

**Reprint
as at 1 May 2011**



**Transport (Vehicle Registration
and Licensing) Notice 1995**

(SR 1995/136)

Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Notice 1995: revoked, on 1 May 2011, by regulation 97(c) of the Land Transport (Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2011 (SR 2011/79).

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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Note

Changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in this reprint.

A general outline of these changes is set out in the notes at the end of this reprint, together with other explanatory material about this reprint.

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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 1 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 motorcycles, 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; or

- (iv) a letter, followed by a numeral from 1 to 9 (both numbers inclusive), followed by any combination of 3 letters; or
 - (v) a letter, followed by a numeral from 1 to 9 (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; or
 - (iv) a series of numerals from 1 to 999 (both numbers inclusive) preceded and followed by a letter:
 - (c) in the case of plates for any motor vehicle not referred to in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b),—
 - (i) any combination of 2 letters, followed by any of the numbers from 1 to 9999 (inclusive), or
 - (ii) any combination of 3 letters, followed by any of the numbers from 1 to 999 (inclusive).
- (4) No combination of letters and numerals shall be used on any registration plate under subclause (3) if that combination of letters or numerals appears or is to appear on—
 - (a) a personalised registration plate; or
 - (b) a trade plate.
- (5) To avoid doubt, nothing in subclause (3)(a) or (b) permits distinguishing marks on a registration plate to be assigned (whether in the same or a in different format) to more than 1 vehicle.

Example

A registration plate with the following distinguishing marks is assigned to a vehicle:

A1ABC

Example—*continued*

A registration plate with the following distinguishing marks cannot, therefore, be assigned to another vehicle:

A1
ABC

Clause 2(3)(a)(iii): amended, on 22 January 2007, by clause 4(1) of the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Notice 2006 (SR 2006/388).

Clause 2(3)(a)(iv): added, on 22 January 2007, by clause 4(1) of the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Notice 2006 (SR 2006/388).

Clause 2(3)(a)(v): added, on 22 January 2007, by clause 4(1) of the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Notice 2006 (SR 2006/388).

Clause 2(3)(b)(iii): amended, on 18 July 2002, by clause 3 of the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Notice 2002 (SR 2002/188).

Clause 2(3)(b)(iv): added, on 18 July 2002, by clause 3 of the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Notice 2002 (SR 2002/188).

Clause 2(3)(c): substituted, on 22 July 1999, by clause 2 of the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Notice 1999 (SR 1999/204).

Clause 2(5): added, on 22 January 2007, by clause 4(2) of the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Notice 2006 (SR 2006/388).

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

[Revoked]

Clause 4: revoked, on 22 July 1999, by clause 3(2) of the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Notice 1999 (SR 1999/204).

5 Registration plates for official vehicles

Notwithstanding anything in clauses 2 to 4, 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, 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

- 1 Governor-General
- 2 (a) Governments of foreign and Commonwealth countries with established diplomatic missions in New Zealand.
(b) Any person entitled in New Zealand to full diplomatic immunities and privileges under the Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act 1968.
(c) Organisations in respect of which immunities and privileges have been conferred under section 9(2)(a) of the Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act 1968.
(d) Any person entitled in New Zealand to immunities and privileges under section 9(2)(b) of the Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act 1968.

Second column

- 1 Crown of any size
- 2 In the case of any motor vehicle other than a motorcycle, moped, or trailer, "DC" followed by a series of numerals from 1 onwards. In the case of any motorcycle, moped, or trailer, "DCC" preceded by a series of numerals from 1 onwards.

First column

- 3 (a) Governments of foreign and Commonwealth countries with missions of consular or equivalent status established in New Zealand.
- (b) Any person entitled in New Zealand to full consular immunities and privileges under the Consular Privileges and Immunities Act 1971.
- 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.

Second column

- 3 In the case of any motor vehicle other than a motorcycle, moped, or trailer, "CC" followed by a series of numerals from 1 onwards. In the case of any motorcycle, moped, or trailer, "CCC" preceded by a series of numerals from 1 onwards.
- 4 In the case of any motor vehicle other than a motorcycle, moped, or trailer, "FC" followed by a series of numerals from 1 onwards. In the case of any motorcycle, moped, or trailer, "FCC" preceded by a series of numerals from 1 onwards.

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), 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 motorcycle, 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

[Revoked]

Clause 7: revoked, on 22 July 1999, by clause 3(2) of the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Notice 1999 (SR 1999/204).

