



## THE TRANSPORT (VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING) NOTICE 1995

PURSUANT to sections 14, 15 (6), 32, and 35 of the Transport (Vehicle and Driver Registration and Licensing) Act 1986, the Minister of Transport hereby gives the following notice.

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### NOTICE

**1. Title and commencement**—(1) This notice may be cited as the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Notice 1995.

(2) This notice shall come into force on the 1st day of July 1995.

**2. Form of registration plates (other than personalised registration plates or trade plates)**—(1) This clause applies to a registration plate other than a personalised registration plate or trade plate.

(2) The distinguishing marks on a registration plate shall be—

(a) 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 a registration plate shall be aluminium.

(3) The distinguishing marks for a registration plate shall be,—

(a) In the case of plates for motor cycles, mopeds, and tractors,—

(i) A series of numerals from 1 to 99999 (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:
- (b) In the case of plates for trailers,—
  - (i) A series of numerals from 1 to 99999 (both numbers inclusive); or
  - (ii) A series of numerals from 1 to 9999 (both numbers inclusive) preceded or followed by a letter; or
  - (iii) A series of numerals from 1 to 999 (both numbers inclusive) followed by any combination of 2 or 3 letters:
- (c) In the case of plates for any other motor vehicle not referred to in the preceding provisions of this subclause, any combination of 2 letters followed by a series of numerals from 1 to 9999 (both numbers inclusive).
- (4) No combination of letters and numerals shall be used on any registration plate under subclause (3) of this clause if that combination of letters or numerals appears or is to appear on—
  - (a) A personalised registration plate; or
  - (b) A trade plate.

**3. Form of personalised registration plates**—(1) The distinguishing marks on a personalised registration plate shall be embossed, and coloured black or red or blue, as the case may be, against a reflective background consisting of white retro-reflective sheeting.

(2) Any subsidiary characters, messages, symbols, or slogans that have been approved by the Registrar for display on a personalised registration plate under section 9E(2)(a) of the Transport (Vehicle and Driver Registration and Licensing) Act 1986, may be of any colour.

(3) The base material of a personalised registration plate shall be aluminium.

**4. Form of trade plates**—(1) A trade plate shall—

- (a) Have its distinguishing marks embossed, and coloured aluminium on a black background; or
  - (b) Have its distinguishing marks embossed, and coloured black against a reflective background consisting of white retro-reflective sheeting; or
  - (c) Be in the form of Diagram No. 4 in the First Schedule to this notice, and have its distinguishing marks embossed, and coloured black against a reflective background consisting of yellow retro-reflective sheeting,—
- and the base material of a trade plate shall be aluminium.

(2) The distinguishing marks for a trade plate shall be a series of numerals preceded or followed by the letter “D” or the letter “X”.

**5. Registration plates for official vehicles**—Notwithstanding anything in clauses 2 to 4 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
<p>1. Governor-General</p> <p>2. (a) Governments of foreign and Commonwealth countries with established diplomatic missions in New Zealand.</p> <p>(b) Any person entitled in New Zealand to full diplomatic immunities and privileges under the Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act 1968.</p> <p>(c) Organisations in respect of which immunities or privileges have been conferred under section 9 (2) (a) of the Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act 1968.</p> <p>(d) Any person entitled in New Zealand to immunities or privileges under section 9 (2) (b) of the Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act 1968.</p>	<p>1. Crown of any size</p> <p>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.</p>
<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 entitled in New Zealand to full consular immunities and privileges under the Consular Privileges and Immunities Act 1971.</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. 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) under the Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act 1968.</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>

**6. Affixing of registration plates (other than trade plates)—**  
Registration plates issued for a motor vehicle 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.

**7. Affixing of trade plates**—Trade plates issued for any motor vehicle shall be displayed as follows:

- (a) In the case of trade plates specified in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of clause 4 (1) of this notice, plates shall be displayed on a motor vehicle in the manner specified in clause 6 of this notice.
- (b) In the case of trade plates specified in paragraph (c) of clause 4 (1) of this notice, one plate that also serves the function of a trade licence in the form of Diagram No. 4 in the First Schedule to this notice shall be displayed on the rear of the motor vehicle in an upright position and so displayed that every letter, figure, and distinguishing mark on the plate is easily visible.

**8. Form of licences (other than trade licences)**—(1) This clause applies to licences to use motor vehicles but does not apply to trade licences.

