

TECHNICAL SPECIMEN

Vehicle Registration Plate Specimen

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Figure 1. Example plate, format shown for illustration only: registration mark, Monarch's cypher, and year of issue.

1. Authority and Purpose

This specimen is published by the Ministry of Transport under Section 2B of the Vehicle Registration Plates Act 2026. It sets the binding dimensions, character size, contrast, retroreflective performance, accessibility requirements, and environmental specifications for every registration plate issued in the Constitutional Monarchy of Links Land.

Any material future change to this specimen is subject to the same public consultation requirement under which this version was adopted.

2. Plate Dimensions and Construction

Property	Specification
Overall size	520 mm × 110 mm
Corner radius	10 mm
Substrate	Rigid aluminium or recyclable polymer sheet, minimum 0.9 mm thickness
Outer border	2.5 mm keyline, 6 mm inset from plate edge
Fixing points	Four, one per corner, 11 mm inset from each edge, sized to standard M6 fixing

3. Band and National Marking

Property	Specification
Position	Left edge, full height of plate
Width	45 mm
Colour	Dark blue, HEX #1C2C56
Upper element	National flag of Links Land (white over navy, divided by a gold compass star), reproduced in full colour
Lower element	Letters “LL”, in white, centred, minimum height 15 mm

4. Registration Mark

Property	Specification
Format	Two numerals (0 to 99), followed by three letters
Excluded characters	I, O, Q, and any letter or numeral pair liable to be mistaken for one another at the specified character size
Typeface	Spline Sans Mono, Bold weight, upright, no italics or condensed variants permitted
Character height	79 mm
Character width	Per typeface metrics at specified height, no horizontal compression or stretching permitted
Stroke width	Per typeface metrics; substitution with a visually similar typeface is not permitted
Character colour	Black, HEX #101114
Character spacing	Even spacing throughout the registration mark; a single character-width gap separates the numeral pair from the letter group

5. Royal Cypher

Property	Specification
Position	Immediately before the two-digit year of issue
Content	The cypher of the Monarch reigning at the date of issue
Colour	Gold, HEX #B98F2F, rendered in a script consistent with official Crown usage
Height	15 mm, sized to sit clear of the registration mark and year without overlapping either
Update rule	The cypher shown reflects the reign at date of issue only. A change of reign does not require reissue, alteration, or invalidation of any plate already in circulation.



Figure 2. Registration mark and cypher as specified in Sections 4 and 5.

6. Colour and Contrast

Property	Specification
Plate face	White, front and rear, RAL 9016 (traffic white) or equivalent
Minimum contrast	Not less than 70% luminance contrast between character and background, measured under standard photometric conditions
Band contrast	White and gold elements on the dark blue band to meet the same 70% minimum against the band colour

7. Retroreflective Performance

Property	Specification
Plate face sheeting	Minimum Class RA1 retroreflective sheeting or demonstrated equivalent
Coefficient of retroreflection	Not less than 70 cd/lx/m ² at 0.2° observation angle, -4° entrance angle
Band	May use non-retroreflective finish provided the registration mark and year meet the sheeting requirement in full

8. Accessibility Requirements

- Character size and contrast under Sections 4 and 6 of this specimen are set at the minimum needed for reliable reading at normal road distance, by eye and by automated recognition systems.
- Where a registered keeper cannot read or verify their own plate, the Ministry provides the registration details in an accessible format under Section 3B of the Act, free of charge, including formats suitable for visual, cognitive, or communication needs.
- This specimen does not require any keeper to read their own plate as a condition of lawful registration.

9. Environmental Specifications

- Substrate materials under Section 2 must be recyclable at end of life.
- A replaced or superseded plate may be returned to any Ministry of Transport registration point for recycling; return is optional, not a condition of replacement under Section 3A.
- End-of-life arrangements and environmental impact are reported annually per Section 6B-C of the Act.

10. Manufacture

This specimen is published so that any supplier may manufacture to it; the Ministry of Transport holds no manufacturing exclusivity. A plate not manufactured to this specimen is not a valid registration plate under the Act.

Published by the Ministry of Transport. This specimen forms the binding technical standard referred to in Section 2B of the Vehicle Registration Plates Act 2026.

Annex A — Reference: Plate Applied to Vehicle

Non-binding illustration provided for context only. Does not form part of the specimen set out in Sections 1 to 10.



Figure 3. Front plate, white face, mounted per standard European fitment.



Figure 4. Rear plate, white face, mounted per standard European fitment.