

## Serial Number 1946/78



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**THE MOTOR-VEHICLES REGISTRATION REGULATIONS 1946**

MICHAEL MYERS,  
Administrator of the Government

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington, this 29th day of  
May, 1946

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT IN  
COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Motor-vehicles Act, 1924, His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, and for the purpose of consolidating and amending certain enactments hereinbefore in force, doth hereby make the following regulations.

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**REGULATIONS**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Motor-vehicles Registration Regulations 1946.
2. These regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of July, 1946.
3. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—
  - “ The Act ” means the Motor-vehicles Act, 1924 :
  - “ Caravan ” means a motor-vehicle (other than a trailer) designed for use as a human abode :
  - “ Contract motor-vehicle ”, “ omnibus ”, “ passenger-truck ”, “ private motor-cab ”, “ private motor-car ”, “ public motor-cab ”, “ public motor-vehicle ”, “ rental-car ”, “ service-car ”, and “ service-coach ” have the same meaning as in the Motor-vehicles Insurance (Third-party Risks) Regulations 1939\* :
  - “ Licensing year ” means the period commencing on the 1st day of July in one year and concluding on the 30th day of June in the following year :
  - “ Minister ” means the Minister of Transport.

\* Statutory Regulations 1939, Serial number 1939/34, page 165.

Amendment No. 1 : Statutory Regulations 1941, Serial number 1941/77, page 290.

Amendment No. 2 : Statutory Regulations 1942, Serial number 1942/153, page 356.

Amendment No. 3 : Statutory Regulations 1944, Serial number 1944/81, page 223.

Amendment No. 4 : Statutory Regulations 1945, Serial number 1945/69, page 159.

4. For the purposes of general interpretation hereof, these regulations shall be deemed to be made under the Motor-vehicles Act, 1924, and, except as specifically provided in the preceding clause hereof or unless a contrary intention appears, expressions used herein have the same meaning as in that Act.

5. The respective regulations and Order made under the Act and referred to in the table subjoined to this regulation are revoked :—

*Table of Revoked Regulations*

Date of Order in Council.	Short Title.	Published in Gazette.	
		Year.	Page.
27th April, 1934	Motor-vehicles (Registration-plate) Regulations 1934	1934	1225
20th December, 1934	Motor-vehicles (Registration-plate) Regulations, 1934, Amendment No. 1	1935	39
13th May, 1935	Motor-vehicles (Registration-plate) Regulations, 1934, Amendment No. 2	1935	1365
22nd April, 1936	Motor-vehicles (Registration-plate) Regulations 1934, Amendment No. 3	1936	801
		Published as Statutory Regulations.	
		Year.	Serial Number.
16th September, 1936	Motor-vehicles (Registration-plate) Regulations 1934, Amendment No. 4	1936-37	29
3rd May, 1938	Motor-vehicles (Registration-plate) Regulations 1934, Amendment No. 5	1938	58
8th March, 1939	Motor-vehicles (Registration-plate) Regulations 1934, Amendment No. 6	1939	27
10th April, 1940	Motor-vehicles (Registration-plate) Regulations 1934, Amendment No. 7	1940	66
22nd April, 1942	Motor-vehicles (Registration-plate) Regulations 1934, Amendment No. 8	1942	110

6. All certificates, licenses, notices, and generally all acts of authority and all applications and other documents, matters, acts, and things, and all periods of time, which originated or had effect under the regulations hereby revoked and are of continuing effect at the time of coming into force of these regulations shall enure for the purposes of these regulations as if they had originated under these regulations, and shall, where necessary, be deemed so to have originated; and all matters and proceedings commenced under the regulations hereby revoked and pending or in progress on the commencement of these regulations may be continued, completed, or enforced under these regulations.

7. (1) Every application for the registration of a motor-vehicle shall be in the form numbered 1 in the Schedule hereto to be provided for the purpose by the Registrar.

(2) Where on an application for the registration of a motor-vehicle it is desired also to obtain a license to use the same motor-vehicle, the application for a license may be combined with the application for registration.

