

MOTOR VEHICLES (REGISTRATION LABELS AND MISCELLANEOUS) REGULATIONS*

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PART I.—PRELIMINARY.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Registration Labels and Miscellaneous) Regulations.*

2. These Regulations shall come into operation on the ninth day of September, 1953. Commencement.

3. These Regulations shall apply in relation to all motor vehicles. Application of Regulations.

4. These Regulations are divided into Parts, as follows:— Parts.

Part I.—Preliminary.

Part II.—Registration Labels.

Part III.—Miscellaneous.

5. In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears— Definitions.

“omnibus” means a motor omnibus;

“registration label” includes a trader’s registration label;

“windscreen” means the main front wind-screen but does not include any wind deflector or other subsidiary wind-screen.

PART II.—REGISTRATION LABELS.

6. Upon the registration or renewal of registration of any motor vehicle or trailer, the Registrar shall issue to the person in whose name the vehicle is registered a registration label of a colour and design approved by the Registrar, having thereon the particulars of the vehicle, the period for which the vehicle is registered, the registration number of the vehicle and any other matters which the Registrar thinks proper to insert. Issue and type of labels.

7.—(1.) A registration label shall, during the currency of the registration, be firmly affixed to or attached on the motor vehicle or trailer in respect of which the label is issued, in the position and in the manner hereinafter Affixing of registration labels.

* The Motor Vehicles (Registration Labels and Miscellaneous) Regulations, in force under the *Motor Vehicles Ordinance 1949–1966*, comprise the following Regulations:—

Year and Number	Date on which made	Date notified in Northern Territory Government Gazette	Date of Commencement
1953, No. 7 ..	9th September, 1953 ..	16th September, 1953 ..	<i>See r. 2 above</i>
1965, No. 26 ..	14th December, 1965 ..	15th December, 1965 ..	15th December, 1965

prescribed in respect of such vehicle (unless otherwise approved by the Registrar) and so as to be clearly visible to a person facing the label at a distance of twenty feet therefrom.

(2.) The position of and manner in which registration labels are to be affixed or attached shall be as follows:—

- (a) In the case of a motor vehicle (other than a motor cycle) having a windscreen—the label shall be affixed on the inside or back of the windscreen in such a position that the centre of the label is not more than six inches from the bottom left-hand or near-side corner of the windscreen and so that the front of the label faces towards the front of the motor vehicle;
- (b) In the case of a motor vehicle (other than a motor cycle) not having a windscreen—the label shall be displayed in a holder which shall be affixed to the left-hand or near-side of the motor vehicle, as nearly as practicable to the position in which the label would have been displayed in accordance with paragraph (a) of this sub-regulation if the vehicle had been fitted with a windscreen, and so that the front of the label faces towards the front of the motor vehicle;
- (c) In the case of a motor cycle—the label shall be displayed in a holder affixed to the handle-bar or front fork in the centre or on the left-hand or near-side of the motor cycle and the front of the label shall face towards the front or the left-hand side of the motor cycle; and
- (d) In the case of a trailer—the label shall be displayed in a holder affixed to the left-hand or near side of the trailer in such manner that the front of the label faces outwards from the trailer.

Trader's
registration
labels.

8.—(1.) Upon the issue or renewal of issue of a trader's plate, the Registrar shall issue to the person to whom the trader's plate is issued a trader's registration label of a colour and design approved by the Registrar having thereon the number of the trader's plate, and the period for which it has been issued and any other matters which the Registrar thinks proper to insert.

(2.) A trader's registration label shall be displayed in a holder affixed to any motor vehicle on which the trader's plate is used in such a position (or as near thereto as practicable) and facing in such a direction as is prescribed in regulation 7 of these Regulations in respect of a motor vehicle of the same class as that on which the trader's plate is used, and so as to be clearly visible to a person facing the label at a distance of twenty feet therefrom.

Provision and
type of holder,
&c.

9.—(1.) Any holder mentioned in these Regulations shall be provided by the owner of the vehicle or by the person to whom the trader's plate is issued, as the case may be, and shall be of a type approved by the Registrar.

(2.) Every label which is required to be displayed in a holder shall be affixed to clear glass in the holder in such manner that all the particulars on the label are clearly visible through the glass.

10.—(1.) Where a new number-plate is issued by the Registrar to any person in lieu of a lost or damaged plate and the new plate bears a number different from that shown on the current registration label, the person in whose name the vehicle is registered, or to whom a trader's plate has been issued, shall produce the vehicle or the holder displaying the label and the Registrar shall, upon the destruction of the label, issue a new label to that person.

Alterations affecting particulars on label.

(2.) Where any alteration is made in the construction, equipment, use or ownership of a motor vehicle or trailer of such a nature as to affect the accuracy of any of the particulars appearing on the current Registration label, the person in whose name the vehicle is registered shall forthwith notify the Registrar and shall, if so required by the Registrar, produce the vehicle for inspection.

