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## Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

### REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

#### Road Safety (Drivers) Amendment (Driver Reward Scheme) Regulations 2015

Notice is given in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the Road Safety (Drivers) Amendment (Driver Reward Scheme) Regulations 2015.

These regulations to introduce this reform would replace interim regulations that provided a 25% reduction in the cost of a licence to drivers under the age of 26 who had committed no road safety offences over the preceding three years (the Road Safety (Drivers) Amendment (Renewal Fees) Interim Regulations 2015). These interim regulations are due to expire on 23 June 2016. If they are allowed to expire, the preceding version of the driver reward scheme will come back into operation. That scheme gave all drivers who had committed no road safety offences during the preceding three years a 25% reduction in the cost of a licence.

VicRoads has prepared this Regulatory Impact Statement in relation to the original driver reward scheme regulations (where all drivers who had committed no offences in the preceding three years were eligible for a 25% reduction in licence renewal fees).

The overall objective of the proposed Regulations is to reward the most responsible young drivers with a free 3-year licence. Young drivers who have completed 4 years on P plates with no road relevant road safety offences will be eligible for a free licence when they graduate from their probationary to full licence.

To achieve the objective, the proposed Regulations prescribe that:

- The probationary licence must be issued between 18–20 years of age.
- The licence renewal must be for three years only.
- The driver must complete four years on a Victorian car or motorcycle licence to get from Probationary P1 – to Probationary P2 – to Full driver licence.
- There must not be any relevant road safety offences recorded (in Victoria or interstate) in the system at the time of renewal notice during the probationary period.

The RIS, after examining a number of options, concludes that making the proposed Road Safety (Drivers) Amendment (Driver Reward Scheme) Regulations 2015 (subject to minor amendments) is the preferred option (being Option 1 in the RIS) as this option has the best road safety outcomes and is the most cost effective.

Public comments are invited on the RIS and accompanying Regulations. Copies may be obtained from the VicRoads webpage at [www.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au) (select 'Safety and Road Rules' then 'Driver Safety' then 'Young and new drivers' then 'Issues and initiatives for young drivers'); email [freelicencescheme@roads.vic.gov.au](mailto:freelicencescheme@roads.vic.gov.au); or telephone (03) 9854 2131.

Written submissions will be received up to 5.00 pm on 25 September 2015 at the following address: Director – Vehicle and Road Use Policy, VicRoads, Level 10, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000, or by email to [Freelicencescheme@roads.vic.gov.au](mailto:Freelicencescheme@roads.vic.gov.au). All submissions will be treated as public documents.

Any enquiries regarding the content of the RIS should be directed to VicRoads on (03) 9854 2131.

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