8. The number and distinguishing marks issued pursuant to any provision of the Act to be affixed to every registered motor-vehicle shall be exhibited on two metal plates (in these regulations referred

to as registration-plates) which shall be fixed one on the front and the other on the back of the motor-vehicle, in an upright position, so that every letter and figure on the plate is upright and easily distinguishable :

Provided that in the case of a trailer only one registration-plate shall be required, which plate shall be fixed on the back of the trailer in the manner hereinbefore described.

9. (1) Registration-plates issued to be affixed to motor-vehicles other than motor-cycles shall be of a size approximately  $13\frac{7}{8}$  in. long and  $4\frac{7}{8}$  in. high, and those issued to be affixed to motor-cycles shall be of a size approximately 9 in. long and  $4\frac{1}{8}$  in. high.

(2) For the licensing year commencing on the 1st day of July, 1946, the registration-plates shall be mid-buff in colour with the number and distinguishing marks embossed thereon in black.

(3) For the licensing year commencing on the 1st day of July, 1947, and for every subsequent licensing year, the registration-plates and embossed distinguishing marks shall be of such colours as the Minister shall from time to time by notice in the *Gazette* direct ; but in every case shall be of colours different from those in use for the preceding licensing year.

10. (1) Registration-plates shall be issued with distinguishing marks as follows :—

- (a) For private motor-cars other than caravans, a series of numerals from 2,001 onwards without initial letter :
- (b) For motor-cycles, a series of numerals from 1 onwards without initial letter :
- (c) For private motor-cabs, a series of numerals from 1 to 499 inclusive without initial letter :
- (d) For rental-cars, a series of numerals from 500 to 2,000 inclusive without initial letter :
- (e) To manufacturers and dealers in motor-vehicles pursuant to section 18 of the Act, a series of numerals preceded by the letter " D " :
- (f) For motor-vehicles within the exemptions defined in Part II of the Schedule to the Act (other than motor-vehicles the property of the Crown), a series of numerals preceded by the letter " E " :
- (g) For motor-vehicles (other than motor-cycles) the property of the Crown, a series of numerals preceded by the letters " GOVT." unless permission to issue a different type of distinguishing mark in the case of any particular motor-vehicle has been obtained from the Minister :
- (h) For omnibuses, a series of numerals preceded by the letter " P " :
- (i) For service-cars and service-coaches, a series of numerals preceded by the letter " S " :
- (j) For passenger-trucks and contract motor-vehicles, a series of numerals preceded by the letter " V " :
- (k) For public motor-cabs, a series of numerals preceded by the letter " T " :
- (l) For trailers, a series of numerals preceded by the letter " R " :
- (m) For motor-vehicles the distinguishing marks for which are not prescribed by any of the foregoing provisions of this regulation the gross weight of which unladen, together with the manufacturer's rating of weight-carrying capacity, exceeds 2 tons avoirdupois, a series of numerals preceded by the letter " H " :

(n) For motor-vehicles the distinguishing marks for which are not prescribed by any of the foregoing provisions of this regulation the gross weight of which unladen, together with the manufacturer's rating of weight-carrying capacity, does not exceed 2 tons avoirdupois, a series of numerals preceded by the letter "L".

(2) When any motor-vehicle comes within two or more classifications as set out in subclause (1) of this regulation, the registration-plates issued shall be those appropriate to the class of vehicle which is liable for payment of the higher amount of premium under the Motor-vehicles Insurance (Third-party Risks) Regulations 1939.\*

11. Notwithstanding anything herein contained, any motor-vehicle which is the property of or regularly used by the Governor-General and, unless the Minister otherwise directs, any motor-vehicle which is the property of or regularly used by a person discharging any of the offices described in the First Column of the table subjoined to this regulation may be distinguished solely by the symbols, letters, or markings (if any) of the size and colours (if any) specified in the Second Column of the said table and, subject to such specification, by such markings and by markings of such colour and size as the Minister may from time to time direct or approve.

Table

First Column.	Second Column.
Governor-General .. .. .	Crown of any size.
High Commissioner in New Zealand for the United Kingdom	"U.K. H.C." in gold upon a black ground.
High Commissioner in New Zealand for any Dominion ..	"H.C." preceded by a letter or letters to indicate the dominion represented.
Diplomatic representative of a foreign power; organizations and persons having the immunities and privileges set out in the First Schedule to the Diplomatic Privileges Extension Act, 1945	..

