Department of the Premier and Cabinet
Governance and Engagement

SECTION: Protocol and International Engagement **NUMBER:** GES.PRO.014

SUBJECT: Issue of CC Plates and Registration Concessions

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1. Purpose

1.1 This document outlines the policies and procedures governing the issue of CC plates and registration concessions in Queensland.

2. Scope

2.1 This policy applies to Consular Posts and Overseas Missions established in Queensland and to Career Consuls, Honorary Consuls and Mission Officers appointed to serve in Queensland.

3. References and Authority

3.1 *Vienna Convention on Consular Relations*, dated 24 April 1963 (entry into force for Australia - 14 March 1973).

3.2 *Protocol Guidelines*, issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra.

3.3 *Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (Privileges and Immunities) Regulations 1998*, administered by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra.

4. Definitions

4.1 **"CC Plates" -** customised motor vehicle number plates issued by the Queensland Government Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) to eligible Consular Posts, Career Consuls and Honorary Consuls. CC is an abbreviation for Consular Corps – the organisation which represents both career and honorary consuls.

4.2 **"Consular Post"** refers to a Consulate-General, Consulate, Vice-Consulate or Consular Agency in Queensland.

4.3 **"Career Consul"** refers to any Consul-General, Consul or Vice-Consul who is both a foreign national of the country they represent and a career officer of that country's Foreign Service. It does not refer to any other foreign nationals employed in a Consular Post.

4.4 **"Honorary Consul"** refers to any Honorary Consul-General, Honorary Consul, Honorary Vice-Consul or Honorary Consular Agent appointed to head a Consular Post in Queensland.

4.5 **"Overseas Mission"** refers to an official mission established in Australia to represent a foreign territory, such as Taipei, in one or more capacity.

4.6 **"Mission Officer"** is a reference to a person who privileges and immunities are conferred, in respect of TECO (Taipei Economic and Cultural Office) by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (Privileges and Immunities) Regulations 1998 – REG 3. In these regulations, a reference to a person on whom privileges and immunities are conferred by these regulations is a reference to a person who is assigned (in whatever capacity) to TECO by the responsible agency in Taipei and is not engaged in employment in Australia other than by TECO, or is a member of the family of such a person; is not a permanent resident of Australia; is not an Australian citizen and is not engaged in the technical or administrative service of the designated mission.

5. Guidelines

5.1 CC plates are issued as a courtesy by the Queensland Government. The various categories of eligibility and the relevant entitlements and government charges or exemptions applicable to each category are as follows:

5.1.1 Consular Posts (headed by a Career Consul only)

Entitlement: One set of CC plates for a motor vehicle registered in the name of the Consular Post *(limited to one vehicle for every two Career Consuls employed in the Consular Post).*

Fees: Exempt from payment of certain State Government taxes, to be determined and applied by TMR.

5.1.2 Career Consuls

Entitlement: One set of CC plates for a motor vehicle registered in the name of the Career Consul (or jointly with spouse). A second set of CC plates may be issued for another vehicle if that person is accompanied by a spouse. The second vehicle must be registered in the name of the Career Consul or jointly with spouse.

Fees: Exempt from payment of certain State Government taxes, to be determined and applied by TMR.

5.1.3 Honorary Consuls

Entitlement: One set of CC plates for a vehicle which must be registered in the name of the Honorary Consul (or jointly with spouse). Honorary Consuls are not entitled to a second set of CC plates for their spouse.

Fees: Exempt from payment of certain State Government taxes, to be determined and applied by TMR.

5.2 CC plates are issued as customised plates, allowing Consular Posts and Career and Honorary Consuls to retain the same plate numbers indefinitely while the holder remains eligible for such plates. CC plates may be transferred to another vehicle registered in the same name through TMR but cannot be transferred to another person or Consular Post. When disposing of a vehicle that has been issued with CC plates, the registration must be cancelled or the vehicle converted to standard plates.

5.3 If a Career Consul or an Honorary Consul cease to hold such position in Queensland, entitlement to CC plates also ceases and the plates must be surrendered to TMR within 14 days.

5.4 The display of CC plates on a vehicle does not entitle the driver of that vehicle to any immunity in respect of the traffic laws of this State and they may be given a traffic or parking infringement notice. Flagrant disregard of such laws may result in withdrawal of the CC plates.

5.5 Overseas Missions such as TECO (Taipei Economic and Cultural Office) and its officers in Queensland are **NOT** entitled to CC number plates (Consular Corps plates) but may receive certain fee exemptions related to the issue of standard plates. The specific fee exemptions to be applied are determined by TMR.

