

31. When owner of overseas vehicle entitled to free licence

Where a motor vehicle to which this Part applies and which is owned by a person who is not a permanent resident of any State or Territory of the Commonwealth is landed in this State direct from any country outside the Commonwealth, the owner of the vehicle is entitled, on application to the Director General and subject to the provisions of sections 34 and 35, to be issued with a vehicle licence for that vehicle without payment of the vehicle licence fee, for a period not exceeding 12 months calculated from the date when the vehicle was landed in this State, if it appears to the Director General that there are in force —

- (a) a vehicle licence or registration effected in relation to that vehicle under the law of the country of which the owner is a permanent resident; and
- (b) a contract of insurance with respect to the vehicle as provided in section 4 of the *Motor Vehicle (Third Party Insurance) Act 1943*,

but the period for which the Director General issues a licence under this section shall not extend beyond the date of the expiry of the licence or registration effected under the law of that country nor beyond the date of the expiry of the contract of insurance.

[Section 31 amended by No. 105 of 1981 s.19; No. 21 of 1995 s.9; No. 76 of 1996 s.20(3).]