

# Heavy Vehicle Charges Amendment (Annual Registration Charges) Model Law 2026

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**1 Name of Model Law**

This Model Law is the *Heavy Vehicle Charges Amendment (Annual Registration Charges) Model Law 2026*.

**2 Commencement**

This Model Law commences on 1 July 2026.

**3 Amendment of Model Law**

The *Heavy Vehicle Charges Model Law* is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

## Schedule 1 Amendment of Heavy Vehicle Charges Model Law

### [1] Section 2

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#### 2 Purpose

The purpose of this Model Law is to set the annual registration charges and permit fees that are to apply to various heavy road transport vehicles from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027.

### [2] Section 4

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#### 4 Calculation of annual registration charges

The annual registration charge for a vehicle to which this Model Law applies for the 2026–2027 financial year is the sum of the following—

- (a) the road component of the annual registration charge for the financial year period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 as set out in Table 1 for the vehicle,
- (b) the regulatory component of the annual registration charge for the financial year period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 as set out in Table 2 for the vehicle.

**Note.** The road component is designed to recover expenditure relating to roads that can be attributed to the use of heavy vehicles either generally or particularly. The regulatory component is designed to recover expenditure related to the regulation of heavy vehicles. It is the intention of the Council that the regulatory component will be paid to the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator, subject to offsets where jurisdictions provide regulatory services under service level agreements.

For example, for the financial year period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027, the annual registration charge for a truck (type 1) with 2 axles is \$735, which is the sum of \$527 shown in Table 1 for that type of truck and \$208 shown in Table 2 for that type of truck.

**Table 1**  
**Road component of annual registration charges**  
**1 July 2026 – 30 June 2027**

#### Division 1—Load carrying vehicles

| Vehicle type                  | 2 axles  | 3 axles  | 4 axles  | 5 or more axles |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------|
| <b>Trucks</b>                 |          |          |          |                 |
| Truck (type 1)                | \$527    | \$970    | \$970    | \$970           |
| Truck (type 2)                | \$970    | \$1,101  | \$1,101  | \$1,101         |
| Short combination truck       | \$970    | \$1,101  | \$2,170  | \$2,170         |
| Medium combination truck      | \$12,002 | \$12,002 | \$12,963 | \$12,963        |
| Long combination truck        | \$16,592 | \$16,592 | \$16,592 | \$16,592        |
| <b>Prime movers</b>           |          |          |          |                 |
| Short combination prime mover | \$922    | \$5,258  | \$5,652  | \$5,652         |
| Multi-combination prime mover | \$13,338 | \$13,338 | \$14,672 | \$14,672        |

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## Division 2—Load carrying trailers

| Trailer type                                                | Charge per axle |                   |                |                           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
|                                                             | Single axle     | Tandem axle group | Tri-axle group | Quad-axle group and above |
| Pig trailer                                                 | \$783           | \$783             | \$783          | \$783                     |
| Dog trailer                                                 | \$783           | \$783             | \$783          | \$783                     |
| Semi trailer                                                | \$783           | \$996             | \$708          | \$531                     |
| B-double lead trailer and B-triple lead and middle trailers | \$783           | \$996             | \$708          | \$531                     |
| Converter dolly or low loader dolly                         | \$0             | \$0               | \$0            | \$0                       |

**Note.** All axles on a dog trailer are treated as part of one group for registration charging purposes. For example, a dog trailer with a single axle at the front and a tandem axle at the rear is treated as a tri-axle group for registration charging purposes.

## Division 3—Buses

| Bus type        | 2 axles | 3 axles | 4 or more axles |
|-----------------|---------|---------|-----------------|
| Bus (type 1)    | \$396   |         |                 |
| Bus (type 2)    | \$416   | \$3046  | \$3046          |
| Articulated bus |         | \$416   | \$416           |

## Division 4—Special purpose vehicles

| Vehicle type                     |                                                                                          |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Special purpose vehicle (type P) | No charge                                                                                |
| Special purpose vehicle (type T) | \$384                                                                                    |
| Special purpose vehicle (type O) | Calculated using the formula:<br>$\$480 + (\$480 \times \text{number of axles over } 2)$ |

**Table 2**  
**Regulatory component of annual registration charges**  
**1 July 2026 – 30 June 2027**

## Division 1—Load carrying vehicles

| Vehicle type   | 2 axles | 3 axles | 4 axles | 5 or more axles |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------|
| <b>Trucks</b>  |         |         |         |                 |
| Truck (type 1) | \$208   | \$246   | \$262   | \$262           |

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**Table 2**  
**Regulatory component of annual registration charges**  
**1 July 2026 – 30 June 2027**

|                               |       |       |         |         |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|---------|---------|
| Truck (type 2)                | \$272 | \$347 | \$369   | \$369   |
| Short combination truck       | \$304 | \$387 | \$370   | \$370   |
| Medium combination truck      | \$693 | \$693 | \$750   | \$750   |
| Long combination truck        | \$958 | \$958 | \$958   | \$958   |
| <b>Prime movers</b>           |       |       |         |         |
| Short combination prime mover | \$431 | \$431 | \$431   | \$431   |
| Multi-combination prime mover | \$975 | \$975 | \$1,072 | \$1,072 |

## Division 2—Load carrying trailers

| Trailer type                                                | Charge per axle |                   |                |                           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
|                                                             | Single axle     | Tandem axle group | Tri-axle group | Quad-axle group and above |
| Pig trailer                                                 | \$55            | \$28              | \$18           | \$14                      |
| Dog trailer                                                 | \$55            | \$28              | \$18           | \$14                      |
| Semi trailer                                                | \$55            | \$28              | \$18           | \$14                      |
| B-double lead trailer and B-triple lead and middle trailers | \$55            | \$28              | \$18           | \$14                      |
| Converter dolly or low loader dolly                         | \$55            | \$28              | \$18           | \$14                      |

**Note.** All axles on a dog trailer are treated as part of one group for registration charging purposes. For example, a dog trailer with a single axle at the front and a tandem axle at the rear is treated as a tri-axle group for registration charging purposes.

## Division 3—Buses

| Bus type        | 2 axles | 3 axles | 4 or more axles |
|-----------------|---------|---------|-----------------|
| Bus (type 1)    | \$218   |         |                 |
| Bus (type 2)    | \$357   | \$442   | \$442           |
| Articulated bus |         | \$353   | \$353           |

## Division 4—Special purpose vehicles

| Vehicle type                     |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Special purpose vehicle (type P) | No charge |
| Special purpose vehicle (type T) | \$216     |
| Special purpose vehicle (type O) | \$216     |