7A Combined trade plate and licence

A trade licence under section 34 of the Transport (Vehicle and Driver Registration and Licensing) Act 1986—

- (a) must be in the form of Diagram No 4 of Schedule 1; and
- (b) must be made as an aluminium plate with a yellow retro-reflective background, bearing, embossed in black,—
 - (i) the letter “X”, preceded or followed by 4 numerals; and
 - (ii) the last 2 digits of the year of its issue, arranged vertically to the right of the letter and numerals; and
- (c) serves also as the trade plate for the motor vehicle in respect of which it is issued.

Clause 7A: inserted, on 22 July 1999, by clause 3(1) of the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Notice 1999 (SR 1999/204).

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) Subject to subclause (3), the licence for any motor vehicle must be in the form of Diagram No 2A or Diagram No 3 of Schedule 1.
- (3) The large letter “G” in Diagram No 2A or Diagram No 3 of Schedule 1 must be replaced, in the same style,—
 - (a) in the case of the licence for a motor vehicle operated under a transport service licence (other than a vehicle to which paragraph (c) or paragraph (d) applies),—
 - (i) if current evidence of vehicle inspection is required for the vehicle but not a certificate of loading, by the letter “T” (representing the licence class); and
 - (ii) if current evidence of vehicle inspection and a certificate of loading is required for the vehicle, by the letter “L” (representing the licence class):
 - (b) in the case of the licence for a heavy motor vehicle for which current evidence of vehicle inspection is required (other than a heavy vehicle to which any of paragraphs (a), (c), and (d) applies), by the letter “K” (representing the licence class):

- (c) in the case of the licence for a motor vehicle described in Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Regulations 1994 (which relates to vehicles exempted from registration and licensing fees), by the letter “A” (representing the licence class):
 - (d) in the case of the licence for an exempted vehicle within the meaning of regulations referred to in section 45 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003,—
 - (i) if current evidence of vehicle inspection is required for the vehicle, by the letter “B” (representing the licence class); and
 - (ii) if current evidence of vehicle inspection is not required for the vehicle, by the letter “X”:
 - (e) in the case of the licence for a motor vehicle not referred to in any of paragraphs (a) to (d) for which current evidence of vehicle inspection is not required, by the letter “N” (representing the licence class).
- (4) In respect of any licence in the form of Diagram No 2A or Diagram No 3 of Schedule 1—
- (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) *[Revoked]*
 - (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.

Clause 8(2): substituted, on 22 July 1999, by clause 4(1) of the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Notice 1999 (SR 1999/204).

Clause 8(3): substituted, on 22 July 1999, by clause 4(1) of the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Notice 1999 (SR 1999/204).

Clause 8(3)(d): amended, on 1 August 2008, by section 50(2) of the Land Transport Management Amendment Act 2008 (2008 No 47).

Clause 8(4): amended, on 22 July 1999, by clause 4(2)(a) of the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Notice 1999 (SR 1999/204).

Clause 8(4)(d): revoked, on 22 July 1999, by clause 4(2)(b) of the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Notice 1999 (SR 1999/204).

9 Form of trade licences

[Revoked]

Clause 9: revoked, on 22 July 1999, by clause 3(2) of the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Notice 1999 (SR 1999/204).

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) if the vehicle is a motorcycle, moped, tractor, or trailer, the licence must be affixed—
 - (i) to the registration plate on the right-hand side; or
 - (ii) to the vehicle, immediately below or as close as is practicable to the registration plate:
 - (b) *[Revoked]*
 - (c) if the vehicle is not a motorcycle, moped, tractor, or trailer, and is fitted with a windscreen, the licence must be displayed on the inside of the windscreen, as close as is practicable to the bottom right-hand corner of the windscreen (when viewed from the outside and front of the vehicle):
 - (d) *[Revoked]*
 - (e) if the vehicle is not a motorcycle, moped, tractor, or trailer, and is not fitted with a windscreen, the licence must be affixed to the back of the vehicle, as close as is practicable to the registration plate.
- (3) In every case the licence shall be displayed in an upright easily visible position.

(4) *[Revoked]*

Clause 10(2)(a): substituted, on 22 July 1999, by clause 5(1) of the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Notice 1999 (SR 1999/204).

Clause 10(2)(b): revoked, 22 July 1999, by clause 5(1) of the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Notice 1999 (SR 1999/204).

Clause 10(2)(c): substituted, on 22 July 1999, by clause 5(1) of the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Notice 1999 (SR 1999/204).

