

# Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Design of Numberplates Determination 2015 (No 1)

Notifiable instrument NI2015– 347

made under the

***Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2000, sections 47 (Determination of non-standard registration numbers) and 51 (Dimensions, layout etc of numberplates)***

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## 1 Name

This instrument is the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Design of Numberplates Determination 2015 (No 1)*.

## 2 Commencement

This instrument commences on 1 July 2015.

## 3 Repeal

I repeal *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Design of Numberplates Determination 2012* NI2012-369.

## 4 Determination of the design of numberplates

I determine that the design of numberplates shall be as set out in the Schedule to this determination.

Craig Simmons

Delegate of the Road Transport Authority

29 June 2015

*Note:* Pursuant to subsection 17 (1) of the *Road Transport (General) Act 1999*, Alison Playford, as the Road Transport Authority in instrument NI2014 – 365, delegated her functions under sections 47 and 51 of the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2000* to the person occupying or performing the duties of position number E00346, Senior Director, Transport Regulation.

**Part 1 - Dimensions**

- 1.1 A numberplate for a motor vehicle shall be approximately 190 to 520 millimetres wide and approximately 84 to 135 millimetres high.
- 1.2 A numberplate for a motorbike shall be approximately 185 to 255 millimetres wide and approximately 100 millimetres high.
- 1.3 A numberplate for a trailer shall be approximately 190 to 372 millimetres wide and approximately 135 millimetres high.
- 1.4 A numberplate for use on a bicycle rack shall be approximately 255 millimetres wide and approximately 100 millimetres high.

**Part 2 – Materials and Colour**

- 2.1 A numberplate for a:
  - 2.1.1 **public bus**, included in the accreditation of an accredited bus service operator;
  - 2.1.2 **taxi**, included in the accreditation of an accredited taxi service operator;
  - 2.1.3 **restricted taxi**, included in the accreditation of an accredited restricted taxi service operator;
  - 2.1.4 **private hire car**; or
  - 2.1.5 **vehicle** included in section 83 of the *Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Act 2001*;

shall be formed of a metal plate bearing a black legend on a pale yellow reflective background.

However, the numberplates of public buses described in 3.4 (ACTION buses), shall bear a maroon legend on a white reflective background.

- 2.2 A numberplate for a motor vehicle which is registered in the name of:
  - 2.2.1 the Government of an overseas country, or of an international organisation, being a vehicle used for the purpose of a **diplomatic mission**;
  - 2.2.2 a diplomatic agent or a person (not being a person who is an Australian citizen or who is a permanent resident of Australia) who is a member of the **family of a diplomatic agent** forming part of his or her household; or
  - 2.2.3 a member of the **administrative and technical staff** of a diplomatic mission or a person (not being a person who is an Australian citizen or who is a permanent resident of Australia) who is a member of the family of such a person forming part of his or her household;

shall be formed of a metal plate bearing a black legend on a blue reflective background.

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- 2.3 A numberplate for a motor vehicle or trailer which is registered in the name of the **ACT Government** other than a motor vehicle used by a Member of the ACT Legislative Assembly or by a person performing the duties of an executive officer in the ACT public service, shall be formed of a metal plate bearing a maroon legend on a white reflective background.
- 2.4 A numberplate for any other motor vehicle or trailer, except a **European style numberplate**, may be formed of either metal plate, plastic, or plastic and aluminium composite bearing either a blue legend on a white reflective background or a legend and background in colours of a combination which the Road Transport Authority (RTA) is satisfied is able to be distinguished by traffic offence detection devices.
- 2.5 A **European style numberplate** may only be formed in aluminium composite and may be a blue legend on a white reflective background or a white legend on a black reflective background.

