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TO: Presidents, Club Captains, Secretaries, Treasurers

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TOPIC: **New registration laws**

CHANGES TO VEHICLE REGISTRATION FROM 1 JULY 2011

1 July 2011 will see the implementation of two significant changes to the registration of light vehicles in South Australia (subject to legislative changes). These are:

- abolishment of registration labels (for light vehicles)
- removal of 6 and 9 month registration renewal periods

ABOLISHMENT OF REGISTRATION LABELS

There will no longer be vehicle registration labels for light vehicles. This means all owners of South Australian registered light vehicles will no longer need to display a registration label, regardless of whether the vehicle is used in regional or metropolitan areas.

Light vehicles include:

- cars (*including ATVs*)
- motorcycles
- trailers
- boat trailers
- horse floats
- caravans

You can remove your current label on or after 1 July 2011 or you can wait until your registration is due for renewal. Registration labels for light vehicles will be obsolete resulting in environmental benefits from reduced production and wastage.

Heavy vehicles (defined as all vehicles with a gross vehicle mass of more than 4.5 tonne) will still be required to display a heavy vehicle registration label.

RENEWING REGISTRATION FROM 1 JULY 2011

From 1 July 2011, light vehicle owners will receive a new form called a registration details certificate, as well as the registration renewal notice, approximately six weeks prior to the registration expiry date.

You still need to pay your registration by the due date.



If your registration expires you will still receive a reminder notice between 7 and 14 days after expiry.

Once you have paid your registration, it is recommended that you retain your current vehicle registration papers and receipt details as proof of payment.

SLSSA will continue to manage the registration of ATVs.

REGISTRATION DETECTION

All vehicles used on South Australian roads must have valid registration. If you use an unregistered vehicle on the road you may be committing an offence and may not be covered by a compulsory third party insurance policy.

Advances in technology allows roadside registration checks to be carried out by South Australia Police using advanced wireless equipment to immediately check vehicle registration status using the vehicle number plate details.

REGISTRATION DETAILS CERTIFICATE (FOR LIGHT VEHICLES)

From 1 July 2011, light vehicles will receive their registration renewal six weeks before vehicle expiry, as usual, along with the new registration details certificate.

The registration details certificate will replace the label and certificate that you would have previously received after the vehicle registration had been paid. The registration details certificate will have a space provided to record your payment number or attach your payment receipt.

A disclaimer will be printed on the form to state that the new vehicle registration period will not start until payment has been made.

Registration receipt

The registration receipt will show:

- plate number
- registration details
- date paid
- new expiry date
- amount paid
- registered owner(s)
- postal address
- ITC (input tax credit) tax invoice details to be incorporated on all receipts regardless of whether ITC yes or no is selected.

***PLEASE NOTE: IRBs will still need to display registration labels**



did you know?

The expiation fee for driving an unregistered vehicle is \$258 plus a \$60 victims of crime levy. If the vehicle has been unregistered for more than 30 days, you will also attract an additional penalty of \$517 plus \$60 for driving without compulsory third party insurance.

For further information contact:

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- Or visit the Motor Registration website for more details by [clicking here](#)
- Or visit the RAA website for more details by [clicking here](#)