



AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
ROAD TRANSPORT (VEHICLE REGISTRATION) REGULATIONS
2000
DETERMINATION OF DESIGN OF NUMBER PLATES

Pursuant to Regulation 47 and subregulation 51(1) the *Road Transport (Vehicle Regulation) Regulations 2000*, I hereby determine that the dimensions, layout and material of number-plates and trader's plates issued under the Act, and the numbers, including non-standard numbers, which may be allocated as registration numbers on the registration of motor vehicles and as the numbers for trader's plates, shall be as set out in the attached Schedule.

This instrument commences on the day it is notified in the ACT Gazette.

Dated: 1st day of March 2000.

David Handley
Delegate of the
Road Transport Authority

This is page 1 of the Schedule to the Determination made by the Delegate of the Road Transport Authority under the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulations 2000* on the 1st day of March 2000.

1. Dimensions

- (A) A number-plate for a motor vehicle shall be approximately 190 to 372 millimetres wide and approximately 100 to 135 millimetres high;
- (B) a number-plate for a motor bike shall be approximately 185 to 255 millimetres wide and approximately 100 millimetres high; and
- (C) a number-plate for a trailer shall be approximately 190 to 372 millimetres wide and approximately 135 millimetres high.
- (D) a number-plate for use on a bike rack shall be approximately 255 wide and approximately 100mm high.

2. Materials and Colours

- (A) A number-plate for a **public motor vehicle**, restricted taxi or private hire car shall be formed of a metal plate bearing a black legend on a pale yellow reflective background;
- (B) a number-plate for a motor vehicle which is registered in the name:
 - (i) of the Government of an overseas country, or of an international organisation, being a vehicle used for the purpose of a **diplomatic mission**;
 - (ii) of 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
 - (iii) of 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 metal plate bearing a black legend on a blue reflective background;

- (C) a number-plate for a motor vehicle or trailer which is registered in the name of the **Australian Capital Territory Government** (the ACT Government) other than a motor vehicle used by a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory or by a person performing the duties of an Executive office in the Australian Capital Territory Public Service, shall be formed of a metal plate bearing a red legend on a white reflective background; and

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- (D) a number-plate for any other motor vehicle or trailer, or a trader's plate, 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 approved by the Road Transport Authority.

3. Registration Numbers, Layout of Number Plates and Trader's Plates

Subject to clause 4 -

- (A) a number-plate for a **taxi** shall carry the letters "TX" followed by one to three numerals;
- (B) a number-plate for a **restricted taxi** shall carry the letters "TX" followed by one to three numerals and shall bear the words "Restricted Taxi" along the bottom of the plate;
- (C) a number-plate for a **motor omnibus** shall carry the letters "MO" followed by one to three numerals;
- (D) a number-plate for a **private hire car** shall carry the letter "H" followed by one to three numerals;
- (E) a standard number-plate for a **trailer** shall carry the letter "T" followed by one to five numerals;
- (F) a standard number-plate for a **motor bike** shall carry one to five numerals;
- (G) a number-plate 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) and three numerals;
- (H) a number-plate for a **veteran, vintage or historic motor cycle** shall carry the letter "V" followed by three or four numerals;
- (I) a number-plate for a vehicle which is registered in the name of a government, organisation or person specified in sub-clauses 2(b)(i) and 2(b)(ii) shall carry the letters "**DC**" followed by four numerals;
- (J) a number-plate for a vehicle which is registered in the name of a person of a kind specified in clause 2(b)(iii) shall carry the letters "**DX**" followed by four numerals;
- (K) a number-plate for a motor vehicle or trailer which is registered in the name of the **ACT Government**, other than a bus or a motor vehicle used by a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory or a person

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performing the duties of an Executive office in the Australian Capital Territory Public Service may carry the number "2" followed by five additional numerals;

