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**THE TRANSPORT (VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING)  
NOTICE 1986**

PURSUANT to sections 14, 15 (6), and 32 of the Transport (Vehicle and Driver Registration and Licensing) Act 1986, the Minister of Transport hereby gives the following notice.

NOTICE

**1. Title and commencement**—(1) This notice may be cited as the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Notice 1986.

(2) This notice shall come into force on the 19th day of May 1986.

**2. Interpretation**—In this notice, unless the context otherwise requires, “the Act” means the Transport (Vehicle and Driver Registration and Licensing) Act 1986.

**3. Registration plates**—(1) The distinguishing marks on registration plates shall be—

(a) (Except in the case of personalised registration plates) embossed, and coloured aluminium on a black background; or

(b) Embossed, and coloured black against a reflective background consisting of white retro-reflective sheeting,—  
and the base material of the plates shall be aluminium.

(2) Registration plates shall bear distinguishing marks as follows:

(a) For plates that are trade plates, a series of numerals preceded or followed by the letter “D”:

(b) For plates for motor cycles, mopeds, and tractors,—

(i) A series of numerals from 1 to 99 999 (both numbers inclusive); or

(ii) A series of numerals from 1 to 999 (both numbers inclusive) followed by any combination of 2 or 3 letters; or

(iii) A series of numerals from 1 to 99 (both numbers inclusive) above any combination of 3 letters:

(c) For plates for trailers—

(i) A series of numerals from 1 to 99 999 (both numbers inclusive); or

(ii) A series of numerals from 1 to 999 (both numbers inclusive) followed by any combination of 2 or 3 letters; or

(iii) Any letter followed by a series of numerals from 1 to 9999 (both numbers inclusive):

(d) For plates for motor vehicles the distinguishing marks for which are not prescribed by any of the foregoing provisions of this subclause, any combination of 2 letters followed by a series of numerals from 1 to 9999 (both numbers inclusive).

(3) Nothing in subclause (2) of this clause shall apply in respect of the distinguishing marks that may be used for personalised registration plates allocated under section 9 of the Act.

(4) No combination of letters and numerals shall be used on any registration plate under subclause (2) of this clause if that combination of letters or numerals appears or is to appear on any personalised registration plates allocated to or held on behalf of any person under section 9 of the Act.

**4. Registration plates for official vehicles**—Notwithstanding anything in clause 3 of this notice, the registration plates of any motor vehicle that is the property of or regularly used by the Governor-General, and any motor vehicle that is operated or regularly used by a government, person, or organisation described in the first column of the table to this clause, shall be distinguished solely by the symbol or, as the case may be, the letters and numbers specified in the second column of that table.

Table

First Column	Second Column
1. Governor-General	1. Crown of any size.
2. (a) Governments of foreign and Commonwealth countries with established diplomatic missions in New Zealand.	2. In the case of any motor vehicle other than a motor cycle, moped, or trailer, "DC" followed by a series of numerals from 1 onwards. In the case of any motor cycle, moped, or trailer, "DCC" preceded by a series of numerals from 1 onwards.
(b) Any person being entitled in New Zealand to full diplomatic immunities and privileges pursuant to the Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act 1968.	
(c) Organisations in respect of which immunities or privileges have been conferred pursuant to section 9 (2) (a) of the Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act 1968.	
(d) Any person being entitled in New Zealand to immunities or privileges pursuant to section 9 (2) (b) of the Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act 1968.	

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<p>3. (a) Governments of foreign and Commonwealth countries with missions of consular or equivalent status established in New Zealand.</p> <p>(b) Any person being entitled in New Zealand to full consular immunities and privileges, pursuant to the Consular Privileges and Immunities Act 1971.</p> <p>4. Any person not falling within clause 2 or clause 3 of this table and being entitled in New Zealand to any immunities or privileges (other than those accorded to honorary representatives) pursuant to the Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act 1968.</p>	<p>3. In the case of any motor vehicle other than a motor cycle, moped, or trailer, "CC" followed by a series of numerals from 1 onwards. In the case of any motor cycle, moped, or trailer, "CCC" preceded by a series of numerals from 1 onwards.</p> <p>4. In the case of any motor vehicle other than a motor cycle, moped, or trailer, "FC" followed by a series of numerals from 1 onwards. In the case of any motor cycle, moped, or trailer, "FCC" preceded by a series of numerals from 1 onwards.</p>

**5. Affixing of registration plates**—The registration plates issued for any motor vehicle and any trade plates shall be displayed as follows:

- (a) In the case of a motor vehicle other than a motor vehicle of any of the kinds specified in paragraph (b) of this clause, one plate shall be displayed on the front of the vehicle and one plate shall be displayed on the rear of the vehicle, and both plates shall be in an upright position and so displayed that every letter, figure, and distinguishing mark on the plate is easily visible:
- (b) In the case of any motor cycle, moped, tractor, or trailer one plate shall be displayed on the rear of the vehicle in an upright position and so displayed that every letter, figure, and distinguishing mark on the plate is easily visible.

