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Motor Vehicle Registry waiting times will be slashed for Territorians through a package of reforms beginning in the new financial year.

Chief Minister Adam Giles said the Government is committed to improving services at the Motor Vehicle Registry to better meet the needs of the community.

“These reforms will streamline the MVR to reduce customer waiting times, improve efficiency, and lengthen periods of validity of many services while still keeping Territorians safe on our roads,” Mr Giles said.

“They further enhance the Saturday trading hours, E-Kiosk at Goyder Road and improved online services already implemented by this Government.

“The Country Liberals are delivering on our election promise to provide a modern, convenient and accessible MVR service for all Territorians.

“These upgrades will benefit all Territorians, particularly seniors and those living in remote locations, by providing an improved range of choices for how they do business with the MVR.”

The reforms beginning July 1 include:

- Removing registration stickers for light vehicles. Customers will still receive courtesy renewal notices reminding them to renew their registration.

- Vehicle inspections for light vehicles, light trailers and motorcycles will only be required every five and 10 years, then annually. Currently it is at three, five, seven, nine, then annually.

- Authorised inspectors will be able to lodge vehicle inspection reports online.

- Eyesight testing will only be needed when applying for your first licence, at age 70 and then annually.

- A new 10 year driver licence will be available in addition to one, two, five year options.

From August 2013:

- Customers will be able to use participating Australia Post retail outlets for some transactions.

- A smartphone/tablet application will be available allowing customers to check their registration details and access MVR Quick Pay and other services.

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