**Part 3 – Registration Numbers, Layout of Numberplates**

- 3.1 Part 3 (Registration numbers, layout of numberplates) is subject to Part 4 (Slogans, logos and ACT identification).
- 3.2 A numberplate for a **taxi** included in the accreditation of an accredited taxi service operator shall carry the letters ‘TX’ followed by one to three numerals.
- 3.3 A numberplate for a **restricted taxi** included in the accreditation of an accredited restricted taxi service operator shall carry the letters ‘TX’ followed by one to three numerals and shall bear the words ‘Restricted Taxi’ along the bottom of the plate.
- 3.4 A numberplate for:
- 3.4.1 a **public bus** included in the accreditation of an accredited bus service operator and registered in the name of ACTION shall carry the letters ‘BUS’ followed by three numerals.
  - 3.4.2 **any other public bus** included in the accreditation of an accredited bus service operator, or a vehicle included in section 83 of the *Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Act 2001*, shall carry the letters ‘MO’ followed by one to three numerals.
- 3.5 A numberplate for a **private hire car** shall carry the letter ‘H’ followed by one to three numerals.
- 3.6 A numberplate for a **veteran, vintage or historic vehicle** shall carry the words ‘Veteran Vehicle – ACT’, ‘Vintage Vehicle – ACT’ or ‘Historic Vehicle – ACT’ (as the case may be) followed by three or four numerals.
- 3.7 A numberplate for a **veteran, vintage or historic motorbike** shall carry the letter ‘V’ followed by three or four numerals.
- 3.8 A numberplate for a vehicle which is registered in the name of a government, organisation or person specified in clause 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 shall carry the letters ‘DC’ followed by four or five numerals.

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- 3.9 A numberplate for a vehicle which is registered in the name of a person of a kind specified in clause 2.2.3 shall carry the letters **‘DX’** followed by four or five numerals.
- 3.10 A numberplate for a motor vehicle or trailer which is registered in the name of the **ACT Government**, other than a bus or motor vehicle used by a Member of the ACT Legislative Assembly or a person performing the duties of an executive officer in the ACT public service may carry the number ‘2’ followed by five additional numerals.
- 3.11 A numberplate for motor vehicles (except motor bikes) and trailers operated by or on behalf of a **Commonwealth Government** agency or authority may display a red letter ‘Z’ followed by, in black, the letter ‘Y’ and a further letter and three numerals.
- 3.12 A standard numberplate for a **trailer** shall carry:
- 3.12.1 the letter ‘T’ followed by one to five numerals; or
  - 3.12.2 the letter ‘T’ followed by four numerals, followed by a letter.
- 3.13 A standard numberplate for a **motorbike** shall carry one to five numerals.
- 3.14 A **Centenary of Federation standard numberplate** is to display the letters ‘YCA’ or ‘YCB’ followed by two numerals and a further letter.
- 3.15 A standard **European style numberplate** is to carry the letter ‘A’ followed by ‘Y’ followed by two letters two numerals and a further letter.
- 3.16 A **standard numberplate** for any vehicle registered in the name of a **Jervis Bay resident** is to carry the letter ‘Y’ followed by:
- 3.16.1 two additional letters and three numerals; or
  - 3.16.2 two additional letters, two numerals and a further letter.
- 3.17 A **standard numberplate** for any other vehicle is to carry the letter ‘Y’ followed by:
- 3.17.1 two additional letters, other than the letters ‘OH’, and three numerals; or
  - 3.17.2 two additional letters, other than ‘CA’, two numerals and a further letter, not including the letters ‘O’ or ‘I’.
- 3.18 A **non-standard numberplate** may display, either with or without a logo and/or slogan approved by the RTA, one of the following non-standard registration numbers:
- 3.18.1 the letter ‘A’ followed by one to four numerals (**Bicentennial**);
  - 3.18.2 the letter ‘R’ followed by one to three numerals (**Raiders ‘R’**);
  - 3.18.3 the letters ‘YOH’ followed by three numerals (**Raiders ‘Y’**);
  - 3.18.4 an **Olympic** registration number:
    - 3.18.4.1 the letter ‘B’ followed by one to two numerals; or
    - 3.18.4.2 the letters ‘ATL’ followed by one to two numerals; or
    - 3.18.4.3 the letters ‘ATH’ followed by one numeral, from 1 to 5 inclusive;
  - 3.18.5 a **Centenary of Federation registration number**, being the letters ‘CF’ in black followed by one of the numbers in the range 1901 to 2001, inclusive;
  - 3.18.6 a **customised registration number** of no more than seven characters, including:

