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## GENERAL NOTICE

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### NOTICE 659 OF 2014

#### NATIONAL ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 93 OF 1996)

##### DETERMINATION OF TYPE OF PLATE TO BE USED IN THE PROVINCE OF NORTH WEST

I, **Dipuo Peters**, Minister of Transport, acting in terms of section 75 of the National Road Traffic Act, 1996, read with regulation 35 of the National Road Traffic Regulations, 2000 hereby intend to determine that from a date to be determine by the MEC in the Province of North West the licence number of a motor vehicle licensed in the Province of North West, shall only be displayed on a metal plate, to be referred to as a number plate and which complies with South African National Standard 1116: "Retro-reflective Number Plates for Motor Vehicles", Part 2: "Number plates (Aluminium)".

All interested parties who have any objections, inputs or comments to the proposed amendments are called upon to lodge their objections, inputs or comments, within four weeks from the date of publication of this Notice to:

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## **NORTH WEST LICENCE MARK SYSTEM**

### **NATIONAL ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 1996 (ACT NO 93 OF 1996)**

**DETERMINATION OF A LICENCE MARK AND LICENCE NUMBER SYSTEM FOR THE NORTH WEST PROVINCE UNDER REGULATION 27, 28, 29, 35, 36 and 71 OF THE NATIONAL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS 2000. THE PROPOSAL INCLUDES, NUMBER PLATE TYPE, LETTER TYPE, LETTER AND FIGURE COLOUR, LOGO and REFLECTIVE SHEETING SURFACE COLOUR**

#### **NOTICE NO.**

Date:

**I, OAGENG GAOAGWE LAPHISI Member of the Executive Council of the North West Provincial Government responsible for road traffic matters in the North West Province, hereby publish the proposed North West Licence Mark System in the Schedule, in terms of Regulations 27, 28, 29, 35, 36, and 71 of the National Road Traffic Regulations, for general information and comment.**

Interested persons and organisations are invited to furnish written comments and inputs on the proposed Licence Mark System within 30 days of publication of this notice to

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Please note that comments and inputs that are received after the due date shall not be considered.

1. Provincial Notice No 6 of 2002 issued in terms of regulation 27, 29, and 35 of the National Road Traffic Regulations 2000: published in the Provincial Notice No 6 of 2002 dated 28 May 2002; and Provincial Notice no 871 of 30 June 1998, Licence Mark, Licence Number Systems, Logo, Letter Type, Letter and Figure Colour of Retro-Reflective Surface of Number Plates, for North West Province is hereby repealed.

2. In these regulations, any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the National Road Traffic Act, 1996 (Act No. 93 of 1996) shall, when used in these regulations have the same or corresponding meaning unless the context otherwise indicates:—

**"Authorised Service Provider"** means the Service provider appointed by the MEC responsible for Traffic matters in the North West province to provide the service of securitisation and distribution of Number Plates in the Province

**"Blanker"** means a manufacturer of blank number plates in accordance with SANS 1116 Part 1.

**"Department"** means THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY AND TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT

**"Embosser"** means a manufacturer of number plates who embosses allocated licence numbers or motor trade numbers of a motor vehicle on a blank number plate which shall comply with SANS 1116 Part 2;

**"Expiry Decal"** a tamper evident decal, or marking with the relevant year of expiry and Barcode and Serial Number as approved by the MEC; and as set out in terms of paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 2

**"Regulations"** means these Regulations and Regulations published in the Government Notice as amended.

**"Security Feature"** means a 2 Dimensional Bar Code applied to a blank number plate by means of a secure process and produced in terms of paragraph 1.2 of Schedule 2

**"Unique identification code"** means the information incorporated in the 2-D barcode which provides for an unique Identification of each Number Plate

3. The Licence Mark for the North West Province shall consist of the letters NW.
4. A number plate for any motor vehicle other than the motor vehicles referred to in paragraph (5), (6), (7) and (8) shall display black letters and figures on a white retro-reflective surface background with logo as shown in Schedule 1.
5. A motor trade plate displaying a motor trade number shall display Dark Blue letters and figures on a white retro-reflective surface background with logo as shown in Schedule 1.
6. A number plate of a motor vehicle owned by the North West Provincial Government shall display Red letters and figures on a white retro-reflective background with logo as shown in the Schedule 1.
7. A Personalised Number Plate of a motor vehicle shall display Dark Green letters and figures on a white retro-reflective surface with logo as shown in Schedule 1.

