REGISTRATION COSTS TO ALIGN WITH NATIONAL AVERAGE

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Car and motorcycle registration charges have been increased in the mini budget, but will generally remain below the national average for most family vehicles.

Treasurer Robyn Lambley said the increased charges will be included for all registrations that are due on or after 12 February.

Ms Lambley said while comparing charges across jurisdictions can be difficult, as each has its own fee structure and insurance arrangements, the Territory continues to have among the lowest registration fees and administration costs.

She said Northern Territory registration fees generally vary depending on engine size and include a Compulsory Third Party Insurance premium which makes up the majority of the fee.

“Registration costs for a Toyota Corolla will increase from $577 to $644, an increase of $67 or eleven per cent,” Ms Lambley said. “To put this in perspective, the equivalent charge in NSW for the same vehicle is more than $800 and in the ACT it is nearly $900.

“For a Commodore, registration costs increase from $623 to $680, an increase of $57 or nine per cent. This charge remains less than what the driver of the same vehicle would be charged in all other Australian jurisdictions except Tasmania and Western Australia.

“For a family with a Land Cruiser, registration costs increase from $720 to $825, an increase of $105 or 15 per cent.

“For a Kawasaki Ninja 250 rider, registration costs increase from $305 to $316, an increase of $11 or four per cent.

Ms Lambley said concessions provided for seniors and pensioners on motor vehicle registration and driver’s licences will continue.

She said the Motor Vehicle Registry would continue to encourage motorists to use online business services and reduce the need to spend time at MVR offices by introducing a $20 counter transaction fee for registrations.

“This fee will not apply where the renewal is performed online or over the phone,” Ms Lambley said.
“The cost of renewing registration is more than just the money. Especially when it involves taking time off work, in a lunch time or on Saturday morning and I want to highlight that registration renewal can be done online or over the phone in the comfort of your home at a time of your choosing.”

A new fee of $20 for a learner licence theory test and learner motorcycle licence stability test will also be introduced and the cost of most items issued by MVR will increase by 15 per cent with effect 1 January, 2013.

These items include:
- Drivers Licenses – with effect 12 February, 2013 for renewal notices issued from 1 January, 2013
- Driving tests
- Re-issue of evidence of age cards
- Vehicle inspections
- Personalised number plates
- Motorcycle training courses

Motorists should be aware the MVR registration fee system is not able to process re-registration payments until a renewal advisory notice has been issued.

For further information on vehicle registration fees go to http://transport.nt.gov.au/mvr/registration.

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