead of the lamp.

THE REAR LIGHT.

10. Each registered motor car and motor cycle shall carry a lamp showing a bright light at the rear of such motor car and cycle, firmly fixed in such a position that the light from such lamp shall fall upon the identifying number of the said motor car and cycle, and make such number clearly visible at a reasonable distance by night. The lamp must be so placed that its body will not obstruct the view of any person seeking to read the identifying number of the motor car either by night or day. The lamps of a motor cycle shall be so fixed as to illuminate and render easily distinguishable by night the identification plates fitted to such motor cycle.

In the event of the light being provided by electricity the switch controlling same shall be so placed that the light cannot be extinguished without stopping the motor car.

11. Lights as prescribed shall be carried on motor cars and motor cycles from half-an-hour after sunset until half-an-hour before sunrise when travelling or standing on any road, street, lane, highway or public place.

REGISTRATION.

12. An application to register a motor car shall be in the form, or to the effect of the form, contained in the First Schedule hereto.

13. The owner of a motor car desiring to register same shall present such car for inspection by the member of the Police Force in charge of any police station in the State of Victoria, and shall produce and deliver to the said member of the Police Force at the same time the Form of Application for Registration filled in in accordance with the requirements of Schedule II. of these Regulations.

14. The member of the Police Force by whom such motor car is inspected shall forward the application form, mentioned in the previous clause of these Regulations, to the Chief Commissioner of Police, indorsed with a statement showing whether the motor car inspected by him is correctly described in the said application form, and giving any other information which may be thought necessary or desirable.

HORSE-POWER—AND FEES.

15. When an application is made for the registration of any motor car, the statements contained in such application shall be compared with the table of rating as prescribed by the Royal Automobile Club (England), and if there appear any difference between the estimate of horse-power in such application and the estimate contained in the tables prescribed by the Royal Automobile Club (England) for the case of a car of similar make or build, the unit of horse-power given in such tables for such similar car shall be deemed to be the horse-power of the particular motor car in question. Provided that should any applicant be dissatisfied or not agree with the method of determining the horse-power as provided in this clause, he may elect to present his engine stripped to permit of measurement by a member of the Police Force.

16. For the purpose of any rate in the Second Schedule to the *Motor Car Act 1915* referred to, the unit of horse-power of any motor car to be registered or re-registered shall be calculated in accordance with the following formula:—

Bore of cylinder (squared) multiplied by number of cylinders divided by 2.5. (For Fees, see 1st Schedule, p. 16.)

TRANSFER—BY SALE AND PURCHASE.

17. Should the owner of any registered motor car sell or otherwise dispose of same, he shall, within forty-eight hours of such sale or other disposal, send, either by himself or by his agent, notice in writing to the Chief Commissioner of Police, and such notice shall contain the following particulars:—

1. Date of sale or other disposal.
2. Name of person to whom sold or otherwise conveyed.
3. Address of person to whom sold or conveyed.
4. Identifying number of such motor car.
5. Name and address of person required to send such notice.

The certificate of registration shall be forwarded with each notice for the purpose of having the transfer of registration indorsed thereon.

18. Where a registered motor car has passed into the possession, or become the property, of a person other than the registered owner of such motor car such person shall within forty-eight hours of obtaining possession of such motor car apply to the Chief Commissioner of Police to have the registration of same transferred to him.

19. A transfer of registration of a motor car may be granted by the Chief Commissioner of Police and the necessary alterations in the register and indorsement on the registration certificate made.

20. If the regulations as to the registration or change of ownership of any motor car are not complied with in due course the registration of such motor car shall thereupon become void for all purposes and such motor car shall until re-registered be deemed to be unregistered.

THE SILENCER.

21. Every registered motor car shall be fitted with an effective silencer for the purpose of preventing unreasonable noise from the machinery or engine of such motor car.

22. Every registered motor car when passing near churches or places of public worship on Sundays during the progress of divine service therein shall travel slowly and the driver of such motor car shall cause the same to travel with as little noise as possible. No bell, horn, or other instrument required under section 13 of the *Motor Car Act 1915* shall be used at such times and places, except when sudden danger arises.

APPLICATION FOR LICENCE.

23. Each applicant for a licence to drive a motor car or motor cycle shall furnish in writing to the Chief Commissioner of Police an application in the form or to the effect of the form contained in the Third Schedule hereto containing the following information:—

1. Name in full.
2. Residence (permanent).
3. Residence (temporary).
4. Name of present employer (if any).
5. Address of such employer.
6. Name or names of previous employer or employers.
7. Statement of period employed by each of such employers, giving dates.
8. Statement of full period during which applicant has been employed in driving a motor car or motor cycle either for himself or other persons.
9. Age of applicant, giving date of birth.
10. Birth-place of applicant.
11. Names and addresses of persons to whom personal reference may be had as to character and fitness of applicant.
12. In addition to the particulars before mentioned the applicant for a driver's licence shall furnish to the Chief Commissioner of Police any further information as to his character or fitness as a driver which may be required from him, and shall write his usual signature at the foot of his application and upon the certificate of licence when given to him.
13. Has applicant previously held a licence under the *Motor Car Act 1909*?—(This question need only be answered in 1911 and following years.) If so, has he been convicted of any offence since the granting of such licence?
14. Has applicant held a licence to drive a motor car or motor cycle in any country other than Victoria?