8. In addition to the display of a number plate, the motor vehicles listed in paragraphs (4), (6) and (7) shall display a number plate bearing an expiry decal indicating a date when on which such number plate shall of expire which date shall be on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 5 years after the date of manufacture, after which period, the owner shall replace such expired Number Plate
9. A registering authority shall allocate a licence number consisting of three letters followed by three figures and the letters NW at the end, (BBB 000 NW)
10. The personalised licence number to be allocated to the motor vehicle in the North West Province, shall consist of –
  - (i) at least one, but a maximum of seven letters, as prescribed in Part I of Schedule 3, followed by the letters NW at the end denoting the North West Province,
  - (ii) A combination of a maximum of seven letters and figures, as prescribed in Part I of Schedule 3, followed by the letters NW at the end denoting the North West Province, or
  - (iii) at least one but a maximum of seven figures, as prescribed in Part I of Schedule 3, followed by the letters NW at the end denoting the North West Province,;  
Provided that the first six characters of a personalised licence number shall not consist of the combinations which appear in the licence number system, the motor trade system, the temporary or special permit number system or the number issued on application in terms of regulation 29(2) of the Regulations, and
  - (iv) be subject to the conditions contained in Schedule 3 hereto as contemplated in regulation 28(3) of the National Road Traffic Regulations, 2000 and as acknowledged in accordance with Schedule 3 hereto.
11. After licensing the motor vehicle, the owner shall –
  - (i) display the licence number on a number plate on the motor vehicle concerned in the manner prescribed in the Regulations; and
12. Each number plate shall have a validity period of five years from date of manufacture, which period shall end on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December of 5 years after the date of manufacture, reflected on the label or in the space underneath the National Flag on the Number Plate as shown in Schedule 1, after which date the owner of such motor vehicle must replace such number plate
13. The number plates shall be fitted and affixed to the motor vehicle in the manner prescribed in regulation 35(7) of the National Road Traffic Act.
14. In the event that a number plate is lost, stolen, defaced or destroyed, the owner of the motor vehicle to which the number plate was issued, shall apply to a registered manufacturer of number plates for a new number plate and such application shall be accompanied by an affidavit made at a South African Police Station, containing information and the circumstances under which the plate was lost, stolen, defaced or destroyed and the Occurrence Book Number allocated by the South African Police Services.
15. A number plate issued in terms of the legislation prior to the implementation of this notice, shall be deemed to be a legal number plate until 21 days after the licence disc

of the motor vehicle to which such number plate relates, has expired, and to which a notice has been issued in terms of Schedule 5 which sets out the replacement schedule, directing the owner of such vehicle to obtain a new Number Plate in terms of the Regulations

16. This notice shall come into operation on the date determined by the MEC by a notice published in the Provincial Gazette: Provided that a number plate which was validly issued prior to the date of implementation of this notice shall be deemed to be a valid number plate for a period not exceeding 36 months from date of such publication subject to the provisions of sub paragraph (16)
17. A number plate displaying a North West Provincial licence number may only be manufactured or embossed by an Embosser registered as such in the North West Province.