12. (1) Every application for a license to use a motor-vehicle shall be in the form numbered 1A in the Schedule hereto to be provided for the purpose by the Registrar. The applicant shall in his application notify the source or sources of motive power of the motor-vehicle.

(2) In the case of an application for a license to use a motor-vehicle as a rental-car, the applicant shall produce to the Deputy-Registrar the current license to carry on a rental service issued to the applicant under the Transport Licensing Act, 1931.

13. On receipt of proper application, and on payment of the fees for registration of and license to use the motor-vehicle (including the fee hereinafter prescribed by this regulation), the Deputy-Registrar shall supply to the owner of the motor-vehicle the appropriate registration-plates. To cover the cost and issue of such plates there shall, in addition, be payable such sum as the Minister shall from time to time, by notice in the *Gazette*, prescribe.

\* Statutory Regulations 1939, Serial number 1939/34, page 165.

Amendment No. 1: Statutory Regulations 1941, Serial number 1941/77, page 290.

Amendment No. 2: Statutory Regulations 1942, Serial number 1942/153, page 356.

Amendment No. 3: Statutory Regulations 1944, Serial number 1944/81, page 228.

Amendment No. 4: Statutory Regulations 1945, Serial number 1945/69, page 159.

**14.** (1) Every application made by any manufacturer of or dealer in motor-vehicles for the issue of registration-plates for use in accordance with section 18 of the Act shall be in the form numbered 2 in the Schedule hereto to be provided by the Registrar for the purpose.

(2) There shall be kept by the Registrar a register of all persons to whom registration-plates are issued under section 18 of the Act and these regulations.

**15.** Notice of the destruction of any motor-vehicle or of its permanent removal beyond New Zealand or of the fact that any motor-vehicle has become permanently useless, required by section 15 of the Act to be given to the Deputy-Registrar at whose office the motor-vehicle is registered, shall be in the form numbered 3 in the Schedule hereto to be provided by the Registrar for the purpose.

**16.** Notice of the change of ownership of any motor-vehicle, required by subsection (1) of section 17 of the Act to be given to the Deputy-Registrar at whose office the motor-vehicle is registered, shall be in the form numbered 4 in the Schedule hereto to be provided by the Registrar for the purpose.

**17.** (1) If any certificate of registration or any registration-plate issued and in force in respect of a motor-vehicle is lost or mutilated or becomes illegible, the owner of the motor-vehicle shall forthwith make application to the appropriate Deputy-Registrar for a substitute for the said registration-plate or a duplicate of the said certificate of registration. The application shall be made in one of the forms numbered 5 or 6 in the Schedule hereto to be provided by the Registrar for the purpose.

(2) If the application relates to one registration-plate for a motor-vehicle other than a trailer, the companion registration-plate shall be surrendered to the Deputy-Registrar and, subject to compliance with the provisions of this regulation, a set of two registration-plates may be issued for the said motor-vehicle :

Provided that no substitute registration-plates shall be issued under this regulation until the owner has surrendered to the Deputy-Registrar the plates previously issued for the vehicle and in force for the current year, or has proved to the satisfaction of the Deputy-Registrar that such plates have been or that either of them has been lost or destroyed.

(3) On receipt of the application and on being satisfied as to the facts, the Deputy-Registrar shall, on payment of the fee hereinafter prescribed, issue substitute registration-plates or a duplicate of the certificate, as the case may require.

(4) The following fees shall be payable under this regulation :—

(a) For every duplicate certificate of registration, 2s. 6d. :

(b) For every substitute registration-plate, the sum prescribed under Regulation 13 hereof.

**18.** In any case where during the currency of a license issued in respect of a motor-vehicle the owner thereof uses the same for a purpose different from that indicated in his application for license to use the same, he shall forthwith make application for and procure the appropriate fresh registration-plates. The application shall be in the form numbered 6 in the Schedule hereto to be provided by the Registrar for the purpose. The Deputy-Registrar, on payment of the prescribed fees (if any) and if he so thinks fit, on surrender of the existing registration-plates may assign a new number and distinguishing marks to the said motor-vehicle and issue new registration-plates therefor.