TEST AS TO COMPETENCY.

24. Before any licence to drive a motor car is granted, the Chief Commissioner of Police shall satisfy himself that the applicant for such licence is competent. For this purpose the Chief Commissioner of Police may require that such applicant shall submit himself to an examination and test by an expert driver, or a member of the Police Force, or may accept a certificate of the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria as sufficient proof of such applicant's competency.

ISSUE OF DUPLICATES.

25. Should a driver's licence, or a certificate of registration, be lost, or become defaced, the Chief Commissioner of Police may, on proof by statutory declaration or otherwise of such loss, or on production of a defaced licence or certificate of registration, issue a duplicate of such licence or certificate of registration, and the fee for such duplicate shall be One shilling.

RENEWALS.

26. Applicants for renewals of motor car registration or drivers' licences shall forward the expiring certificate of registration or licence to the Chief Commissioner of Police together with the prescribed fee.

INDORSEMENTS.

Any indorsements made on drivers' licences by any Court of Petty Sessions of convictions under the *Motor Car Act 1915* shall for a period of three years only be copied on to any renewal forms issued for the continuance of the licence.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

27. The owner of any registered motor car, cycle, or dealers' mark and any registered driver shall notify the Chief Commissioner of Police of any change of address within one week of such change.

THE SIDE-CAR.

28. When a trailer or carrier is attached to or connected with a motor car, such trailer or carrier shall have the identifying number of such motor car affixed to the back part of such trailer or carrier, and shall carry lights in accordance with provisions of Regulations numbered 9, 10, and 11.

THE VISITOR.

29. The driver of any motor car or cycle registered in another State of the Commonwealth bringing such car or cycle into Victoria shall call at the nearest police station practicable on reaching Victoria and furnish the information stated in the Fourth Schedule hereto and shall if the car or cycle be registered in such other State be supplied by the member of the Police Force receiving such information with a copy of same signed by such member of the Police Force which the driver shall produce to the police when required during his stay in Victoria.

30. The member of the Police Force who records particulars of any visiting motorist shall send a copy of such information to the Chief Commissioner of Police for reference and record.

31. The certificate of registration to be given to each owner of a motor car who has duly registered same in Victoria in accordance with the *Motor Car Act 1915* and the Regulations made thereunder by the Governor in Council, shall be in the form or to the effect of the form in the Second Schedule hereto.

REGISTRATION OF DEALER.

32. Every manufacturer of or dealer in motor cars shall apply to the Chief Commissioner of Police in the form provided in Schedule VI. of these Regulations for the assignment of a general identification mark to be used by him in accordance with the provisions of section 4 sub-section 4 (b) of the *Motor Car Act 1915*.

33. A plate bearing the letter A and a number shall be issued to any manufacturer of or dealer in motor cars as a general identification mark, on payment of the fee named in section 4 sub-section 4 (b) of the *Motor Car Act 1915*, together with a certificate in the form set forth in Schedule VII to these Regulations.

34. The licence to be given to the driver of a motor car in Victoria, as provided in section 6, sub-section (2) of the *Motor Car Act 1915*, shall be in the form, or to the effect of the form, provided in Schedule V. of these Regulations.

FOR CAREFUL ATTENTION.

35. The identifying mark on any registered motor car shall not, under any circumstances, be transferred to any other motor car, but if such identifying mark has been cancelled, for any reason, it may be re-assigned to any motor car.

SCHEDULE I.*Motor Car Act 1915.***FORM OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION BY OWNERS OF MOTOR CARS.**

To the Chief Commissioner of Police, Melbourne.

On behalf of _____ I beg to apply for registration
of _____ motor _____ particulars of which are given
below :—

Name of applicant _____
Address—
Residence _____
Postal _____
Description of motor car or cycle _____
Name of builder or manufacturer _____
Colour of body _____
Colour of wheels _____
Engine power _____
Number on engine _____
Number of cylinders _____
*Diameter of bore of cylinders _____
*Seating accommodation _____
Whether intended for—
Private use _____
Conveyance of burden _____
Public conveyance _____
+Weight of car or cycle—
tons. cwts. qrs. lbs.
Tonnage or weight carrying capacity—
tons. cwts. qrs. lbs.
Type of car _____
Dated at _____ the _____ day of _____ 19 _____
Signature _____

NOTES.—* Not required for cycles. † Weighbridge certificate must be produced in proof of weight of car (not required for cycles).