Clause 10(2)(d): revoked, on 22 July 1999, by clause 5(1) of the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Notice 1999 (SR 1999/204).

Clause 10(2)(e): substituted, on 22 July 1999, by clause 5(1) of the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Notice 1999 (SR 1999/204).

Clause 10(4): revoked, on 22 July 1999, by clause 5(2) of the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Notice 1999 (SR 1999/204).

11 Affixing of trade licences

A trade licence must be affixed on the rear of the motor vehicle concerned—

- (a) in an upright position; and
- (b) so that every letter, figure, and distinguishing mark on it is easily visible; and
- (c) so that it is not readily detachable from the vehicle.

Clause 11: substituted, on 22 July 1999, by clause 6 of the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Notice 1999 (SR 1999/204).

12 Fees

- (1) The fees specified in Schedule 2 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 Schedule 2,—
 - (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) are inclusive of any goods and services tax payable under the Goods and Services Tax Act 1985.

13 Revocations

The notices specified in Schedule 3 are hereby revoked.

Schedule 1 Form of licences and trade plate

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Diagram No 1
[Revoked]

Diagram No 2
[Revoked]

Diagram No 2A

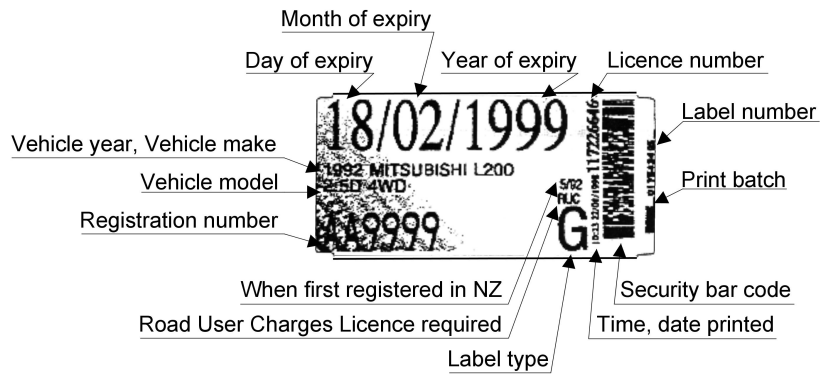


Diagram No 3

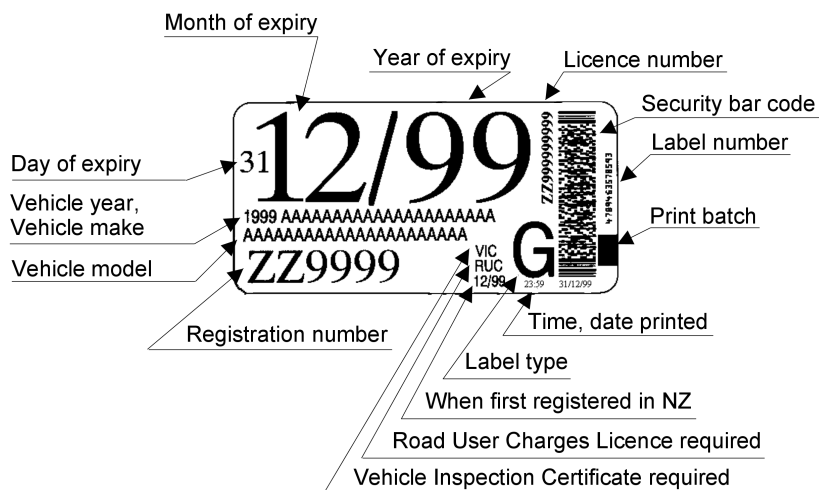


Diagram No 4



Trade plate number

Year of expiry

Schedule 1 Diagram No 1: revoked, on 22 July 1999, by clause 7(a) of the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Notice 1999 (SR 1999/204).

Schedule 1 Diagram No 2: revoked, on 22 July 1999, by clause 7(a) of the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Notice 1999 (SR 1999/204).

Schedule 1 Diagram No 2A: inserted, on 22 July 1999, by clause 7(a) of the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Notice 1999 (SR 1999/204).

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Schedule 1

Schedule 1 Diagram No 4: substituted, on 22 July 1999, by clause 7(b) of the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Notice 1999 (SR 1999/204).

