

Queensland Community Safety (Postponement) Regulation 2025

Explanatory notes for SL 2025 No. 92

made under the

Queensland Community Safety Act 2024

General Outline

Short title

Queensland Community Safety (Postponement) Regulation 2025

Authorising law

Section 15DA of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954*

Section 2 of the *Queensland Community Safety Act 2024*

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

Part 3, division 2, subdivision 2 of the *Queensland Community Safety Act 2024* contains amendments to the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* to address drink driving. This includes amendments relating to issuing infringement notices, increased penalties and licence disqualification.

These amendments are due to automatically commence on 31 August 2025. To support their implementation, significant updates to information technology systems are required. While work on these implementation tasks is already underway, additional time is needed to ensure all systems and processes are fully established to support effective administration of the amendments.

Achievement of policy objectives

The policy objective is achieved by postponing the automatic commencement of the drink driving amendments in the *Queensland Community Safety Act 2024*. The *Queensland Community Safety (Postponement) Regulation 2025* (the postponement regulation) will extend the period before automatic commencement under section 15DA(2) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954* to the end of 30 August 2026, so that the provisions will automatically commence on 31 August 2026.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The postponement regulation is consistent with the objectives of the *Queensland Community Safety Act 2024* and the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954*.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

There is no inconsistency with the policy objectives of other legislation.

Benefits and costs of implementation

The postponement regulation will enable implementation tasks to be progressed in order to support the effective implementation of the drink driving amendments.

There are no costs associated with the implementation of the postponement regulation.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The postponed commencement of an Act may raise the fundamental legislative principle that legislation must have regard to the institution of Parliament. However, given the need for additional time to ensure the appropriate systems and processes are in place, any potential breach of fundamental legislative principles is considered to be justified.

Consultation

No external consultation has been undertaken due to the minor nature of the regulation.

In accordance with *The Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy*, a summary Impact Analysis Statement was prepared. No further regulatory impact assessment is required as the amendments are machinery in nature.