

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE AUCTIONING OF THE RIGHTS FOR THE ALLOCATION OF A.C.T. SPECIAL NUMBER PLATES

1. **Motor Traffic Ordinance** The rights to the allocation of special number plates that may be shown on ACT registered vehicles (herein called 'rights to plates') will be issued under the provisions of the *Motor Traffic Ordinance 1936* and regulations made under that Ordinance, and the specific terms and conditions hereunder.
2. **The venue** Rights to plates will be offered by auction at 12.30 p.m. Thursday, 21 July 1988, at the Albert Hall.
3. **Format** Right to plates will be offered in the following order of the plates:
A1, A1788, A1988, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A8, A9, A10, A100, A200 then numbers A11 to A199.
4. **Reserve price** There is a reserve price on the rights to be offered.
5. **Disputed bids** The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any bid. If there is a dispute as to the highest bidder, the right to that plate may be re-offered at the auctioneer's discretion.
6. **Deposit** A purchaser shall, on the fall of the hammer, pay the auctioneer a deposit in respect of his or her bid, being \$200 for numbers A1 to A10, A100, A200, A1788 and A1988, and \$50 for all other numbers.
7. **Method of payment** Deposits must be made in cash or by bank cheque unless prior credit arrangements are made with the auctioneer.
8. **No refund** Deposits will be non-refundable.
9. **Acknowledgment of Bid form** A purchaser must complete and sign an Acknowledgment of Bid form as soon as the successful bid is accepted by the auctioneer. The auctioneer may re-auction the rights where the successful bidder fails to sign the form or pay the deposit.
10. **Final payment** Final payment must be made by either bank cheque or cash at the first floor, Dickson Motor Vehicle Registry, Challis Street, Dickson, by 3 p.m., 4 August 1988.
11. **Bidding agents** A person bidding on behalf of another may be required to prove to the auctioneer's satisfaction that he or she is authorised to bid on behalf of that other person.
12. **Liability of a bidding agent** If the bidder is not so authorised or the auctioneer is not satisfied that the bidder is so authorised, the bidder will be personally liable to pay the amount bid. Failure to do so as provided herein will entitle the Commonwealth to resell the rights to those plates without precluding any other form of legal action the Commonwealth may take against the bidder.
13. **Collection of plates** Plates the rights to which are purchased, can be collected from the Dickson Motor Vehicle Registry after the full purchase price has been paid.
14. **Affixing of plates** A purchaser shall, within 3 months of the auction, either
 - collect the plates and immediately affix them to a vehicle registered in the ACT, or
 - arrange for reservation and holding of the rights to the plates as provided below.
15. **Reservation and storage** The Registrar shall, on the application of a purchaser, reserve and hold the rights to the plates for a period or periods not exceeding 5 years

The purchaser shall pay the reservation fee determined from time to time.

16. **Plate ownership** Plates remain the property of the Registrar on behalf of the Commonwealth. The purchase price bid at the auction does not include vehicle registration fees.
17. **Who has the right to display** A number plate issued pursuant to these conditions shall not, subject to these conditions, be displayed on a vehicle other than one registered in the ACT in the name of the purchaser, nor shall it be displayed on a taxi, motor omnibus, private hire car, motor vehicle of a member of the diplomatic corps, veteran vehicle, vintage vehicle or historic vehicle within the meaning of the *Motor Traffic Ordinance 1936*.
18. **Cessation of right to display** If at the end of the holding period the purchaser has not collected the plates and affixed them to a vehicle registered in the ACT in the purchaser's name, that purchaser's rights to the plates cease.
19. **Resale after loss of the right to display** The Registrar may arrange for the plates to be resold where the purchaser has lost the rights to them. In these circumstances the original purchase price and other fees paid by the purchaser are forfeited to the Commonwealth.
20. **Plate transfer** Anyone who has bought the rights to plates may, with the Registrar's approval,
 - arrange for the rights to those plates to be transferred to another vehicle registered in the ACT in the purchaser's name, or
 - arrange for the transfer of the rights to those plates to someone else if the transfer fee is paid. (The fee will be determined from time to time.)
 The new owner will have the same rights and obligations as the previous owner.

Footnotes The present transfer fee for individual plates is:

A1 to A20, A1788, A1988, A200	\$200
A21 to A100	\$100
A101 to A199	\$50

Owing to special manufacturing processes, damaged or lost plates will be replaced at a fee which will be higher than the normal cost of plate replacement.

The present reservation and storage fees are:

Up to 1 month	— \$20
Between 1 and 3 months	— \$50
More than 3 months	— \$200 per annum or part thereof.

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