*Licences*

**6. Form of licences**—Licences to use motor vehicles of the following classes shall be in the following forms:

- (a) For every motor cycle, other than a motor cycle to which paragraph (b) or paragraph (d) of this clause applies, the licence shall be in the form of Diagram No. 1 in the First Schedule to this notice:
- (b) For every motor vehicle operated under a transport licence, other than a motor vehicle to which paragraph (d) of this clause applies, the licence shall be in the form of Diagram No. 2 in that Schedule:
- (c) For every motor vehicle that is required to have a certificate of fitness or permit, other than a vehicle to which paragraph (b) or paragraph (d) of this clause applies, the licence shall be in the form of Diagram No. 3 in that Schedule:

- (d) For every motor vehicle that is an exempted vehicle within the meaning of section 187 of the Transport Act 1962 (other than a vehicle exempted from registration under section 6 of the Act), the licence shall be in the form of Diagram No. 4 in that Schedule:
- (e) For every motor vehicle used under the authority of section 35 of the Act (which relates to trade plates) or any motor vehicle for which the form of licence is not prescribed by any other paragraph of this clause, the licence shall be in the form of Diagram No. 5 in that Schedule.

**7. Display of licences**—(1) Except as provided in subclause (3) of this clause, the licence issued for any vehicle shall be displayed as follows:

- (a) In the case of a motor cycle, moped, tractor, or trailer, the licence shall be affixed to the registration plate on the right-hand side:
- (b) In the case of any other vehicle fitted with a windscreen, the licence shall be affixed to the top or bottom of the outside of the windscreen as near as practicable to the middle line of the windscreen and so as to be easily visible from the front of the vehicle:
- (c) In the case of any other vehicle not fitted with a windscreen, the licence shall be affixed on the front or on the back or on the right-hand side of the vehicle.

(2) In each such case the licence shall be displayed in an upright easily visible position and fixed so as not to be readily detachable from the windscreen, plate, or vehicle, as the case may be.

(3) Licences issued as trade licences shall be displayed as follows:

- (a) In the case of a motor cycle, moped, tractor, or trailer, the licence shall be affixed to the registration plate on the right-hand side:
- (b) In the case of any other vehicle, the licence shall be affixed to the rear registration plate on the right-hand side.

**8. Fees**—The following fees shall be payable in respect of the issue of registration plates, licences, and duplicate certificates of registration to cover the cost of their production and issue:

	Non-reflective plates as described in clause 3 (a) of this notice	Reflective plates as described in clause 3 (b) of this notice
(a) Registration plates—		
(i) For use on motor cycles, mopeds, and tractors (including trade plates) and for trade plates for use on trailers	\$2 each plate	\$7 each plate
(ii) For use on trailers (not including trade plates)	\$2 each plate	\$8 each plate

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	Non-reflective plates as described in clause 3 (a) of this notice	Reflective plates as described in clause 3 (b) of this notice
(iii) For use on other motor vehicles (including trade plates)	\$4 each set of plates	\$12 each set of plates
(b) Licences .. .. .		20 cents
(c) Duplicate certificates of registration applied for before 1 July 1986 .. .. .		50 cents
(d) Duplicate certificates of registration applied for on or after 1 July 1986 .. .. .		\$5

**9. Revocation**—The Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Notice 1985 (S.R. 1985/99) is hereby revoked.

**10. Saving**—Notwithstanding the revocation of the notice specified in clause 9 of this notice, every licence issued under that notice shall continue in force until the close of the 30th day of June 1986, and licences may be issued and displayed in respect of the period ending with the 30th day of June 1986 in accordance with that notice as if that notice had not been revoked.

SCHEDULE

FORM OF LICENCES

In the case of licences issued in respect of months and years other than those shown in these diagrams, the appropriate month and year is to be substituted for those shown in the diagrams.

Diagram No. 1

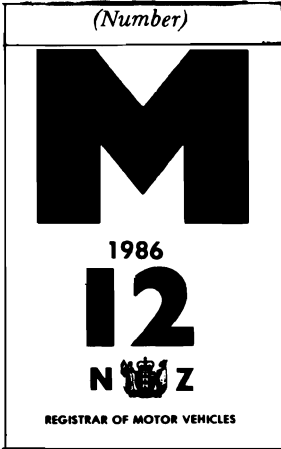


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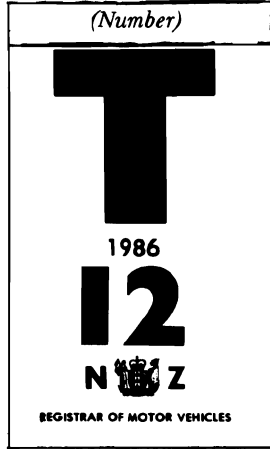


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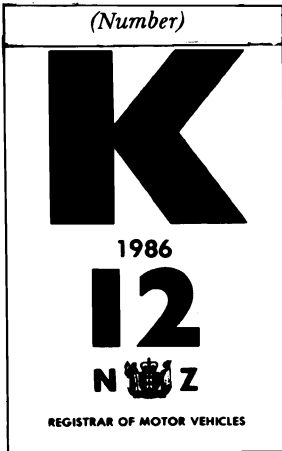


Diagram No. 4



NOTE: Where this licence is issued for a motor vehicle described in Part II of the First Schedule to the Act, the lower left corner of the licence is to be cut off.

Diagram No. 5



Dated at Auckland this 14th day of May 1986.

**R. W. PREBBLE,**  
 Minister of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*This note is not part of the notice, but is intended to indicate its general effect.*

This notice prescribes the form and manner of affixing registration plates and licences. Changes include—

- (a) Increases in fees to cover costs of production and issue of registration plates and duplicate certificates of registration;
- (b) Provision for reflectorised backgrounds of registration plates;
- (c) A reduction in the variety of types of annual licences, and provision for their display on the outside of windscreens.

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