(2) Licences to use motor vehicles of the following classes shall be in the following forms:

- (a) In the case of a motor cycle other than a motor cycle to which paragraph (b) or paragraph (d) or paragraph (e) or paragraph (f) of this clause applies, the licence shall be in the form of Diagram No. 1 or Diagram No. 3 in the First Schedule to this notice. If such notice is in the form of Diagram No. 1, the letter “M” (representing the licence class) shall appear in place of the large letter “G” in that diagram, in the same style:

- (b) In the case of a motor vehicle operated under a transport service licence, other than a motor vehicle to which paragraph (d) or paragraph (e) of this clause applies, the licence shall be in the form of Diagram No. 1 or Diagram No. 3 in the First Schedule to this notice. If such licence is in the form of Diagram No. 1, the letter “T” (representing the licence class) shall appear in place of the large letter “G” in that diagram, in the same style. If such licence is in the form of Diagram No. 3—

- (i) Where the vehicle is one for which a current warrant of fitness is required, the letter “T” shall appear in place of the large letter “G”, in the same style:

- (ii) Where the vehicle is one for which a current certificate of fitness is required, the letter “L” shall appear in place of the large letter “G”, in the same style:

- (c) In the case of a motor vehicle that is required to have a certificate of fitness or permit, other than a vehicle to which paragraph (b) or paragraph (d) or paragraph (e) or paragraph (f) of this clause applies, the licence shall be in the form of Diagram No. 1 or Diagram No. 3 in the First Schedule to this notice, except that, in either case, the letter “K” (representing the licence class) shall appear in place of the large letter “G” in those diagrams, in the same style:

- (d) In the case of a motor vehicle that is described in Part II of the First Schedule to the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Regulations 1994 (which relates to vehicles exempted from registration and licensing fees), the licence shall be in the form of Diagram No. 2 or Diagram No. 3 in the First Schedule to this notice. If such licence is in the form of Diagram No. 2, the lower left corner of the licence shall be cut off. If such licence is in the form of Diagram No. 3, the letter "A" (representing the licence class) shall appear in place of the large letter "G", in the same style:
- (e) In the case of a motor vehicle that is—
- (i) Described in the First Schedule to the Motor Spirits Duty Refund Regulations 1978; or
  - (ii) An exempted vehicle within the meaning of section 99 of the Transit New Zealand Act 1989 (which relates to vehicles exempted from excise duty); or
  - (iii) An exempted vehicle within the meaning of regulations referred to in section 101 (1) of the Transit New Zealand Act 1989 (as substituted by section 35 (1) of the Land Transport Act 1993),—
- the licence shall be in the form of Diagram No. 2 or Diagram No. 3 in the First Schedule to this notice. If such licence is in the form of Diagram No. 3 and the vehicle is one for which a current warrant of fitness is required, the letter "B" (representing the licence class) shall appear in place of the large letter "G", in the same style. If such licence is in the form of Diagram No. 3 and the vehicle is one for which a current warrant of fitness is not required, the letter "X" shall appear in place of the large letter "G", in the same style:
- (f) In the case of a 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. 1 or Diagram No. 3 in the First Schedule to this notice. If such licence is in the form of Diagram No. 3, and if no current warrant of fitness is required for the vehicle, the letter "N" (representing the licence class) shall appear in place of the large letter "G" in that diagram, in the same style.
- (3) If any licence in the form of Diagram No. 1 or Diagram No. 2 in the First Schedule to this notice is issued in respect of a year other than that shown in those diagrams, the appropriate year shall appear in place of that shown in the diagram.
- (4) In respect of any licence in the form of Diagram No. 3 in the First Schedule to this notice—
- (a) If the licence is issued in respect of an expiry day, expiry month, expiry year, or licence number other than that shown in the diagram, the appropriate details shall appear in place of those shown:
  - (b) If the vehicle for which the licence is issued differs from that shown in the diagram in respect of year or month first registered in New Zealand, registration number, year in which the vehicle was made, or the manufacturer or model, the appropriate identifying details shall appear in place of those shown:
  - (c) If, and only if, at the time of application for the licence the vehicle is one which is required also to be licensed under the Road User

Charges Act 1977, the licence shall show the letters "RUC" as indicated in the diagram:

- (d) The licence shall show the letters "VIC" as indicated in the diagram, unless—
  - (i) At the time of application for the licence, the vehicle is exempted from the requirement to carry a current warrant of fitness or certificate of fitness; or
  - (ii) The issuer of the licence is an approved testing authority that has, on the date of issue of the licence, also issued a warrant of fitness or certificate of fitness in respect of the vehicle:
- (e) The licence shall show a stripe that is coloured blue:
- (f) The label number, bar coding, print batch, and time and date that the licence is printed may vary from those shown in the diagram.