- (L) a number-plate for a **bus** registered in the name of the ACT Government shall carry the letters "BUS" followed by three numerals;
- (M) a **standard number-plate** for any other vehicle is to carry the letter "Y" followed by:
 - (i) two additional letters, other than the letters "OH", and three numerals; or
 - (ii) two additional letters, two numerals and a further letter;
- (N) a standard number-plate for any other vehicle owned by a **Jervis Bay** resident is to carry the letter "Y" followed by:
 - (i) two additional letters and three numerals; or
 - (ii) two additional letters, two numerals and a further letter;
- (O) a '**non-standard**' number-plate may display, either with or without a logo and/or slogan approved by the Road Transport Authority:
 - (i) the letter "A" followed by one to four numerals (**'Bicentennial'**);
 - (ii) the letter "R" followed by one to three numerals (**Raiders 'R'**);
 - (iii) the letters "YOH" followed by three numerals (**Raiders 'Y'**);
 - (iv) **Olympic** registration numbers including:
 - (a) the letter "B" followed by one to two numerals; and
 - (b) the letters "ATL" followed by one to two numerals;
 - (v) **customised** registration numbers of no more than seven characters, including:
 - (a) 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 number plates, 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;

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- (b) for a motor vehicle or motor bike, 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;
 - (c) for a motor vehicle or a motor bike, 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 number plates, and which may be followed by numerals when multiple plates with the same combination are issued at one time;
 - (d) 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 be immediately preceded by a numeral and the number "0" (zero) must be immediately preceded by a numeral;
 - (e) for a **motor bike**, 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 be immediately preceded by a numeral and the number "0" (zero) must be immediately preceded by a numeral; and
- (vi) a **personalised number** for
- (a) a **motor bike**, being two letters followed by three numerals, or
 - (b) **motor vehicle**, being two letters followed by three numerals;
- (vii) **numeric** series including:
- (a) for a motor vehicle excluding motorbikes, three to five numerals;
 - (b) for a motorbike, where a standard number-plate is issued out of sequence, one to five numerals;
- (viii) an **approved** number, being

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- (a) for a **motor vehicle**, a number described in 3(M) issued out of sequence;
 - (b) for a **trailer**, where a standard number-plate is issued out of sequence, the letter "T" followed by one to five numerals; or
 - (c) for a **veteran, vintage or historic vehicle**, a number plate described in 3(g) and 3(h), issued out of sequence;
- (P) A **traders** plate numberplate:
- (ii) for a motorbike shall carry the letter "C" followed by three numerals;
 - (iii) for a trailer shall carry the letter "E" followed by three numerals; and
 - (iii) for any other vehicle shall carry the letter "D" followed by three numerals.
- (Q) a **bike rack** plate shall carry the same registration number as displayed on the plates issued to the vehicle on which the bike rack is to be attached.

4. Slogans, logos and ACT identification

- (A) a number-plate for a vehicle of a kind specified in any of the paragraphs 3(A) to 3(D) inclusive, 3(F), 3(H), 3(O), and 3(Q) to 3(S) inclusive shall carry the letters "ACT" positioned at the top centre of the number-plate;
- (B) a number-plate for a vehicle of a kind specified in paragraph 3(E) shall carry the letters "ACT" positioned at the top centre of the number-plate and may carry one of the slogans "Canberra - The Nation's Capital", "Canberra - Heart of the Nation" or "Feel the Power of Canberra" at the bottom edge of the number-plate;
- (C) a number-plate for a vehicle of a kind specified in paragraphs 3(M) and 3(N) shall carry the letters "ACT" positioned either at the top centre of the number-plate or vertically at the left hand side edge of the number-plate;
- (D) a number-plate of a kind specified in clause 3(M), 3(O)(vi)(b) and 3(O)(viii)(a) may carry one of the slogans "Canberra - The Nation's Capital", "Canberra - Heart of the Nation" or "Feel the Power of Canberra" at the bottom edge of the number plate;
- (E) a number-plate for a vehicle of a kind specified in paragraphs 3(K) and 3(L) shall carry the slogan "ACT GOVERNMENT" which shall appear at the bottom edge of the number-plate;

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- (F) a number-plate for a vehicle of the kind specified in 3(N) shall carry the slogan "Jervis Bay Territory" at the bottom edge of the number plate;
- (G) a number-plate for a vehicle of a kind specified in paragraphs 3(Q) shall carry the slogan 'Bike Rack – ACT' at the bottom edge of the number plate;
- (H) where a number-plate 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 number-plate. Where a logo is to be included, the logo must be positioned at the left hand side edge of the number-plate; and
- (I) where a number-plate is formed of plastic, or plastic and aluminium composite, it shall carry the letters "ACT" positioned in the top centre of the number-plate.

5. Meaning of diplomatic terms

In paragraph 2(b), "diplomatic agent" and "member of the administrative and technical staff of a diplomatic mission" have the meanings assigned to them in the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.