

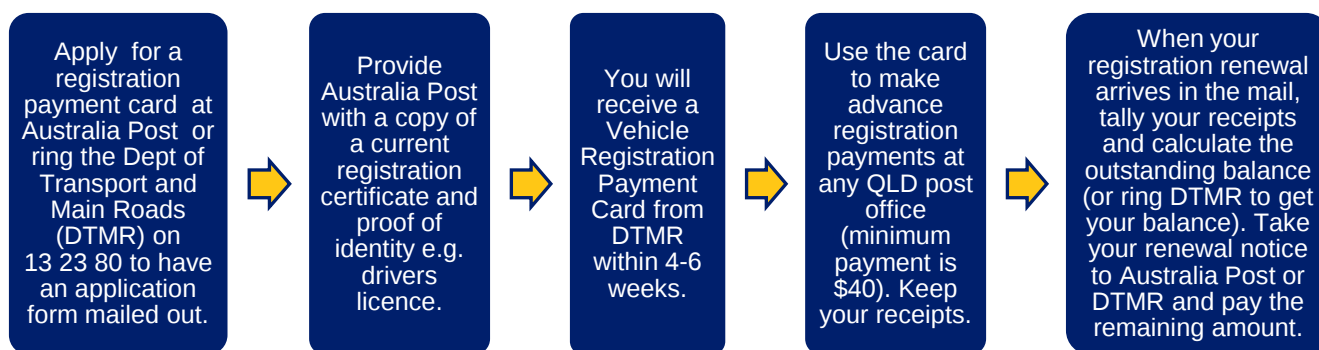
Queensland Vehicle Registration Planned Payment Card: How to pre-pay your car registration in instalments

Car registration in Queensland is expensive. Motorists are required to pay registration fees annually, six-monthly or quarterly. This puts pressure on the household budget and for a six-cylinder family sedan, currently requires a lump-sum payment of \$928.80 annually or \$473.05 twice a year. The quarterly payment can only be done via direct debit and the quarterly amount is \$236.45.¹

Setting aside money for registration throughout the year can reduce the stress of big registration bills. Australia Post provides a free service that allows you to make small advance payments on car registration, to reduce the shock of the final bill.

To use this service, get an application form from any Australia Post branch in Queensland or ring the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads on 13 23 80 and they will post it out.

Lodge the completed Vehicle Registration Planned Payment Scheme application at any Queensland post office. You will need to supply a copy of a current vehicle registration certificate and proof of identity (e.g. drivers licence or 18+ card). The Department of Transport and Main Roads will then mail out your card within 4-6 weeks. Present the Vehicle Registration Payment Card at the post office every time you want to make a payment. You can make periodic payments as often or infrequently as you like and the minimum payment each time is \$40.



Example:

Last year, Mary used her Queensland Vehicle Registration Card to make 10 payments of \$40 and 3 payments of \$90 at her local post office. When Mary received her annual vehicle registration renewal, the balance left to pay on her 6-cylinder Honda Accord was \$258.80 (instead of the \$928.80 she would normally pay in one lump sum).¹

Additional Information:

- To apply for a Queensland Vehicle Registration Card you must be a permanent resident of Queensland and be the registered owner of a vehicle.
- You can make payments at Australia Post by cash, eftpos or credit card.
- Registration Card payments can be applied to 6-monthly or annual registration renewals.
- Keep the receipts issued by Australia Post as proof of payment and as a running tally of the total amount paid toward your registration.
- There is a \$56.30 withdrawal fee if funds are not applied to a registration renewal and you need to access the money for other purposes.¹

For more information or to check the balance on your registration payment card, phone the Department of Transport and Main Roads on 13 23 80.

¹ Costs are correct as at July 2019