- 3.18.6.1 for a motor vehicle excluding motorbikes and trailers, a **vehicle make** registration number in the form of a series of letters or a combination of letters and numerals that accurately describe the name of a vehicle manufacturer, excluding the singular and plural forms of existing vehicle make numberplates, and may include the model name of a vehicle produced by the manufacturer, or the year of manufacture of a vehicle produced by the manufacturer;
- 3.18.6.2 for a motor vehicle or motorbike, a **surname** or a **personal name** in the form of a series of at least two letters describing the name of a person in full, as initials, or as a commonly known abbreviation;
- 3.18.6.3 for a motor vehicle or a motorbike, a **company name** in the form of a series of at least two letters describing the name of a company or business, in full, in part, or as initials, and excluding the singular and plural forms of existing company name numberplates, and which may be followed by numerals when multiple plates with the same combination are issued at one time;
- 3.18.6.4 for a motor vehicle, excluding motorbikes and trailers, a **unique** registration number in the form of a series of letters or a combination of letters and numerals, excluding the names of vehicle manufacturers, surnames, personal names, company names and the singular and plural forms of existing unique numbers, and in which the letter 'O' must not precede or be immediately preceded by a numeral and the numeral '0' (zero) must be immediately preceded by a numeral;
- 3.18.6.5 for a motorbike, a **unique** registration number in the form of a series of letters or a combination of letters and numerals, excluding the names of surnames, personal names, company names and the singular and plural forms of existing unique numbers, and in which the letter 'O' must not precede or be immediately preceded by a numeral and the numeral '0' (zero) must be immediately preceded by a numeral;
- 3.18.6.6 a customised registration number must not be a number which, in the opinion of the RTA a reasonable person would find offensive;
- 3.18.6.7 a customised registration number must not be a number which is the registered name of a company or business, unless the applicant has registered the name or has the written consent of the owner of the name to use it;
- 3.18.6.8 a customised registration number must not conflict with an existing number on issue;
- 3.18.7 a **personalised number**, being:
  - 3.18.7.1 a motorbike, two letters followed by three numerals;
  - 3.18.7.2 a motor vehicle, two letters followed by three numerals.
- 3.18.8 a **numeric series number** not commencing with the numeral '0' (zero), including:

- 3.18.8.1 for a motor vehicle excluding motorbikes, three to five numerals in the number range starting from 1 and ending in 99,999 and not including numbers beginning with the numeral '0' (zero);
- 3.18.8.2 for a motorbike, where a standard numberplate is issued out of sequence, one to five numerals in the number range starting from 1 and ending in 99,999 and not including numbers beginning with the numeral '0' (zero);
- 3.18.8.3 for a trailer, the letter 'T' followed by from one to five numerals, and not including 'T' followed by only '0's (zeros);
- 3.18.9 An **approved number**, being
  - 3.18.9.1 for a **motor vehicle**, a number described in 3.16 or 3.17 issued out of sequence;
  - 3.18.9.2 for a **trailer**, where a standard numberplate described in 3.12.2 is issued out of sequence;
  - 3.18.9.3 for a **veteran, vintage or historic vehicle**, a numberplate described in 3.6 and 3.7, issued out of sequence;
- 3.18.10 An **ACT bushfire appeal number**, being a number from 1 to 9 followed by 'ACT'. The number is to the right of an image of the ACT flag.
- 3.18.11 A **Brumbies number**, being:
  - 3.18.11.1 'BR' followed by a number from 0 to 200, inclusive (excluding BR 111 and BR 125, which are pre-existing personalised numbers and remain so);
  - 3.18.11.2 'BR' followed by a number from 0000 to 1200, inclusive; and
  - 3.18.11.3 'BR' followed by a number from 1996 to 2005, inclusive.
- 3.19 A **traders numberplate**, being a plate issued under Part 5.2 of the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2000*:
  - 3.19.1 for a motorbike, shall carry the letter 'C' followed by three numerals;
  - 3.19.2 for a trailer, shall carry the letter 'E' followed by three numerals; and
  - 3.19.3 for any other vehicle shall carry the letter 'D' followed by three numerals.
- 3.20 A **bicycle rack numberplate** shall carry the same registration number as displayed on the plates issued to the vehicle on which the bicycle rack is to be attached.
- 3.21 **European style numberplates** may also be provided as a customised registration number described in 3.18.6 except for motorbikes and trailers.
- 3.22 **European style numberplates** may also be provided as a personalised number described in 3.18.7.2 with the letter 'A' before the personalised sequence.