5.6 Only vehicles registered correctly (see below) are eligible for registration concessions. Vehicles registered in the name of a company or some other entity are not entitled to registration concessions.

- **Overseas Mission** vehicles - must be registered in the name of the Overseas Mission
- **Mission Officer** vehicles - must be registered in the name of the Mission Officer (or jointly with spouse).

5.6.1 Overseas Missions

Entitlement: One set of standard issue plates for a motor vehicle registered in accordance with 5.6. *(limited to one vehicle for every two Mission Officers employed in the Overseas Mission).*

Fees: Exempt from payment of certain State Government taxes, to be determined and applied by TMR.

5.6.2 Mission Officers

Entitlement: One set of standard issue plates for a motor vehicle registered in accordance with 5.6. A second set of standard issue plates may be issued for an additional vehicle if accompanied by a spouse.

Fees: Exempt from payment of certain State Government taxes, to be determined and applied by TMR.

6. Responsibilities

6.1 The Director, Protocol and International Engagement (PIE), is responsible for the implementation of this policy and for authorising the issue of CC plates and registration concessions. Contact details are as follows:

· The Director
Protocol and International Engagement
Department of the Premier and Cabinet
PO Box 15185
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Tel: (07) 3003 9253
Email: protocol@premiers.qld.gov.au

6.2 TMR is responsible for the manufacture, issue, transfer and surrender of CC plates.

6.3 The Queensland State Office of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is responsible for informing Protocol and International Engagement of:

- openings and closures of Consular Posts and Overseas Missions in Queensland
- appointments of new Honorary Consuls
- resignations of Honorary Consuls.

6.4 The Head of each Consular Post and Mission Office is responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions outlined in 5.1 to 5.6.

7. Procedures

7.1 Each applicant (i.e. a Consular Post or a Career or Honorary Consul) should submit a completed *Application for CC Plates* form (**see Attachment 1**) to the Director, Protocol and International Engagement, Department of the Premier and Cabinet, by email.

7.2 Each applicant (i.e. an Overseas Mission or Mission Officer) should submit a completed *Application for Registration Concessions* form (**see Attachment 2**) to the Director, PIE, Department of the Premier and Cabinet, by email.

7.3 Protocol and International Engagement check the applicant's details against its records and, if necessary, with the Queensland State Office of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. If the application complies with the Government's guidelines, the form is authorised by the Director, PIE, or delegated officer, and returned to the applicant for lodgement with TMR.

7.4 As details of the resignation of Honorary Consuls or the departure of Career Consuls are received by the Queensland State Office of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, these officers are reminded they are required to return CC number plates to TMR. (Refer 5.3).

8. Policy Administration

8.1 Key Data

Item	Relevant Information
Policy lead	Director, PIE
Business unit	Protocol and International Engagement
TRIM reference	GF70884-001

8.2 Revision History

Revision Date	Version Number	Author	Description of changes
August 2025	5	Director, PIE	Updated collection notice for each application form.
November 2024	4	Director, PIE	Referral to TMR for clarification of specific registration concessions, update to department titles, inclusion of collection notice, revision of References and Authorities information
February 2017	3	Director, PIE	Update of business unit and division name
October 2013	2	Director, Protocol Queensland	Inclusion of registration concession provision for TECO and Mission Officers
February 2008	1	Director, Protocol Queensland	

8.3 Approval

Role	Position	Date
Approved	Associate Director, General, Governance and Engagement	August 2025

9. Attachments

Attachment 1 *Application for CC Plates* Form

Attachment 2 *Application for Registration Concessions* Form

1. GUIDELINES FOR THE ISSUE OF CC PLATES TO THE QUEENSLAND CONSULAR CORPS

1.1 These guidelines relate to consular representatives in Queensland. CC plates are issued as a courtesy by the Queensland Government. The various categories of eligibility and the relevant entitlements and government charges or exemptions applicable to each category are as follows:

A	**Consular Posts** [Headed by Career Consuls only] Entitlement: One set of CC plates for a motor vehicle registered in accordance with 1.2 *[limited to one vehicle for every two Career Consuls employed in the Consular Post]*. Fees: Exempt from payment of certain State Government taxes, to be determined and applied by TMR.
B	**Career Consuls** Entitlement: One set of CC plates for a motor vehicle registered in accordance with 1.2. A second set of CC plates may be issued for an additional vehicle, if accompanied by a spouse. Fees: Exempt from payment of certain State Government taxes, to be determined and applied by TMR.
C	**Honorary Consuls** [Head of Post only] Entitlement: One set of CC plates for a motor vehicle registered in accordance with 1.2. Honorary Consuls are not entitled to a second set of CC plates for their spouse. Fees: Exempt from payment of certain State Government taxes, to be determined and applied by TMR.