(3.) The Registrar shall, upon being satisfied after such inspection that any of the particulars in the current registration label are incorrect, cause the label to be destroyed and subject to compliance with any other requirement of the Ordinance or these Regulations, issue a new label in place of the label so destroyed.

11. Where a registration label is lost, destroyed, damaged, or in any way defaced before the expiry of the registration or the period for which a trader's plate is issued, the Registrar may, upon application and payment of a fee of Two shillings and sixpence, and upon being satisfied that the label has been lost or destroyed, issue a duplicate of the label, and the duplicate shall thereupon be deemed to be the registration label for the purposes of these Regulations.

Label destroyed, damaged, &c.

12. Within three days after the date of expiry of the registration of a motor vehicle or trailer or the period for which a trader's plate was issued, the person in whose name the motor vehicle or trailer was registered or to whom the trader's plate was issued shall cause the registration label to be destroyed.

Label to be destroyed on expiry.

13.—(1.) Where the registration of a motor vehicle or trailer is cancelled during the currency of the certificate of registration, the person in whose name the vehicle was registered shall forthwith forward to the Registrar for destruction the registration label issued in respect of such vehicle or produce to the Registrar the vehicle or the holder displaying the label to enable the label to be destroyed.

Destruction of label when registration is cancelled, &c.

(2.) Where the right to use a trader's plate is revoked or suspended, the person to whom the plate was issued shall forthwith forward to the Registrar for destruction the trader's registration label in respect of such plate.

14.—(1.) Any person who, upon any public street—

(a) drives, or allows to be driven, or is in charge of, any motor vehicle or trailer to which a trader's plate is affixed or which is required to be registered and which does not carry a registration label as required by these Regulations or which carries such label otherwise than in conformity with the requirements of these Regulations;

Offences in relation to registration labels.

(b) without lawful authority or excuse, drives, or allows to be driven, or is in charge of, any motor vehicle or trailer—

- (i) upon which is displayed any registration label which (except as provided in these Regulations or as directed by the Registrar) has been altered, mutilated or defaced in any manner whatsoever or upon which any writing, mark or colour is not clearly legible or visible;
- (ii) having affixed thereto or displayed thereon a registration label which was issued in respect of any other motor vehicle or trailer or in respect of a registration which has expired; or
- (iii) to which is affixed or on which is displayed a registration label containing any incorrect particulars;

shall be guilty of an offence.

(2.) Any person who—

- (a) without lawful authority or excuse, prints or manufactures or has in his possession a label which resembles a registration label and which is calculated or likely to deceive;
- (b) except as provided in these Regulations or as directed by the Registrar, alters or defaces any registration label;
- (c) buys or sells any label which resembles a registration label and is calculated to deceive; or
- (d) contravenes any provision of this Part,

shall be guilty of an offence.

Production of vehicles.

15. A notice by the Registrar to produce any vehicle or trader's plate shall be in writing and shall state the time within and the place at which the vehicle or trader's plate shall be produced.

PART III.—MISCELLANEOUS.

Advertisements.

16. A person shall not advertise or publish or cause to be advertised or published in any newspaper or otherwise cause to be exhibited or exhibit any advertisement or notice directly or indirectly—

- (a) inviting persons to become passengers;
- (b) intimating that any persons will be carried;
- (c) soliciting the carriage of any goods; or
- (d) intimating that any goods will be carried;

unless the person requesting or requiring the advertisement or notice is the holder of a licence to ply for hire in respect of a public or other motor vehicle in which the passengers or goods are to be carried or is the holder of a private hire car licence and the advertisement or notice contains the name of such holder.

Unlicensed person acting as driver to be subject to Regulations.

17. Any unlicensed person acting as the driver of a motor vehicle shall be subject to these Regulations and liable for any breach thereof in like manner as if he were a licensed driver.

18. Where any person driving a motor vehicle is arrested, any member of the Police Force may take charge of the vehicle, and place it in a place of safety until claimed by the owner. **Taking charge of vehicle where driver arrested.**

18A. A person may, upon payment of the fee set out in the second column of the Table hereunder opposite an item in the first column of that Table, be furnished with the information or particulars specified in that item in relation to registration and licences. **Fees in respect of inspection of record of registrations and licences. Inserted by 1965, No. 26.**

TABLE

Item	Fee		
	£	s.	d.
Searching the records and supplying information, per search	0	2	6
Preparation and supply of list of registrations, per list	1	0	0

19. Any person who commits, or knowingly aids, abets, counsels, procures or assists any person to commit, a breach of any of these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence. **Offences.**

Penalty: Not exceeding Ten pounds.

20. A person shall not be deemed to be guilty of a breach of any of these Regulations if he proves to the satisfaction of the Court hearing the case that the occurrence which is the subject of the case was the result of accident, or could not have been avoided by any reasonable efforts on his part. **Offences resulting from accident or other unavoidable causes.**