#### **Part 4 – Slogans, logos and ACT identification**

- 4.1 A numberplate for a vehicle of a kind specified in any of the following paragraphs shall carry the letters 'ACT' positioned at the top centre of the numberplate:
  - 4.1.1 Clause 3.2 to 3.5 inclusive (public vehicle);

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- 4.1.2 Clause 3.7 (vintage, veteran, or historic motorbike);
  - 4.1.3 Clause 3.8 and 3.9 (diplomats and administrative staff);
  - 4.1.4 Clause 3.12 (trailer);
  - 4.1.5 Clause 3.13 (motorbike);
  - 4.1.6 Clause 3.14 (Centenary of Federation standard);
  - 4.1.7 Clause 3.18 (non-standard);
  - 4.1.8 Clause 3.20 (bicycle rack).
- 4.2 A numberplate for a vehicle of a kind specified in paragraph 3.12 (trailer) shall carry the letters 'ACT' positioned at the top centre of the numberplate and may carry one of the following slogans:
- 4.2.1 'Canberra – The Nation's Capital';
  - 4.2.2 'Canberra – Heart of the Nation';
  - 4.2.3 'Feel the Power of Canberra'; or
  - 4.2.4 'Celebration of a Century 2013';
  - 4.2.5 'Canberra – Age Friendly City'; or
  - 4.2.6 no slogan at the bottom edge of the numberplate.
- 4.3 A numberplate for a vehicle of a kind specified in clauses 3.16 (Jervis Bay) and 3.17 (standard numberplate) shall carry the letters 'ACT' positioned either at the top centre of the numberplate or vertically at the left hand side edge of the numberplate.
- 4.4 A numberplate of a kind specified in clauses 3.17 (standard numberplate), 3.18.7.2 (personalised motor vehicle) and 3.18.9 (standard numberplate issued out of sequence) may carry one of the following slogans:
- 4.4.1 'Canberra – The Nations Capital';
  - 4.4.2 'Canberra – Heart of the Nation';
  - 4.4.3 'Feel the Power of Canberra';
  - 4.4.4 'Celebration of a Century 2013';
  - 4.4.5 'Canberra – Age Friendly City'; or
  - 4.4.6 no slogan at the bottom edge of the numberplate.
- 4.5 A numberplate for a vehicle of a kind specified in clauses 3.4.1 (ACTION bus) and 3.10 (ACT Government) shall carry the slogan 'ACT GOVERNMENT' which shall appear at the bottom edge of the numberplate.
- 4.6 A Centenary of Federation numberplate of the kind described in clause 3.14 (Centenary of Federation standard plate) shall display the slogan 'Canberra – Symbol of Federation', except in the slimline format.
- 4.7 A Centenary of Federation numberplate of the kind described in clause 3.18.5 (Centenary of Federation plate) shall display the slogan 'Australia – It's What We Make It', except in the slimline format.
- 4.8 A numberplate of the kind described in 3.18.11 (Brumbies Plates) shall display the slogan 'Brumbies Rugby'.

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- 4.9 A numberplate for a vehicle of the kind specified in 3.16 (Jervis Bay) shall carry the slogan 'Jervis Bay Territory' at the bottom edge of the numberplate.
- 4.10 A numberplate for a vehicle specified in 3.19 (Traders Plates) shall carry the slogan 'Trader ACT' along the bottom edge of the plate and 'Limited Use' along the left hand side edge of the plate.
- 4.11 A numberplate for a vehicle of a kind specified in clause 3.20 (bicycle rack) shall carry the slogan 'Bike Rack – ACT' at the bottom edge of the number plate.
- 4.12 Where a numberplate is formed of plastic, or plastic and aluminium composite, and a slogan is to be included, the slogan must be positioned at the bottom edge of the numberplate. Slogans may only be composed of alphabetical and/or numerical characters. Where a logo is to be included at the request of the plate purchaser, the logo must be positioned at the left hand side edge of the numberplate.
- 4.13 Where the numberplate is formed of plastic, or plastic and aluminium composite, it shall carry the letters 'ACT' positioned in the top centre of the numberplate.
- 4.14 European style numberplates shall not carry slogans or logos. European style numberplates shall carry the letters 'ACT' vertically on the left hand side of the numberplate. Standard and personalised European style numberplates shall carry the ACT crest and Bluebell after the first letter 'A'. Other European style numberplates shall carry the ACT crest and Bluebell on the right hand side of the numberplate.

**Part 5 – Meaning of diplomatic terms**

In Part 2 (Materials and colour) 'diplomatic agent' and 'member of the administrative and technical staff of a diplomatic mission' have meanings assigned to them in the Vienna Convention on diplomatic relations.