MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT

Changes set for MVR

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MVR practical testing fees will increase from July 1, bringing them into line with other jurisdictions around the country.

Minister for Transport Peter Styles said increases to the MVR Licence practical testing fee would assist in cost recovery and would help reduce wait times for obtaining a drivers licence, which were currently around 14 weeks.

“From next month the fee for all practical licence tests conducted by MVR, including car and motorcycle will increase from $30.80 to $86.90,” Mr Styles said.

“The fee to undertake a driving test in the Territory is currently the lowest in Australia compared to other jurisdictions such as Tasmania at $81.16 and Australian Capital Territory at $92.40.”

Mr Styles said he believed the increase would see a decrease in people failing to attend booked tests, as currently 18 percent of customers who booked a practical driving class or a motorcycle test did not attend.

“Increasing the test fee may also be a deterrent to those who use the testing process, rather than supervised instruction, to practice and refine their skills,” he said.

“We also anticipate that over time the increased fee will have a positive impact on wait times in Darwin offices which are currently around 12 – 14 weeks.”

To streamline the licence testing process and further reduce wait times, a pilot program to outsource some categories of licence testing will be implemented in the second half of this year.

Mr Styles said the Northern Territory MVR had undergone huge reforms since the Giles Government had come into power.

“We have cut red tape and streamlined our services to reduce wait times, improved efficiency, and extended periods of validity of licences while still keeping Territorians safe on our roads.

“A new online tool and phone app has been developed for checking a vehicle’s registration and inspection due dates which is called Rego Check Online. It has already been downloaded more than 12,700 times by Territorians.

“And for the first time ever, online registration renewals are greater in number than counter transactions.

“We have seen phenomenal results with both the app and rego check online being used more than 23,000 times in March alone to check vehicle expiry and registration dates,” Mr Styles said.

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