**9. Form of trade licences—**(1) A trade licence issued under section 34 of the Transport (Vehicle and Driver Registration and Licensing) Act 1986 shall be in the form of Diagram No. 1 or Diagram No. 4 in the First Schedule to this notice.

(2) If a trade licence in the form of Diagram No. 1 in the First Schedule to this notice is issued in respect of a year other than that shown in that diagram, the appropriate year shall appear in place of that shown in the diagram.

(3) A trade licence in the form of Diagram No. 4 in the First Schedule to this notice shall be—

- (a) Made as a plate; and
- (b) Have its distinguishing marks embossed, and coloured black against a reflective background consisting of yellow retro-reflective sheeting,—

and the base material of the trade licence shall be aluminium.

(4) A trade licence in the form of Diagram No. 4 in the First Schedule to this notice shall also serve as a trade plate specified in clause 4 (1)(c) of this notice, in respect of which the trade licence has been issued.

**10. Display of licences (other than trade licences)—**(1) This clause applies to licences to use motor vehicles but does not apply to trade licences.

(2) A licence issued for a 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, or affixed to the vehicle immediately below the registration plate or as close as practicable to the plate:
- (b) In the case of any other vehicle fitted with a windscreen, if the licence is in the form of Diagram No. 1 or Diagram No. 2 in the First Schedule to this notice, it shall be affixed to the outside of the windscreen as close as practicable to the left-hand side of the windscreen, when viewed from the outside and front of the vehicle:
- (c) In the case of any other vehicle fitted with a windscreen, if the licence is in the form of Diagram No. 3 in the First Schedule to this notice, it shall be affixed to the inside of the windscreen as close as practicable to the bottom right-hand corner of the windscreen, when viewed from the outside and front of the vehicle:

(d) In the case of any other vehicle not fitted with a windscreen, if the licence is in the form of Diagram No. 1 or Diagram No. 2 in the First Schedule to this notice, it shall be affixed on the front or back or on the right-hand side of the vehicle:

(e) In the case of any other vehicle not fitted with a windscreen, if the licence is in the form of Diagram No. 3 in the First Schedule to this notice, it shall be affixed at the back of the vehicle as close as practicable to the registration plate.

(3) In every case the licence shall be displayed in an upright easily visible position.

(4) Every licence in the form of Diagram No. 1 or Diagram No. 2 in the First Schedule to this notice shall be affixed so as not to be readily detachable from the windscreen, plate, or vehicle, as the case may be.

**11. Display of trade licences**—(1) Trade licences in the form of Diagram No. 1 in the First Schedule to this notice 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 motor vehicle, the licence shall be affixed to the rear registration plate on the right-hand side.

(2) Trade licences in the form of Diagram No. 4 in the First Schedule to this notice shall be displayed on a motor vehicle in the manner specified in clause 7 (b) of this notice.

(3) Trade licences in the form of Diagram No. 1 in the First Schedule to this notice shall be displayed in an upright easily visible position.

(4) Every trade licence shall be affixed so as not to be readily detachable from the windscreen, plate, or motor vehicle, as the case may be.

**12. Fees**—(1) The fees specified in the Second Schedule to this notice shall be payable to the Registrar in respect of the matters to which they relate.

(2) For the purposes of this clause and the matters set out in the Second Schedule to this notice,—

(a) “Standard issue personalised registration plate” means a personalised registration plate that consists solely of distinguishing marks embossed, and coloured black against a reflective background of white retro-reflective sheeting:

(b) “Special issue personalised registration plate” means a personalised registration plate other than a standard issue personalised registration plate.

(3) The fees payable under subclause (1) of this clause are inclusive of any goods and services tax payable under the Goods and Services Tax Act 1985.

**13. Revocations**—The notices specified in the Third Schedule to this notice are hereby revoked.

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SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

