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ZLEV road-user rate increase as of 1 July 2023

Members of VACC's Licensed Motor Car Trader Division (LMCT) are advised of the following increase to the Victorian Road User Charge (RUC) that will apply to Zero and Low Emission vehicles (ZLEV).

What will be the increased RUC charge for ZLEVs?

VicRoads advise that the increase is as follows:

- Electric vehicles (EVs) and hydrogen vehicles (HEVs) from 2.6 cents per km to 2.8 cents per km
- Plug-in hybrid electrical vehicles from 2.1 cents per km to 2.3 cents per km

When will the increase take effect?

- The increase to the RUC will take effect from 1 July 2023.
- Only distances travelled after 1 July 2023 will be subject to the new rate.

Other

VicRoads advise that ZLEV registered operators will still receive the \$100 annual registration discount.

LMCTs remain exempt from the road-user charge for the first 1,500km of travel in the first registration period (irrespective of the length of the period). This exemption is intended to cover any short periods of ZLEV use, such as new vehicle pre-delivery or vehicle transfer, without the need to provide evidence to claim exemption. VACC continues to push for greater km allowances for dealer trading stock in this regard.

VACC awaits the outcome of the High Court of Australia case Vanderstock & Anor v State of Victoria.

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