1.2 Only vehicles registered correctly (see below) may be issued with CC plates. Vehicles registered in the name of a company or some other entity cannot be issued with CC plates.

- **category A** vehicles - must be registered in the name of the Consular Post
- **category B** vehicles - must be registered in the name of the Career Consul (or jointly with spouse)
- **category C** vehicles - must be registered in the name of the Honorary Consul (or jointly with spouse).

1.3 CC plates are issued similar to customised plates, enabling them to be transferred to a replacement vehicle whilst ever the holder remains eligible for such plates. Accordingly, once CC plates have been authorised, it is unnecessary to submit a further *Application for CC Plates*. If the CC plates are not being transferred to a replacement vehicle, they must be surrendered to Queensland Transport within 14 days. CC plates cannot be transferred to another Consular Post, Career Consul or Honorary Consul or any other person or entity. When disposing of a vehicle that has been issued with CC plates, it must be converted to standard plates.

1.4 If a Consular Post ceases to exist or if a Career or Honorary Consul ceases to hold such position, entitlement to CC plates also ceases and the plates must be surrendered to TMR within 14 days.

1.5 The display of CC plates on a vehicle does not entitle the driver of that vehicle to any immunity in respect of the traffic laws of this State and they may be issued a traffic or parking infringement notice.

1.6 The Head of each Consular Post is responsible for ensuring compliance with the above conditions.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 **"Consular Post"** refers to a Consulate-General, Consulate, Vice-Consulate or Consular Agency in Queensland.

2.2 **"Career Consul"** refers to any Consul-General, Consul or Vice-Consul who is both a foreign national of the country they represent and a career officer of that country's Foreign Service. It does not refer to any other foreign nationals employed in a Consular Post.

2.3 **"Honorary Consul"** refers to any Honorary Consul-General, Honorary Consul, Honorary Vice-Consul or Honorary Consular Agent appointed to head a Consular Post in Queensland.

3. PROCEDURE

3.1 Applicant submits completed ***Application for CC Plates to the Queensland Consular Corps*** (see reverse side) to Director, PIE, Department of the Premier and Cabinet, by email.

3.2 Protocol and International Engagement check the details on the form against its records and, if necessary, with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. If everything is in order, the form is authorised and returned to the applicant for lodgment with TMR.

APPLICATION FOR CC PLATES

Queensland Government

DETAILS OF APPLICANT [complete one (1) category only (A, B or C) in this section]

A

Consular Post:

Address:

Postcode

B

Career Consul (Family Name):

Given Names:

Designation: ☐ Consul-General ☐ Consul ☐ Vice-Consul

Consular Post:

Vehicle Use: ☐ For applicant's use ☐ For Spouse's use

Private Address:

Postcode

C

Honorary Consul (Family Name):

Given Names:

Designation: ☐ Hon. Consul-General ☐ Hon. Consul ☐ Hon. Vice-Consul ☐ Hon. Consular Agent

Consular Post:

Private Address:

Postcode

DETAILS OF VEHICLE

Make and Model:

Engine Number:

Vehicle registered in name of:
(see Guideline 1.2)

If applicant has previously been issued with registration plates, what is the plate number?

Plate Number:

CERTIFICATION BY HEAD OF CONSULAR POST

I hereby certify that the information provided above is correct. The guidelines governing the issue of CC plates *(outlined on the reverse side of this form)* have been noted.

Date | Head of Consular Post | Stamp or Seal

AUTHORISATION BY DEPARTMENT OF THE PREMIER AND CABINET

Applicant is eligible for CC Plates. Issue is subject to payment of fees applicable to relevant category *(see guidelines).*

Date | Director, Protocol and International Engagement | Stamp or Seal

Collection Notice

Your personal information will be handled in accordance with the Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld) (IP Act) and the Queensland Privacy Principles (QPPs).

The information collected is necessary to assess your eligibility to receive Consular Corps plates and registration concessions in Queensland. If you choose not to provide this information, we will not be able to progress your application.

To process your application, it will be necessary for us to disclose your personal information to the Department of Transport and Main Roads. It may also be necessary for us to disclose/and or collect your personal information from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Your personal information will not be disclosed outside of Australia.

