

NATIONAL LAND TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

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Registration Plates for Motor Vehicle, Contract Car, Contract Bus, Taxi and Dual Control Car

The attention of the public is hereby drawn to Sections 57, 58 and 59 of the Road Traffic (Construction and Use of Vehicles) Regulations 2010 with regards to specifications for Registration plates as follows:

Section 57 – A registration mark shall be displayed on a registration plate which shall –

- (a) be made of retro-reflective material which, as regards its construction, colour and other qualities complies with the requirements of:
 - (i) the British Standard for retro-reflective number plates published on 15 January 1968 under number BS AU 145d[13]; or
 - (ii) any other relevant standard or specifications recognized for use in an European Economic Area (EEA) State and which, when in use, offers a performance equivalent to that offered by a plate complying with the British Standard, and which, in either case, is marked with the number or such other information as is necessary to permit identification of that standard or specification;
- (b) have on the front of a vehicle, black characters on a white background, and at the rear registration plates shall have black characters on a yellow background except that:
 - (i) In the case of a taxi, both front and rear registration plates shall have black characters on a white background;
 - (ii) In the case of a contract car or contract bus, both front and rear registration plates shall have black characters on a yellow background; and
 - (iii) In the case of a dual control car used for teaching of driving, both front and rear registration plates shall have silver characters on an orange background.

This shall apply **only** to those motor vehicles registered for the first time on or after 01 July 2011 and does **not** concern those motor vehicles registered for the first time before 01 July 2011.

2. The British Standards set out the physical characteristics of the registration plate. This includes visibility, strength and reflectivity. It also requires each registration plate to be permanently and legibly marked with the following information:

- The British Standard number (BS AU 145d);
 - The name, trademark or other means of identification of the manufacturer or component supplier (the one that made the plate); and
 - There shall be no other markings or material contained on the registration plate.
3. A registration mark shall be conformed to the Eighth Schedules (Regulation 57) of the Road Traffic (Construction and Use of Vehicles) Regulations 2010.
4. A Certificate of Fitness may not be issued during a vehicle examination at a station if the registration mark does not comply with the above requirements.
5. Personalized registration marks shall also have to be in accordance to the above requirements. All characters on a Registration Plate shall strictly be as per the above-mentioned Eighth Schedule and should under no circumstances be so provided as to reflect a “word”. Road Transport Inspectors of the NTA and Police Officers are mandated to enforce the present Regulations during any road-side checks. Hence, non-compliance to the above may entail an offence under Section 125 of the Road Traffic (Construction and Use of Vehicles) Regulation 2010.
6. The public is further advised that as per the Road Traffic Act, the interpretation of a registration mark is provided under Part 1 (Preliminary), together with proviso under Section 19 (Registration Marks). Associated offences figure under Section 20 (Offences relating to Registration Marks).
7. The Regulations may be consulted at the Attorney General’s Office website on <https://attorneygeneral.govmu.org/Documents/Laws%20of%20Mauritius/A-Z%20Acts/R/Road%20Traffic%20Act-I9.pdf>
8. The NLTA relies on the usual understanding and collaboration of the public.

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FIRST SCHEDULE

[Regulation 19]

EIGHTH SCHEDULE

[Regulations 57, 58 and 60 A]

REGISTRATION PLATES

Diagram 1a



Diagram 1b

