

2. REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

2.1 Certificate of Registration



The owner of every motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer, who intends to operate that vehicle upon any highway in New Brunswick, must obtain registration for that vehicle by applying to Service New Brunswick. The registration permit or a photocopy must be carried by the driver while operating the vehicle.

2.2 Plates are Property of the Crown

Plates and permits remain the property of the Crown and must be surrendered upon demand. Found plates should be delivered to Service New Brunswick or forwarded to Motor Vehicle Branch, P. O. Box 6000, Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1



2.3 Plates Must Be Legible

Licence plates must be securely fastened to the front and rear of the vehicle in such a position and condition as to be clearly legible and the rear plate must be lighted at night.

2.4 Owner Responsible for Plates

You are responsible for the custody of licence plates or validation stickers issued to you for the current year and must immediately notify Service New Brunswick when they are no longer in your possession. There is a nominal fee for replacing lost plates and stickers.

2.5 Transfer of Plates

The plates are issued to a particular vehicle and cannot be transferred to another. Exceptions are made for the owners of personalized, conservation, and specialty plates i.e. : fire-fighter, amateur radio and veteran's plates.

2.6 Offence to Alter Numbers

It is an offence under the *Motor Vehicle Act* to alter or deface any of the identifying serial/vehicle identification numbers of a motor vehicle. Changes in chassis or body of a motor vehicle must be recorded with the Motor Vehicle Branch.

2.7 Non-Residents

A passenger vehicle owned by a visitor may be operated for personal, non-business purposes for a period of six months in New Brunswick without being registered in the Province. This six month period is determined from the date on which the passenger motor vehicle was first operated in New Brunswick in any registration year.

A person who becomes a resident of New Brunswick must register his/her vehicle with Service New Brunswick immediately.

2.8 Transfer of Ownership

Transfer of ownership is by process of law. The signature of the registered owner is required on the certificate of registration. The purchaser's name, address and date of birth are required on the transfer document. The registration certificate is required to be surrendered and transferred to the purchaser's name at any issuing office. The collection of sales tax and motor vehicle fees are required at time of transfer. The vehicle cannot be driven or permitted to be driven until the registration certificate is recorded in the new purchaser's name.

In the case of the death of the registered owner, the vehicle may be driven to the residence or place of business of the person entitled to the vehicle.

2.9 Transit Markers



This is a temporary permit to move an unregistered vehicle from one place to another and is valid for twenty-four hours. This permit is also issued to move a vehicle, on which the inspection sticker has expired, to an inspection station. The applicant must show proof of insurance anytime the motor vehicle is being operated.

2.10 Expiry Dates

Registrations for passenger type vehicles and light commercial vehicles are staggered and expire on various days during the month. Plates for large commercial vehicles can expire on the last day of any quarter during the year. Commercial prorate plates are staggered and expire on the last day of a month. All-terrain plates expire December 31st. All other registrations expire March 31st.



2.11 Persons With Disabilities

Placards must be hung on the rear-view mirror **when the vehicle is parked** in a designated space. The person, for whom the placard was issued, must be getting in or out of the vehicle, at that stop, or the reserved parking space may not be used. An application form must be completed in order for the disabled person to receive a placard. If the disability is visible, the placard is issued immediately but, if not, the application requires a physician's verification.

A placard is valid for a maximum period of five years. A permit is provided to the disabled person when the placard is issued. This permit must be carried by the placard holder. **Placards and permits must be surrendered when no longer needed. Placards are issued only for**



the use of the designated person and may not be loaned to anyone else, for any reason.

Drivers who do not hold placards should respect the proper use of the designated parking spaces. A person who parks in a designated parking space without displaying a valid placard can be charged under the Motor Vehicle Act, which also provides for the loss of demerit points.

It is important to remember to remove the placard before driving.

2.12 Cancellation of Registration

The Registrar of Motor Vehicles may cancel any registration whenever it is deemed expedient. Registration may be cancelled and plates ordered returned to the Motor Vehicle Branch as provided under the Act.

Motor vehicle permits may be revoked or suspended:

1. When the Branch determines that the vehicle is unsafe or unfit to be operated or is not equipped as required by law.
2. When the vehicle is used for any unlawful purpose or when the owner permits it to be used by a person not entitled to use it.

2.13 Motor Vehicle Safety Inspection

All registered motor vehicles and trailers must undergo a yearly safety inspection at an official inspection station. These stations are situated in all localities of the Province and will conduct a prescribed safety inspection in accordance with Motor Vehicle Inspection Regulations. The inspection must be carried out under the supervision of a licensed mechanic. The inspection station will issue a motor vehicle inspection report form to you. This form should be retained in your vehicle.

Inspection stickers issued during the month in which a vehicle was inspected will be valid until the end of that month in the following year. A newly purchased vehicle cannot be re-registered unless it bears a valid inspection sticker. The Registrar or any peace officer may order a vehicle to be reinspected at any time.

A period of fourteen (14) days in which to obtain an inspection is permitted for out-of-province vehicles being registered in New Brunswick. There is a reciprocal agreement with Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island whereby their inspection stickers are honoured.

The owner or operator of a “rejected vehicle” has fourteen (14) days from the date of rejection to have defects corrected and the vehicle reinspected. This does not permit the operation of an unsafe vehicle during this time.

An inspection sticker which has become defaced may be replaced for a nominal fee upon proof of inspection at any inspection station. The motor vehicle inspection report must be produced for this purpose.