19. (1) Every application for a certificate in terms of section 12 of the Motor-vehicles Amendment Act, 1936, shall relate only to a single vehicle and may be made either orally or in writing. The prescribed fee shall be paid at the time of making the application.

(2) If the application is made in writing it may be delivered by hand or posted in a letter addressed to the Registrar or Deputy-Registrar. If the application is delivered by post, the fee may be paid by postal note or postage-stamps.

(3) The Registrar or Deputy-Registrar may, if he thinks fit so to do, deliver the certificate through the post to the applicant at any address given by him in his application.

(4) The fee for every certificate issued under this regulation stating only the name and address of the registered owner of a motor-vehicle shall be 6d. The fee for every certificate issued stating particulars in addition to the name and address of the registered owner of the vehicle shall be 1s.

20. (1) Any person who uses any motor-vehicle on any road or street without having the appropriate registration-plates affixed thereto in the manner hereinbefore prescribed, or who permits any vehicle to be so used, commits an offence and is liable to a fine of £20 for every day on which the offence is committed.

(2) Every person who affixes to any motor-vehicle anything which is not authorized by the Act or these regulations and which is likely to be mistaken for a registration-plate, or who affixes to any motor-vehicle any registration-plate, not being the registration-plate for that vehicle, which is likely to be mistaken for that registration-plate, commits an offence and is liable for each such offence to a fine of £10.

(3) Every person who knowingly supplies false or misleading information in or concerning any application made in terms of these regulations or omits or refuses to supply any information required hereunder or who fails to comply with any other requirement of these regulations commits an offence and is liable to a fine of £20.

(4) Any person who commits an offence against these regulations for which no other penalty is provided shall be liable to a fine of £10.

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## SCHEDULE

Form No. 1]

File No. ....

*Motor-vehicles Act, 1924*

## APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF, AND REGISTRATION-PLATES FOR, MOTOR-VEHICLE

To the Deputy-Registrar of Motor-vehicles at .....

Vehicle garaged within (city), (borough), (town district), (county)  
of ..... [*Delete all descriptions but one*].

I HEREBY apply for registration of, and registration-plates for, the motor-vehicle particulars of which are given below, and I hereby certify that all entries on this form are correct.

## PART I

The particulars of Part I are to be furnished by owners of all vehicles

Is vehicle new, used, second-hand, or reconditioned? [*State which*].Has vehicle been previously registered? [*State "Yes" or "No"*]. If previously registered, say where: [*State country*].Name of owner in full: (Mr.), (Mrs.), (Miss) [*Entry to be made in block letters*], [*Occupation*].Private address of owner: [*Complete postal private address*].

Business address (if any) : .....

Situation of garage: [*Complete postal address*].

Make of motor-vehicle : .....

Country of manufacture : .....

H.P. : .....

Type of motor-vehicle: [*Motor-cab, service-car, passenger-truck, rental-car, car, cycle, trade motor, omnibus, &c.*] Seating - accommodation (inclusive of driver) : .....[*Not required for motor-cycles*].

Engine No. : .....

Chassis No. : .....

Motive power derived from [*Motor-spirits, producer-gas, power-kerosene, electricity, crude oil, steam, &c.*]. State purpose for which vehicle will be used : .....

I have nominated the ..... Insurance Company for third-party-risks cover.

Class of vehicle for insurance purposes: [*State class number: see schedule on insurance form*].

Signature of owner : .....

Date : .....

[Private car and cycle owners are not required to complete entries in Part II below]

## PART II

Part II as well as Part I is to be completed by owners of vehicles other than private cars and cycles

State whether intended to carry passengers only, goods only, or passengers and goods: [*State purpose*].

State number of axles : .....

Whether tires are pneumatic, semi-pneumatic, or solid : .....

Gross weight of motor-vehicle unladen : .....

tons ..... cwt. Manufacturer's rating of weight-carrying capacity : .....

tons ..... cwt.