Cls. 4 (1)(c), 8, 9

FORM OF LICENCES AND TRADE PLATE

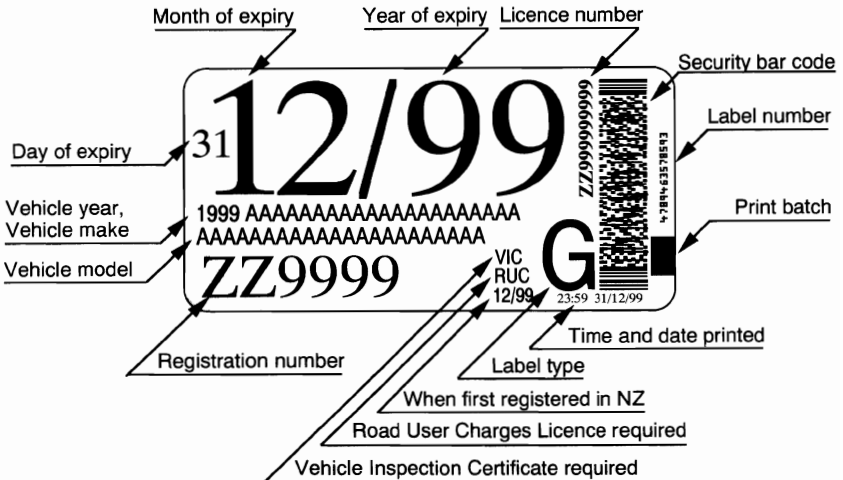
Diagram No. 1



Diagram No. 2



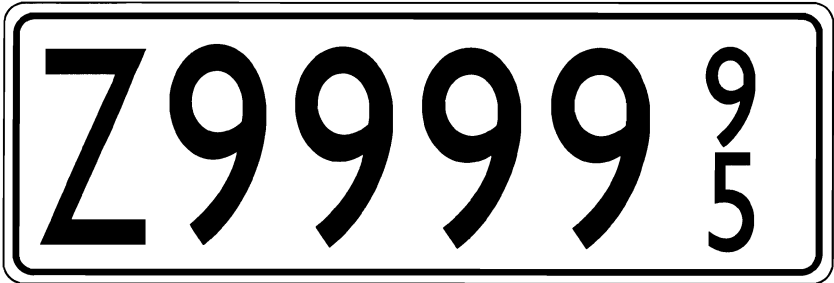
Diagram No. 3





FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued*  
FORM OF LICENCES AND TRADE PLATE—*continued*

Diagram No. 4



Trade plate number

Year of expiry

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## SECOND SCHEDULE

Cl. 12 (1)

## FEES

For registration plates specified in clause 2 (2) (b) of this notice,—	
(a) For use on motor cycles, mopeds, and tractors	\$8.55 each plate
(b) For use on trailers	\$9.25 each plate
(c) For use on other motor vehicles	\$14.20 each pair of plates
For standard issue personalised registration plates	\$20.50 each pair of plates
For special issue personalised registration plates	\$32.00 each pair of plates
For trade plates for use on motor cycles, mopeds, tractors, and trailers,—	
(a) In the case of a plate specified in clause 4 (1) (b) of this notice	\$17.35 each plate
(b) In the case of a plate specified in clause 4 (1) (c) of this notice	\$6.00 each plate (includes the fee for a trade licence in the form of Diagram No. 4 in the First Schedule to this notice)
For trade plates for use on other motor vehicles,—	
(a) In the case of a plate specified in clause 4 (1) (b) of this notice	\$26.00 each set of plates
(b) In the case of a plate specified in clause 4 (1) (c) of this notice	\$6.00 each plate (includes the fee for a trade licence in the form of Diagram No. 4 in the First Schedule to this notice)
For licences (other than trade licences in the form of Diagram No. 4 in the First Schedule to this notice)	25 cents
For duplicate certificates of registration	\$20.50

Cl. 13

**THIRD SCHEDULE**  
**NOTICES REVOKED**

Notice	Statutory Regulations Serial Number
The Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Notice 1986 ... ..	1986/90
The Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Notice 1986, Amendment No. 1 ... ..	1987/127
The Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Notice 1986, Amendment No. 2 ... ..	1987/384
The Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Notice 1986, Amendment No. 4 ... ..	1989/156
The Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Notice 1986, Amendment No. 5 ... ..	1989/355

Dated at Wellington this 26th day of June 1995.

M. WILLIAMSON,  
Minister of Transport.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This notice, which comes into force on the 1st day of July 1995, revokes and replaces the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Notice 1986.

The principal changes effected by the notice are—

- (a) A new series of registration plate numbers for trailers:
- (b) That the colours on personalised registration plates must be either black or blue or red against a reflective background consisting of white retro-reflective sheeting:
- (c) That any subsidiary characters, messages, symbols, or slogans that have been approved by the Registrar for display on a personalised registration plate under section 9E(2)(a) of the Transport (Vehicle and Driver Registration and Licensing) Act 1986, may be of any colour:
- (d) A new style of trade licence that also serves as the new style trade plate:
- (e) A new style of licence:
- (f) The manner in which new style trade plates, trade licences, and licences must be displayed:
- (g) A fee of \$6.00 in respect of a new style trade plate, and this fee also includes the fee for a new style trade licence.

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