



Vehicle licensing & insurance bulletin

End of temporary number plates, reminders about decal elimination and documents on plain paper

Temporary number plates (TNPs) are no longer being issued by ICBC as of June 6. TNPs were introduced in March 2020 to support COVID protocols.

Licence plate validation decals (decals, or “val tags”) are no longer issued in British Columbia.

Temporary number plates

Effective June 6, 2022, ICBC ceased issuing TNPs.

To support social distancing efforts during the COVID pandemic, motorists could print their assigned temporary number plate at home when licensing and insuring a vehicle by phone and email. The TNP was printed on paper for display in the rear vehicle window until delivery of regular metal number plates.

Within the next several weeks ICBC expects that all remaining TNPs will be replaced by regular number plates.

Decals

Licence plate validation decals are no longer required to be displayed on any B.C. vehicle. That includes passenger vehicles, motorcycles, motorhomes, utility trailers, commercial vehicles, commercial trailers, industrial vehicles, etc.

There is no requirement to remove expired decals. Motorists may continue to operate their vehicle with the expired decals provided that the vehicle has valid registration, licence and insurance.

The discontinuation of decals, as of May 1, 2022, was addressed in [bulletin 30](#).



Documents on plain paper

Bulletin 30 also dealt with changes that now allow [eligible Autoplan customers](#) to print their vehicle registration, licence and owner's certificate of insurance on plain white paper, using any printer if the result is legible.

That means the Motor Vehicle Liability Card ("pink card") will not be printed on the back of the owner's certificate. Instead it will appear on a separate page in black and white.

The status of vehicle registration, licence and insurance may be confirmed by paper documents carried in the vehicle or by checking ICBC records through the Canadian Police Information Centre, [nLets](#), or other established channels.

Reference

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motor Vehicle Act	s. 11	Carrying of licence
	s. 12	Number plates
	s. 13	Offences
	s. 33	Production of licence and liability card
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motor Vehicle Act Regulations	Div. 3	Division 3 as amended effective May 1, 2022
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