The privacy policy for the Department of the Premier and Cabinet explains how you may request access to and/or correction of your personal information. Our privacy policy also explains how you can complain to us if you consider we have breached our obligations to manage your personal information in accordance with the QPPs, and how we deal with privacy complaints.

If you have questions regarding how your personal information will be handled contact:

Privacy Contact Officer
Right to Information and Privacy
Department of the Premier and Cabinet
Email: privacy.contact@premiers.qld.gov.au
Phone: 07 3003 9230
Mail: PO Box 15185
CITY EAST QLD 4002

1. GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION CONCESSIONS – (OVERSEAS MISSIONS OR OFFICERS - TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE)

1.1 These guidelines apply to Overseas Missions established in Queensland by Taipei. Registration concessions are provided to Overseas Missions as a courtesy by the Queensland Government. The categories of eligibility and the relevant entitlements and government charges or exemptions applicable to each category are as follows:

A	**Overseas Mission (Taipei Economic and Cultural Office)**	
	Entitlement:	One (1) set of standard issue plates for a motor vehicle registered in accordance with 1.2 *[limited to one (1) vehicle for every two (2) Mission Officers employed in the Overseas Mission].*
	Fees:	Exempt from payment of certain State Government taxes, to be determined and applied by TMR.
B	**Mission Officers (Head of Mission or Mission Officer)**	
	Entitlement:	One (1) set of standard issue plates for a motor vehicle registered in accordance with 1.2. A second set of standard issue plates may be issued for an additional vehicle, if accompanied by a spouse.
	Fees:	Exempt from payment of certain State Government taxes, to be determined and applied by TMR.

1.2 Only vehicles registered correctly (see below) are eligible for registration concessions. Vehicles registered in the name of a company or some other entity are not entitled to registration concessions.

- **category A** vehicles - must be registered in the name of the Overseas Mission;
- **category B** vehicles - must be registered in the name of the Mission Officer (or jointly with spouse).

1.3 Vehicles registered to TECO (Taipei Economic and Cultural Office) or its officers in Queensland are **NOT** entitled to CC number plates (Consular Corps plates).

1.4 The driver of these vehicles is not entitled to any immunity in respect of the traffic laws of this State and they may be issued a traffic or parking infringement notice.

1.5 The Head of the Mission is responsible for ensuring compliance with the above conditions.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 **"Overseas Mission"** refers to an official mission established in Australia to represent a foreign territory, such as Taipei, in one or more capacity.

2.2 **"Mission Officer"** is a reference to a person whom privileges and immunities are conferred by the Taipei Economic and Cultural (Privileges and Immunities) Regulations 1998 – REG 3. In these regulations, a reference to a person on whom privileges and immunities are conferred by these regulations is a reference to a person who is assigned (in whatever capacity) to TECO by the responsible agency in Taipei and is not engaged in employment in Australia other than by TECO, or is a member of the family of such a person; is not a permanent resident of Australia; is not an Australian citizen and is not engaged in the technical or administrative service of the designated mission.

3. PROCEDURE

3.1 Applicant submits completed ***Application for Registration Concessions – Taipei Economic and Cultural Office*** to Director, Protocol and International Engagement, Department of the Premier and Cabinet, by email.

3.2 Protocol and International Engagement check the details on the form against its records and, if necessary, with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. If everything is in order, the form is authorised and returned to the applicant for lodgement with TMR.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION CONCESSIONS – OVERSEAS MISSION OR MISSION OFFICER TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE

Queensland Government

DETAILS OF APPLICANT [complete one (1) category only (A or B) in this section]

A	Name of Mission:	
	Address: Postcode	
B	Mission Officer (Family Name):	Given Names:
	Designation/Title:	Name of Mission:
	Vehicle Use: ☐ For applicant's use ☐ For Spouse's use	Private Address: Postcode

DETAILS OF VEHICLE

Make and Model:	Engine Number:
Vehicle registered in name of: *(see Guideline 1.2)*	
If vehicle has previously been issued with registration plates, what is the plate number?	Plate Number:

CERTIFICATION BY HEAD OF MISSION

I hereby certify that the information provided above is correct. The guidelines governing the granting of motor vehicle registration concessions *(outlined in the attached guidelines)* have been noted.

Date Head of Mission Stamp or Seal

AUTHORISATION BY DEPARTMENT OF THE PREMIER AND CABINET

Applicant is eligible for motor vehicle registration concessions.

Date Director, Protocol and International Engagement Stamp or Seal

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