

Protecting yourself from coronavirus

# Business vehicle registration relief package



This interim guidance is based on what is currently known about coronavirus (COVID-19). The Tasmanian Government will update interim guidance as needed and as additional information becomes available. This interim guidance is to help everyone plan for community transmission of coronavirus in Tasmania. There is **[much to learn about its transmissibility, severity, and other features of the disease.](#)** We want to help everyone prepare their response to this public health threat.

*The health, safety and wellbeing of Tasmanians is our number one priority as we face the challenge of coronavirus. We also recognise the significant impact the unfolding COVID-19 situation and trading restrictions are having on Tasmanian small businesses.*

*To support significantly impacted Tasmanian small businesses, \$9.75 million in business vehicle registration savings and deferrals is available.*

## Registration freeze for light and heavy vehicles

Small businesses looking to suspend activity due to the COVID-19 business downturn and trading restrictions can apply to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to freeze their business vehicle registrations for both light and heavy vehicles.

Registrations can be reactivated at no cost to them when the business restarts.

The maximum period that a registration can be frozen is 12 months.

## Heavy vehicle registration and motor tax waivers

For heavy vehicles of over 4.5 tonnes the government will waive fees for registration and the road component of motor tax for 12 months.

Operators will still need to pay the regulatory component of motor tax which goes to fund the operations of the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR).

## Applications

Significantly impacted business owners can apply for the *Registration freeze for light and heavy vehicles* or the *Heavy vehicle registration and motor tax waivers* at the Transport Tasmania website. [www.transport.tas.gov.au/registration/registration\\_business\\_support\\_package](http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/registration/registration_business_support_package)

You will need to provide details on your business registered for tax purposes in Australia and your Australian Business Number (ABN) and make a declaration that your business activities have been ceased or suspended.

Approval will be at the discretion of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

## Contact and assistance

For advice on eligibility or for assistance with your application please call Registration and Licensing Services on 1300 135 513 or email [vru@stategrowth.tas.gov.au](mailto:vru@stategrowth.tas.gov.au)

For general business advice contact Business Tasmania on 1800440026 or [ask@business.tas.gov.au](mailto:ask@business.tas.gov.au)