

3-month Registration Terms for Motor Dealers

Frequently Asked Questions

What's changed?

All motor dealers can now access 3-month registration terms for both new registrations and renewals.

Which vehicles are eligible?

To be eligible, a vehicle's purpose of use must be recorded as 'Dealer'. Any vehicles that are used by a motor dealer for private use are not eligible.

A vehicle or trailer can only be registered with a purpose of use as "Dealer" when it is trading stock or being used as a demonstrator by the holder of a motor dealer's licence or other appropriate authority.

A motor dealer must have a 'Dealer' qualification recorded in TMR's registration system (TRAILS) to use the 'Dealer' purpose of use.

What is the reason for the change?

This change recognises that some motor dealers cannot access direct debit for vehicle registration. It is also acknowledged that motor dealers have a need for flexibility due to the varied nature of the industry with high and low sales periods.

This also brings consistency with other transport-specific industries, such as freight, taxis and booked hire vehicles.

How can motor dealers access 3-month registration terms?

3-month terms can be selected by motor dealers on application forms provided to a TMR Customer Service Centre and by motor dealers enrolled in the Rego Easy Scheme.

What happens after the 3-month registration term expires?

After the initial 3-month registration term expires, the vehicle's registration term will default to 6 or 12 months at renewal. To renew for another 3-months online dealers may select a three-month term when processing the renewal. Dealers without online access may contact their local customer service centre or call 13 23 80.



What communication is required to customers that purchase vehicles registered with a 3-month term?

To avoid the risk of unregistered vehicles being used on the road, motor dealers are encouraged to ensure their customers are informed of the registration expiry date when a vehicle is sold. This is especially important where three or fewer months are remaining on the registration term at the time of sale.

Most customers who purchase one of these vehicles will only be able to access a three-month term if they sign up for direct debit.

Why are most customers required to enrol in direct debit to access shorter registration terms?

Direct debit enables customers to make regular smaller payments towards their vehicle registration renewal and provides a convenient set and forget direct debit payment.

Most customers must enrol in direct debit to access shorter registration terms (1 and 3-months). This minimises the chances that a registration renewal payment will be missed, resulting in an unregistered and uninsured vehicle. It also ensures registration renewal notices are sent via email, reducing any delays that can be experienced via post.

Vehicles registered to an organisation cannot be enrolled in direct debit. In recognition of this, 3-month registration terms are available to some industries without enrolling in direct debit. This includes, freight, taxis, booked hire, and now motor dealers.

Motor dealers that are able to access direct debit arrangements (for example, as an individual or by adding an individual as a second registered operator) are encouraged to use direct debit as a convenient set and forget mechanism to avoid any unregistered vehicles.

