

## Heavy vehicle industry assistance package – Q & As

### 1. What types of operators will be eligible for the rebates?

All transport operators may apply for the converter dolly or spare trailer rebates.

### 2. How do I apply for a rebate?

Initially, operators will be required to pay all charges in full at the time of registration or sale, and apply through Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) for the relevant concession.

Operators of eligible vehicles who wish to apply for the converter dolly rebate must complete Form no: **1632**.

Operators of eligible vehicles who wish to apply for the spare trailer rebates must complete Form no: **1633**.

Both forms are available for download from the RMS website at:

[www.rta.nsw.gov.au/registration/index.html](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/registration/index.html)

Completed forms will be accepted:

By email to: [DrivesRefunds@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:DrivesRefunds@rms.nsw.gov.au)

By Fax to: (02) 6841 4816

By Post to: Roads and Maritime Services  
Locked Bag 14  
Dubbo NSW 2830

Registries and agencies may also accept forms and submit them on the customer's behalf.

All applications will be assessed against the requirements, and a refund cheque will be generated for eligible vehicles.

### 3. What are the rebates?

Full rebate of the registration charge applied to tri-axle converter dollies and a 50 per cent rebate of registration charge applied to tandem-axle converter dollies.

Fifty per cent rebate of registration charge applied to spare trailers for operators with one or two hauling units (prime movers and rigid trucks), and no more than five trailers (excluding converter dollies).

#### 4. When will the rebates be introduced?

Applications for the rebates can be submitted from 1 September 2012. Eligible customers will be able to apply for a rebate of their registration charges each year until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

Until RMS systems are updated to incorporate these rebates all applications will be processed manually.

#### 5. What is a converter dolly?

Converter dolly means a trailer with one axle group or single axle and a fifth wheel coupling, designed to convert a semi-trailer into a dog trailer.

#### 6. Why do tri-axle converter dollies receive a full rebate and tandem axle converter dollies receive only 50 per cent rebate?

The full rebate of registration charge for tri-axle converter dollies intends to encourage the adoption of these trailers. Tri-axle converter dollies are safer and more 'road-friendly' than traditional 'road train' type trailers.

The 50 per cent rebate of registration charge for tandem-axle converter dollies intends to address the disproportionate increase in road train registration charges, and the impact these charges have on rural and regional communities that rely on road trains to service their road freight needs.

#### 7. How do you count spare trailers?

See the following table as a guide:

Number and type of hauling units	Number of trailers (excluding converter dollies)					
	1 trailer	2 trailers	3 trailers	4 trailers	5 trailers	6 or more trailers
1 rigid truck or prime mover	No rebate	Rebate on 2nd trailer	Rebate on 2nd & 3rd trailers	Rebate on 2nd 3rd & 4th trailers	Rebate on 2nd 3rd 4th & 5th trailers	No rebate
2 rigid trucks or prime movers	No rebate	No rebate	Rebate on 3rd trailer	Rebate on 3rd & 4th trailers	Rebate on 3rd, 4th & 5th trailers	No rebate
3 or more rigid trucks or prime movers	No rebate					

**8. Do the hauling units involved in assessing eligibility for the spare trailer rebate have to be registered annually or just the trailers?**

The hauling units can be registered for any term.

**9. If I have more than five semi-trailers but only four have annual registration, am I eligible for the spare trailer rebate?**

No, all heavy trailers (except converter dollies) are counted, but only trailers with annual registration are eligible for the rebate.

**10. Why are only a maximum of five trailers allowed for the spare trailer rebate?**

The spare trailer rebate targets smaller, low kilometre freight operators such as regional freight operators, road train operators and small trucking companies in urban areas.

**11. If I have a hauling unit, five semi trailers and two tandem-axle converter dolly trailers, am I eligible to apply for the spare trailer rebate?**

Yes, for four of the semi trailers. Converter dollies are not eligible for the spare trailer rebate and are not counted in the number of trailers.

**12. If I have three trucks but one is registered as an RT0 and therefore cannot tow a trailer, am I then eligible for the spare trailer rebate?**

No, all rigid trucks and prime movers are counted, regardless of nominated configuration.

**13. How will I receive my rebate?**

Rebates are provided in the form of a cheque and posted to the operator.

**14. Is this information available online?**

Information is available at [www.rta.nsw.gov.au/registration/index.html](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/registration/index.html)  
Or you can call our Customer Contact Centre on 13 22 13.

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