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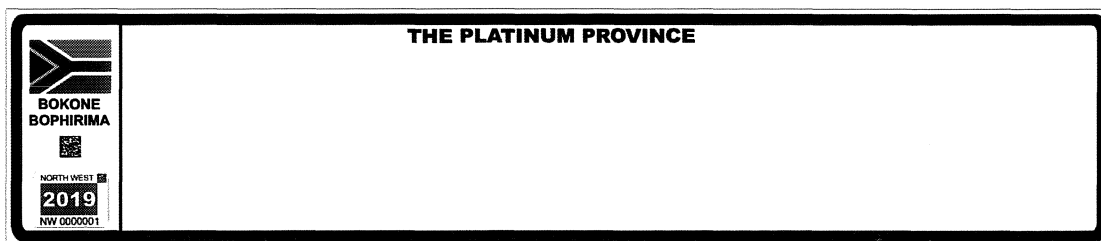
**MEC FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY AND TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT  
NORTH WEST**

## SCHEDULE 1

### GENERAL NUMBER PLATE

- (1) The Number plate shall be an embossed aluminium plate which shall comply with SANS 1116 parts I and II TYPE A only. The logo and the wording shall be printed under the top coat of the retro-reflective surface with translucent ink and shall be depicted as follows –
- the words "THE PLATINUM PROVINCE" in the colour BLACK at the top of the Number Plate in the centre.
  - The Flag of a size of approximately 38mm x 33 mm in the white space on the top left corner of the number plate
  - The Words "BOKONE BOPHIRIMA" in black below the National Flag.
  - The Security Feature of a size 10mm x 10mm below the words BOKONE BOPHIRIMA
  - The Expiry Decal below the Security Feature of a size 38 mm x 30mm

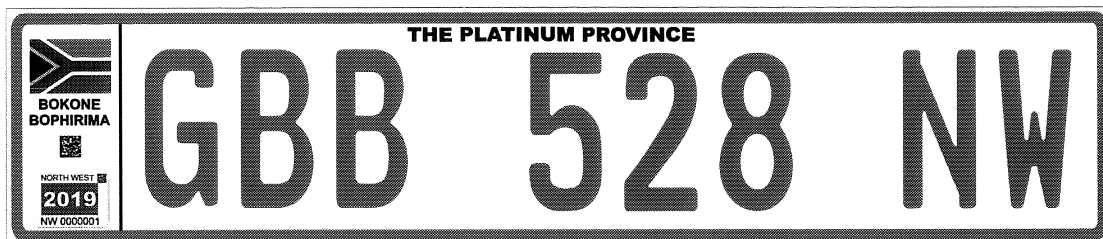
### General Number Plate



### Motor Trade Number Plate



## Government Number Plate



## PERSONALISED NUMBER PLATE

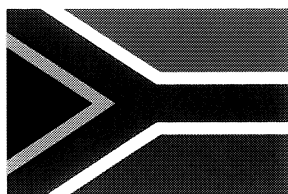
- (2) The Number plate shall be an embossed aluminium plate which shall comply with SANS 1116 Parts I and II TYPE A only. The logo and wording shall be printed under the top coat of the retro-reflective surface with translucent ink and shall be depicted as follows –



## LOGO ON THE NUMBER PLATE

1. Scope

The logo on a number plate issued in the North West Province shall be the South African Flag as indicated below:



This standard specifies the provisions applicable to the logo to be portrayed on the number plate for a motor vehicle in the North West Province.

2. Composition of logo

(a) Colour

The colours used to portray the logo shall be according to the National Regulations

(b) Size and positioning of the logo

- The size of the logo shall be 38mm x 33mm on the plate sizes 440mm x 121mm, 520mm x 113mm and 250mm x 205mm and 250mm x 165mm
- The logo will be positioned in the top left hand corner of the plate, centred in the white space
- The logo will be positioned approximately 15mm from the left and top edges of the number plate respectively



## **SCHEDULE 2**

### **1. SECURITY FEATURES**

The additional security features approved by the MEC, shall be incorporated in the number plate. These shall include but not be limited to the application of the 2-D barcode which provides an unique identification to each number plate

#### **1.1 EXPIRY DECAL**

The expiry date of a number plate shall be in the form of a decal applied to the number plate that shall –

