33. When free licence may be extended free of charge

Where a licence issued without payment of the vehicle licence fee under section 31, or a licence issued, or a registration effected, free of charge by any licensing or registering authority of another State or a Territory of the Commonwealth, in respect of a motor vehicle to which this Part applies, expires, the owner of the vehicle is, if the vehicle is being used in this State, on application to the Director General and subject to the provisions of sections 34 and 35, entitled to an extension or a renewal of the licence or registration by the Director General without payment of the vehicle licence fee for a period not extending beyond the period of 12 months from the date on which the vehicle was landed in the Commonwealth, if it appears to the Director General that there are in force —

- (a) a vehicle licence or registration effected in respect of 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 3(4), or in section 4, of the *Motor Vehicle (Third Party Insurance) Act 1943*, but the period for which the Director General extends or renews the licence or registration under this section is not to extend beyond the date of the expiry of the licence or registration, as the case may be, effected under the law of that country nor beyond the date of the expiry of the contract of insurance.

[Section 33 amended by No. 105 of 1981 s. 19; No. 21 of 1995 s. 9; No. 76 of 1996 s. 20(3).]