This application must be accompanied by an application for insurance (third-party risks).

The following registration fees are payable: Motor-cycles, 10s.; all other vehicles, £1.

Form No. 1A] File No. . . . . . [For use in Registrar's Office].  
 APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION-PLATES FOR MOTOR-VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER  
 THE MOTOR-VEHICLES ACT, 1924

To the Deputy-Registrar of Motor-vehicles at . . . . .

I HEREBY apply for registration-plates for the motor-vehicle, particulars of which are given below, and I hereby certify that all entries on this form are correct:—

Registration-plate No. at present assigned to vehicle : . . . . .

Name of owner in full (Mr.), (Mrs.), (Miss) : . . . . . [Entry to be made in block letters.]

Private address of owner : [Complete postal private address].

Occupation : . . . . .

Type of motor-vehicle : [Motor-cab, service-car, passenger-truck, rental car, car, cycle, trade motor, omnibus, &c.]. H.P. : . . . . .

Motive power derived from [Producer-gas, motor-spirits, power kerosene, electricity, crude oil, steam, &c.]. Class of Tires : [Pneumatic, solid].

Make of motor-vehicle : . . . . . Seating-accommodation (inclusive of driver) : . . . . .

Engine No. : . . . . . Chassis No. : . . . . .

State purposes for which vehicle will be used : [State purpose].

I have nominated the . . . . . Insurance Company for third-party-risks cover.

Class of vehicle for insurance purposes : [State class number : see schedule on insurance form].

Signature of owner : . . . . .

Date : . . . . .

Form No. 2] File No. . . . . . [For use in Registrar's Office].  
 APPLICATION BY (MANUFACTURER OF) (or DEALER IN) MOTOR-VEHICLES FOR  
 AUTHORITY UNDER THE MOTOR-VEHICLES ACT, 1924, TO USE SPECIAL  
 REGISTRATION-PLATES

To the Deputy-Registrar of Motor-vehicles at . . . . .

I, [Full name], of [Full address], being a (manufacturer of) (or dealer in) motor-vehicles, hereby apply for [Insert number] sets of (car) (cycle) registration-plates, for use in accordance with the terms of section 18 of the Motor-vehicles Act, 1924.

I understand that the registration-plates issued in response to this application may not be used on any motor-vehicle after the 31st day of May, . . . . .

I nominate the . . . . . Insurance Company under the Motor-vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) Act, 1928.

Registration Nos. of dealers' plates at present held by me : . . . . .

Signature : . . . . .

Date : . . . . .

NOTE.—An annual registration fee of 10s. (plus cost of plates) in respect of a motor-cycle and of 40s. (plus cost of plates) in respect of any other motor-vehicle shall be payable by the applicant for each set of registration-plates issued to him. The appropriate insurance premium must be paid before the registration-plates are issued.

Form No. 3]  
 NOTICE UNDER THE MOTOR-VEHICLES ACT, 1924, OF DESTRUCTION OF MOTOR-VEHICLE OR OF ITS PERMANENT REMOVAL FROM NEW ZEALAND

To the Deputy-Registrar of Motor-vehicles at . . . . .

IN pursuance of subsection (1) of section 15 of the above-mentioned Act, I hereby give notice that the motor- (cycle), (car), (trade motor) registered as No. . . . . and owned by me, has (a) been destroyed by (fire), (accident); (b) become permanently useless; (c) been permanently removed from New Zealand; and, as required by the said Act, I forward herewith the certificate of registration, the current license, and [State how many] registration-plate(s) issued in respect of the said motor-vehicle.

Signature of registered owner : . . . . .

Date : . . . . .

Form No. 4] File No. . . . . . [For use in Registrar's Office].

## NOTICE OF CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OF MOTOR-VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER THE MOTOR-VEHICLES ACT, 1924

To the Deputy-Registrar of Motor-vehicles at . . . . .