- (a) be of a size of 38 millimetres by 30 millimetres;
- (b) have a white background with coloured letters and figures depicting the letters NW, as well as a sequential number of at least 9 figures, and a date depicting five years from the date of manufacture of such number plate;
- (c) the expiry decal shall also incorporate a 2-D barcode which shall be used to link the Expiry Decal to the unique identification code of the Number Plate
- (d) The decal shall be permanently affixed to the number plate in the space provided and shall destruct or disintegrate if attempt is made to remove it

#### **1.2 SECURITY CODE**

Each number plate shall have a 2 Dimensional Bar Code incorporated into it.

- (a) The size of the code shall be approximately 10mm x 10mm in height and width;
- (b) shall be created by using a GS1 Standard 2D Data Matrix ECC200 Barcode (with Reed – Solomon error correction);
- (c) The code shall be applied to the number plate by means of Pin Stamping;
- (d) Each 2- D Barcode will carry the unique Identification Code for each number plate, which shall act as the carrier of the information for authentication and track and trace purposes

For the purposes of this paragraph “pin stamping” means the physical pinning of a mark on the number plate in such a manner that the mark can be read by electronic means and the mark shall penetrate both the reflective and metal layers of the plate

### SCHEDULE 3

#### CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO LICENCE NUMBER DETERMINED UNDER REGULATION 28(3) OR REGULATION 29(2) OF THE NATIONAL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, 2000 FOR THE NORTH WEST PROVINCE

##### DEFINITIONS

1. In these conditions, any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the National Road Traffic Act, 1996 (Act No.93 of 1996), shall unless, a contrary intention appears from the context, have the meaning thus assigned, and-

**"number certificate"** means a certificate issued by the Province to a person who successfully applied for the right to use and display a number, and that contains the number concerned;

**"prescribed fee"** means the fee as prescribed from time to time for the North West Province by regulation in the North West Provincial Road Traffic act, Act 11 of 1997

**"SAPS"** means the South African Police Service;

**"the Province"** means the North West Province;

**"the Regulations"** means the National Road Traffic Regulations published in the Government Notice No. R225 of 17 March 2000 as amended; and

**"user"** means the holder of a number certificate who has obtained the right to use and display a number.

##### NUMBER CERTIFICATE DOES NOT TRANSFER OWNERSHIP

2. The issue of a number certificate to a user does not transfer ownership of that number to the user, but the user may apply for the allocation of such number to a motor vehicle of which he or she is the owner and the Province retains ownership of the number, while the successful applicant obtains the right to use and display such number, subject to such conditions as may be determined.

##### ALLOCATION OF NUMBER BY THE APPROPRIATE REGISTERING AUTHORITY

3.
  - (a) A number may be allocated to a motor vehicle which has to be licensed in the North West Province.
  - (b) The user must apply for the allocation of the number to a motor vehicle, and for the licensing of that motor vehicle, within 21 days from the date of issue of the number.

(c) The existing licence and clearance certificate becomes null and void on the date of allocation, and liability for licensing of the motor vehicle arises on such date.

(d) If the user does not apply for the allocation of the number to a motor vehicle and does not license that motor vehicle, within the period referred to in sub paragraph (e), any monies paid in respect of the right to use and display the number will be forfeited and the right to use and display the number will be forfeited as well.

#### **DEATH OF USER**

4. (a) In the event of the death of the user of a number, and if ownership of the vehicle to which the number was allocated is transferred to the surviving spouse, such spouse may apply for the right to use and display that number, on form PRN1-NW, and such application shall be accompanied by the existing number certificate, acceptable identification, an original certified copy of the death certificate and a letter from the executor confirming that ownership of the vehicle is transferred to the surviving spouse and no fee shall be payable for such an application and for the allocation of the number concerned to a motor vehicle.

