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Members of the Victorian Automobile Dealers Association (VADA) are advised that from 1 July 2021, a road-user charge applies to Victorian registered zero and low emission vehicles (ZLEVs).

The new road user charge will depend on the vehicle type and how far it is driven.

VicRoads advised the following rates (indexed annually) are applicable from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022:

Vehicle type	Proposed charge	Registration concession available?
Electric, other zero emission vehicles and hydrogen vehicles	2.5 cent/km	Yes
Plug-in hybrid electrical	2.0 cent/km	Yes
Conventional hybrid	N/A	No

New car dealer trading stock exemption

VACC has successfully negotiated with the Victorian Government for a 1,500 km exemption from the ZLEV road-user charge for any first-time registered car that a VADA member is using as demonstrator, service demonstrator or trading stock.

This exemption is for the first (initial) registration period only, on a new ZLEV registered in a dealer's name. It is important to note that the 1,500km exemption must be used in the first registration period (irrespective of it being a first time 3-month registration period, a six-month registration period, 9-month registration period or 12-month registration period). After the initial period no exemption applies. **So, the key message is 'use it, or loose it '!**

e.g., If you are registering a demonstrator period for an initial 6-month period, the 1,500 km exemption ties to that period. If you then extend the registration on that vehicle for a further 6 months, the initial 1,500km exemption is lost and no other distance exemption is permitted.

- ZLEV road-user charges DO NOT APPLY to mobile plant vehicles such as electric forklifts, telehandlers, or special work vehicles.
- The ZLEV LMCT exemption does not apply to used ZLEVS.
- ZLEV road-user charges DO NOT APPLY to motorcycles.

For further information on the Road User Tax please visit VicRoads by taking this link.