SCHEDULE II.*Motor Car Act 1915.***CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF MOTOR CAR.**

This is to certify that _____ of _____ is the registered owner of the motor car described hereunder, and that the identifying number of such car is _____. The car has been registered as of _____ horse-power, and a fee of _____ pounds _____ shillings has been paid for such registration up to the _____ 19 _____
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Chief Commissioner of Police.

Melbourne, _____ day of _____ 19 _____

NOTE.—This document must be produced upon applying for renewal or transfer, and the Chief Commissioner of Police notified of any change of address.

Description of Motor Car.

Name of builder or manufacturer of car _____
Colour of body of car _____
Colour of wheels _____
Engine power _____ Engine No. _____
Seating accommodation _____
Type of car _____

Section 4, sub-section (2) of Act No. 2702 provides that "The identifying number of each car shall be fixed and kept fixed on the car or on a vehicle drawn by the car or on both as may be prescribed."

*Motor Car Act 1915.***CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF MOTOR CYCLE.**

This is to certify that _____ of _____ is the registered owner of the motor cycle described hereunder, and that the identifying number of such motor cycle is _____

A fee of Five shillings has been paid for such registration up to the _____ 19 _____

Chief Commissioner of Police.

Melbourne, _____ day of _____ 19 _____

NOTE.—This document must be produced upon applying for renewal or transfer, and the Chief Commissioner of Police notified of any change of address.

Description of Motor Cycle.

Name of builder or manufacturer of cycle _____
Colour of frame of cycle _____
Colour of wheels _____
Engine power _____
Engine number _____
Type of motor _____

Section 4, sub-section (2) of Act No. 2702 provides that "The identifying number of each car shall be fixed and kept fixed on the car or on a vehicle drawn by the car or on both as may be prescribed."

SCHEDULE III.

Motor Car Act 1915.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR DRIVER'S LICENCE.

To the Chief Commissioner of Police, Melbourne.

I beg to apply for a licence to drive a motor upon a public highway. Particulars as required by the Regulations are as below:—

Full name of applicant
 Permanent residence
 Temporary residence
 Name of present employer (if any)
 Address of employer (if any)
 Name or names of previous employers (if any)
 Statement of period employed by each of such employers, giving dates
 Statement of period during which the applicant has been driving motor car for self or other person
 Age of applicant and date of birth
 Names and addresses of persons to whom personal reference can be made as to character and fitness
 If applicant has previously held a licence, particulars to be stated.
 Has applicant held a driver's licence in any other country than Victoria? Give particulars

Dated at the day of 19 .
 Signature

SCHEDULE IV.

Motor Car Act 1915.

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY OWNER/DRIVER OF MOTOR CYCLE/CAR REGISTERED IN ANOTHER STATE ON SAME BEING BROUGHT INTO VICTORIA.

Name of owner
 Name of driver
 Residence of owner
 Residence of driver
 Description or make of car or cycle
 Colour of body of car or cycle
 Colour of wheels of car or cycle
 Seating accommodation of car
 State in which registered
 Date to which registered.
 Address in Victoria of owner and driver
 Identifying letter and number in State other than Victoria (if any)
 Pass the owner, driver, and car, as above named and described, from date hereof

Foregoing information supplied by the above-named owner/driver this day of 19 , at this Police Station.

Signature
 of Police.
 Reg. No.
 Police Station.

SCHEDULE V.

Motor Car Act 1915.

FEE UNDER SECTION 6, SUB-SECTION (3) OF ACT No. 2702, 2s. 6d., LICENCE FOR DRIVER OF MOTOR CAR.

The bearer, of street, is hereby licensed to drive a motor car upon any public highway during the year ending . His registered number is . His signature is hereunder

Melbourne, day of 19 .
 Signature of person to whom this licence is issued.

NOTE.—This licence must be produced upon applying for renewal, and the Chief Commissioner of Police notified of any change of address.

SCHEDULE VI.

Motor Car Act 1915.

FORM OF APPLICATION BY MANUFACTURERS OF OR DEALERS IN MOTOR CARS.

beg to apply to have assigned to , being manufacturer of motor cars, a general identification mark dealer in which may be used for any motor car on trial after completion or on trial by intending purchaser.

Name of applicant
 Description of business
 Business address
 Private address
 Dated at this day of 19 .
 Signature.

To the Chief Commissioner of Police, Melbourne.

SCHEDULE VII.

Motor Car Act 1915.

GENERAL IDENTIFICATION MARK ASSIGNED TO MANUFACTURER OF OR DEALER IN MOTOR CARS.

This is to certify that of manufacturer of motor cars, has been assigned the following dealer in letter and number as an identification mark for the purpose set forth in section 4, sub-section 4 (b) of the *Motor Car Act 1915*:—

A fee of Five pounds has been paid for registration of this mark up to the 19 .
 Letter A.
 Number

Date
 NOTE.—This document must be produced when applying for renewal or transfer, and the Chief Commissioner of Police notified of any change of address.

And the Honorable John Bowser, His Majesty's Chief Secretary for the State of Victoria, shall give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

F. W. MABBOTT,
 Clerk of the Executive Council.