PURSUANT to the provisions of section 17 of the above-mentioned Act, I hereby give notice that I have sold (if otherwise disposed of, state disposal) to (Mr.), (Mrs.), (Miss), (Messrs.) [Full name in block letters], of [Private address in full], [Occupation], the motor [State whether car, trade motor, cycle, &c.] owned by me, particulars of which are set out below :—

Current registered No. . . . . , 19.. Previous registered No. : . . . . .  
 19 .. Make of vehicle : . . . . .  
 Seating - accommodation : . . . . . Engine No. : . . . . . Chassis  
 No. : . . . . .  
 Manufacturer's rating of weight-carrying capacity [Required only for "trade  
 motors"] : Tons . . . . . cwt. . . . .

As required by the said Act, I forward herewith the certificate of registration issued in respect of the said motor-vehicle.

Signature of registered owner : . . . . .

Date : . . . . .

Form No. 5] File No. . . . . . [For use in Registrar's Office

## APPLICATION FOR DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FOR MOTOR-VEHICLE UNDER THE MOTOR-VEHICLES ACT, 1924

To the Deputy-Registrar of Motor-vehicles at . . . . .

Vehicle garaged within the (city), (borough), (county), (town district)  
 of . . . . . [Delete entries not required].

Highway District No. : . . . . .

I HEREBY apply for a duplicate certificate of registration for motor-vehicle, particulars of which are given below :—

Registration-plate No. at present affixed to vehicle : . . . . .  
 Name of owner (in full with title) : . . . . .  
 Address of owner : . . . . .  
 Situation of garage : [Street and town].  
 Type of motor-vehicle : [Car, cycle, trade motor, &c.].  
 Engine No. : . . . . . Chassis No. : . . . . .  
 Make of motor-vehicle : . . . . .  
 Whether tires are pneumatic, semi-pneumatic, or solid : . . . . . [Required  
 only in respect of trade motors].  
 Seating-accommodation : . . . . . persons [Not required for motor-cycles].  
 Whether intended for private use—i.e., other than for hire : . . . . .  
 Whether intended for conveyance of passengers, or conveyance of goods, or  
 conveyance of passengers and goods : . . . . .  
 Gross weight of motor-vehicle unladen : . . . . . tons . . . . . cwt. [Not  
 required for motor-cycles or private motor-cars].  
 Manufacturer's rating of weight-carrying capacity : . . . . . tons . . . . .  
 cwt. [Not required for motor-cycles or private motor-cars].

Signature of owner : . . . . .

Date : . . . . .

Form No. 6] File No. . . . . . [For use in Registrar's Office].

## APPLICATION FOR (CHANGE OF) (SUBSTITUTE) PLATES FOR MOTOR-VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER THE MOTOR-VEHICLES ACT, 1924

To the Deputy-Registrar of Motor-vehicles at . . . . .

I HEREBY apply for (change of) (substitute) plates for the motor-vehicle, particulars of which are given hereon :—

Registration-plate No. at present assigned to vehicle : . . . . .  
 Name of owner [In full with title and occupation] : . . . . .  
 Address of owner : [Street and town].  
 Business address (if any) : . . . . .

Situation of garage :.....  
 Type of motor-vehicle : [*Taxi, service-car, motor-coach, car, cycle, trade motor, omnibus, &c.*].  
 Whether plied for hire : [*State " Yes " or " No "*].  
 Make of motor-vehicle :.....  
 Whether tires are pneumatic, semi-pneumatic, or solid :..... [*Required only in respect of trade motor*].  
 Engine No. :..... Chassis No. :.....  
 Seating-accommodation (inclusive of driver) :..... [*Not required for motor-cycles*].  
 Whether used privately, for business purposes only, or for both private and business purposes : [*State purpose*].  
 Whether intended for conveyance of passengers, or conveyance of goods, or conveyance of passengers and goods :.....  
 Gross weight of motor-vehicle unladen :..... tons ..... cwt. [*Not required for private motor-cars*].  
 Manufacturer's rating of weight-carrying capacity :..... tons ..... cwt. [*Not required for private motor-cars*].  
 Name of insurance company to which additional premium is payable :.....  
 Vehicle at present insured under class ..... Amcnded class as result of change of use : [*State class*].  
  
*Signature of owner* :.....  
*Date* :.....

W. O. HARVEY,  
 Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

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