(b) In the event of the death of a user, where there is no surviving spouse who becomes the owner of the vehicle concerned, or where the surviving spouse does not apply as referred to in sub paragraph (a) upon licensing of the motor vehicle concerned in the name of an owner other than the user, the right to use and display the number will be forfeited and the user's estate shall not be reimbursed for any monies paid.

#### **SURRENDER OF A NUMBER**

5. The user may surrender the right to use and display a number to the Province, in which event the right to use and display the number will be forfeited and the user shall not be reimbursed for any monies paid.

#### **STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLES**

6. (a) If the SAPS records a motor vehicle to which a number was allocated as stolen, such number shall not be allocated to another motor vehicle for five years from the date of such recording.
- (b) If the stolen motor vehicle is found within the five year period, the user may continue the use of the number in respect of the motor vehicle concerned if the SAPS confirms in writing that their records no longer reflect the vehicle as stolen, and if the user undertakes in writing not to hold the Province liable for any loss, damage or harm that may occur due to the continued use of the number.
- (c) After the five year period referred to in sub paragraph (a) has lapsed, the user may apply for the issue of the number to another motor vehicle if he or she undertakes in writing not to hold the Province liable for loss, damage or harm that may occur due to the continued use of the number.

#### **TRANSFER OF NUMBER BETWEEN MOTOR VEHICLES OF SAME USER**

The user must apply in terms of regulation 29(2) of the Regulations for the transfer of a number to another motor vehicle of which he or she is the owner.

**RETENTION OF NUMBER**

7. If the user of a number intends to sell a motor vehicle to which that number was allocated, but wishes to retain the use of the number, he or she must apply in terms of regulation 29(2) of the Regulations for the change of the number of the vehicle to be sold. In order to retain the number, the user must request a duplicate number certificate, and submit the original number certificate to the Province to be defaced. The user must apply for the allocation of the number to a motor vehicle and licence that vehicle within 21 days from the date of the issuance of the duplicate number certificate. If the user does not apply for the allocation of the number and does not licence the vehicle concerned within the said period, the monies paid will be forfeited and the right to use and display the number will be forfeited as well.

**DE-REGISTRATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE TO WHICH A NUMBER WAS ALLOCATED**

8. If a motor vehicle to which a number was allocated is deregistered, the register of motor vehicles shall reflect that the number is no longer allocated to such vehicle and the user must apply for the allocation of the number to another vehicle or surrender the number.

**CHANGE OF PROVINCIAL AUTHORITY**

9. In the event of the user of a number relocating to another province, which would involve a change of registering authority in respect of the motor vehicle to which the number was allocated, the right to use and display the number will be forfeited and the user shall not be reimbursed for any monies paid.

**APPLICATION FOR A DUPLICATE NUMBER CERTIFICATE**

10. An application for a duplicate number certificate shall be made to the Province on form PRN1-NW and on form DCT, and shall be accompanied by acceptable identification of the user and if the user is an organization, that of its proxy and its representative, a letter of proxy and the prescribed fee for the duplicate certificate.

**FORFEITED OR SURRENDERED NUMBERS**

11. If the right to use and display a number is forfeited or surrendered, the user shall submit the number plates reflecting such number to the Province and the user shall not be reimbursed for any monies paid.

**DAMAGED OR LOST NUMBER PLATES REFLECTING A PERSONALISED LICENCE NUMBER**

12. Whenever a number plate reflecting a personalised licence number is lost, or damaged to such an extent that replacement is required, the user of such number shall apply in writing to the Province to replace the lost or damaged number plate. The application shall be accompanied by acceptable identification of the user, the remains of the damaged number plate (if applicable), the prescribed fee for the

replacement of the number plate and an affidavit stating the reason for the request for replacement.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONDITIONS**

13. The user shall, prior to the issue of the number certificate, sign the document as contained in Schedule C, which document is to be submitted to the Province prior to the issue of the number certificate.