Schedule 2

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Fees

For registration plates specified in clause 2(2)(b),—	
(a) for use on motorcycles, 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 motorcycles, mopeds, tractors, and trailers,—	
(a) in the case of a plate specified in clause 4(1)(b)	\$17.35 each plate
(b) in the case of a plate specified in clause 4(1)(c)	\$6.00 each plate (includes the fee for a trade licence in the form of Diagram No 4 of Schedule 1)
For trade plates for use on other motor vehicles,—	
(a) in the case of a plate specified in clause 4(1)(b)	\$26.00 each set of plates
(b) in the case of a plate specified in clause 4(1)(c)	\$6.00 each plate (includes the fee for a trade licence in the form of Diagram No 4 of Schedule 1)
For licences (other than trade licences in the form of Diagram No 4 of Schedule 1)	25 cents
For duplicate certificates of registration	\$20.50

Schedule 3
Notices revoked

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**Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Notice 1986
(SR 1986/90)**

**Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Notice 1986,
Amendment No 1 (SR 1987/127)**

**Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Notice 1986,
Amendment No 2 (SR 1987/384)**

**Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Notice 1986,
Amendment No 4 (SR 1989/156)**

**Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Notice 1986,
Amendment No 5 (SR 1989/355)**

Dated at Wellington this 26th day of June 1995.

M Williamson,
Minister of Transport.

Issued under the authority of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989.
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Notes**1 General**

This is a reprint of the Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Notice 1995. The reprint incorporates all the amendments to the notice as at 1 May 2011, as specified in the list of amendments at the end of these notes.

Relevant provisions of any amending enactments that contain transitional, savings, or application provisions that cannot be compiled in the reprint are also included, after the principal enactment, in chronological order. For more information, see <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/reprints/>.

2 Status of reprints

Under section 16D of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, reprints are presumed to correctly state, as at the date of the reprint, the law enacted by the principal enactment and by the amendments to that enactment. This presumption applies even though editorial changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in the reprint.

This presumption may be rebutted by producing the official volumes of statutes or statutory regulations in which the principal enactment and its amendments are contained.

3 How reprints are prepared

A number of editorial conventions are followed in the preparation of reprints. For example, the enacting words are not included in Acts, and provisions that are repealed or revoked

are omitted. For a detailed list of the editorial conventions, see <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/editorial-conventions/> or Part 8 of the *Tables of New Zealand Acts and Ordinances and Statutory Regulations and Deemed Regulations in Force*.

4 *Changes made under section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989*

Section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 authorises the making of editorial changes in a reprint as set out in sections 17D and 17E of that Act so that, to the extent permitted, the format and style of the reprinted enactment is consistent with current legislative drafting practice. Changes that would alter the effect of the legislation are not permitted. A new format of legislation was introduced on 1 January 2000. Changes to legislative drafting style have also been made since 1997, and are ongoing. To the extent permitted by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, all legislation reprinted after 1 January 2000 is in the new format for legislation and reflects current drafting practice at the time of the reprint.

In outline, the editorial changes made in reprints under the authority of section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 are set out below, and they have been applied, where relevant, in the preparation of this reprint:

- omission of unnecessary referential words (such as “of this section” and “of this Act”)
- typeface and type size (Times Roman, generally in 11.5 point)
- layout of provisions, including:
 - indentation
 - position of section headings (eg, the number and heading now appear above the section)
- format of definitions (eg, the defined term now appears in bold type, without quotation marks)
- format of dates (eg, a date formerly expressed as “the 1st day of January 1999” is now expressed as “1 January 1999”)

- position of the date of assent (it now appears on the front page of each Act)
- punctuation (eg, colons are not used after definitions)
- Parts numbered with roman numerals are replaced with arabic numerals, and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- case and appearance of letters and words, including:
 - format of headings (eg, headings where each word formerly appeared with an initial capital letter followed by small capital letters are amended so that the heading appears in bold, with only the first word (and any proper nouns) appearing with an initial capital letter)
 - small capital letters in section and subsection references are now capital letters
- schedules are renumbered (eg, Schedule 1 replaces First Schedule), and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- running heads (the information that appears at the top of each page)
- format of two-column schedules of consequential amendments, and schedules of repeals (eg, they are rearranged into alphabetical order, rather than chronological).

5 *List of amendments incorporated in this reprint (most recent first)*

Land Transport (Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2011 (SR 2011/79): regulation 97(c)

Land Transport Management Amendment Act 2008 (2008 No 47): section 50(2)

Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Notice 2006 (SR 2006/388)

Transport (Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Amendment Notice 2002 (SR 2002/188)

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