

8. Access to information

(1) In this section —

“**licence**” means a driver’s licence or vehicle licence under this Act or a licence under the *Motor Vehicle Drivers Instructors Act 1963*;

“**offence particulars**” means particulars of any offences of which a person has been convicted whether within the State or elsewhere and whether relating to road traffic matters or any other matters, including particulars of any penalties, suspensions, cancellations or disqualifications arising from any such convictions, and also particulars of instances in which a person has paid a penalty pursuant to a traffic infringement notice under this Act and particulars of any points recorded against a person under section 103;

“**permit**” means a permit under section 48C or a permit under the *Motor Vehicle Drivers Instructors Act 1963*;

“**supply**” includes provide or allow access at all times to.

- (2) The Director General is to supply the Commissioner of Police with particulars of licences and permits held or issued and of the persons who hold licences or permits or to whom licences or permits have been issued.
- (3) Particulars supplied to the Commissioner of Police under subsection (2) —
- (a) may be used in the performance of the functions of the Commissioner of Police, whether under this Act or otherwise; and
 - (b) may be supplied by the Commissioner of Police to an officer, department or instrumentality of this State, another State, a Territory, the Commonwealth or another country for use in the performance of the functions of that officer, department or instrumentality.
- (4) The Director General is to allow the Registrar appointed under section 7 (1) of the *Fines, Penalties and Infringement Notices Enforcement Act 1994* to have access to records in relation to licences for the purposes of that Act.
- (5) The Commissioner of Police is to supply the Director General with such offence particulars as are known to the Commissioner of Police concerning a person who has applied for the issue or grant of a licence or permit, or who holds a licence or permit, or to whom a licence or permit has been issued.
- (6) Particulars supplied under subsection (5) may be used in the performance of the functions of the Director General under the licensing provisions of this Act.
- (7) The supply of particulars under this section is to be free of charge.

[Section 8 inserted by No. 76 of 1996 s.5.]