## **SCHEDULE 4**

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR MANUFACTURERS OF REFLECTIVE SHEETING, BLANK NUMBER PLATES, AND EMBOSSERS OF NUMBER PLATES.**

#### **1. Manufacturers of REFLECTIVE SHEETING**

- (a) A manufacturer of Reflective Sheeting shall at all times be registered as an authorised Reflective Sheeting supplier with the Province.
- (b) A manufacturer of Reflective Sheeting shall ensure that at all times their reflective material shall comply with SANS 1116 Specifications. Such registration shall be subject to the conclusion of a written service level agreement with the North West Province setting out the terms and conditions under which the Manufacturer of the Reflective Sheeting shall operate.

#### **2. Manufacturers of BLANK number plates**

- (a) A manufacturer of blank number plates shall apply to the MEC for registration in terms of regulation 49(1) and (2) of the Regulations in the same manner as a manufacturer of number plates (Embossers).
- (b) The MEC shall act in terms of regulation 49(3), (4) and (5) of the Regulations to register a manufacturer of blank number plates. Such registration shall be subject to the conclusion of a written service level agreement with the North West Province setting out the terms and conditions under which such manufacturer shall operate.
- (c) A manufacturer of blank number plates shall in addition to the conditions of registration as contemplated in regulation 50(1) of the Regulations, provide the services of manufacturing blank plates in a secure location to the authorised service provider.

#### **3. Manufacturers of EMBOSSED number plates**

- (a) The Embosser shall be registered with the North West Province in terms of regulation 49(1) and (2) of the Regulations. Such registration shall be subject to the conclusion

of a written service level agreement with the North West Province setting out the terms and conditions under which the Embosser shall operate.

- (b) The Embosser shall be responsible for the safe keeping and correct use of the equipment provided by the Authorised Service Provider for the implementation of the program
- (c) The Embosser shall undertake and ensure that it only receives or accepts securitised Number Plates from the Authorised Service Provider
- (d) The Embosser shall emboss the securitised plate with the correct licence number as requested by and furnished by the person / proxy / plate requester.
- (e) The Licence Number to be produced shall be verified by presentation of the Vehicle Licence Document or Vehicle Registration Certificate
- (f) The Embosser shall verify and demonstrate to the purchaser of the vehicle number plate that the number plate contains the correct authentication code, and that it is readable via the Bar Code Scanning Device.
- (g) The invoice provided by the Embosser shall act as proof of issuance of the embossed plates as supplied by the authorised embosser.

## SCHEDULE 5

### PLATE REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE

#### 1. NEW NORTH WEST VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

All vehicles first licenced after date of publication of the Regulation shall display a number plate with the new security features as specified in this notice.

#### 2. EXISTING NORTH WEST LICENSED MOTOR VEHICLES

All motor vehicles licenced prior to the date of publication of the Regulation, shall display a number plate with the new security features within 21 days after the dates set out in the following Schedule:

Licence number starting with	Date on which current Number Plate format will no longer be valid
G	31 October 2014
B and C	30 November 2014
DBB to DMZ	31 December 2014
DNB to DZZ	28 February 2015
FBB to FMZ	30 June 2015
FNB to FZZ	31 September 2015
HBB to HJZ	31 December 2015
HKB to HPZ	28 February 2016
HQZ to HZZ	30 June 2016
JBB to JMZ	31 September 2016
JNB to JZZ	31 December 2016
K	28 February 2017
All others	30 June 2017

A notice shall be sent out to each registered owner of such vehicle displaying a licence number in the categories as set out above, informing them of the final date to change the number plate of the vehicle to the new securitised number plate.

#### 3. NORTH WEST VEHICLES LICENSED WITH A PERSONALISED NUMBER

- (a) All vehicles licensed with a personalised number after date of publication of the Regulation shall display a number plate with the new security features as specified in this notice.



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- (b) All motor vehicles licenced or re-licenced with a personalised number prior to date of publication of the notice, shall display a number plate with the new security features within 36 months from date of publication of this notice.
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