

### Announcement: Positive regulatory amendments for Accident Towing Operators - changes to the substitution rule

Dear Member

The Victorian Automotive Chamber of Commerce (VACC) together with the Department of Transport (DoT) would like to inform you that the Accident Towing Services Amendment Regulations were made official by the Governor in Council on the 25 October 2022. The regulations are available [here](#).

- **The Regulations**

The Regulations amend the **substitution rule**, to limit substitutions to accident tow trucks from the same depot only.

- **Objective**

The objective of these Regulations is to amend the Accident Towing Services Regulations 2019, subsection (a) to provide that **the depot specified in the licence under which a substitute tow truck operates be the same as for the rostered tow truck it replaces.**

- **Substitute tow truck – new wording under the Regulations**

**(1)** For regulation 39(1) of the Accident Towing Services Regulations 2019 **substitute—** "(1) The licence holder who has been authorised to cause a rostered tow truck to attend a road accident scene must not cause another tow truck to attend the scene in substitution for the rostered tow truck unless—

(a) the depot specified in the licence under which the substitute tow truck operates is the same depot specified in the licence under which the rostered tow truck operates; and

(b) an allocation roster entitlement applies to the tow truck licence under which the substitute tow truck operates.

**(2)** In regulation 39(2) of the Accident Towing Services Regulations 2019 omit ", other than regulation 31".

**Penalty:**

20 penalty units.

The above amendment was necessary to ensure fairness in the accident allocation system and to limit substitutions to tow trucks from the same depot only.

These changes will take effect on **31 October 2022**.

If you require further information, please contact Industry Policy Advisor, Kathy Zdravevski.

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