

Subsidiary Legislation made under ss.15 and 58.

## Traffic (Licensing and Registration) (Personalised Numbers) Regulations, 1985

### LN.1985/062

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*In exercise of the powers conferred on him by Sections 6 and 45 of the Traffic Act, and of all other enabling powers, the Governor has made the following regulations:*

**Title.**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Traffic (Licensing and Registration) (Personalised Numbers) Regulations, 1985.

**Application.**

2. These regulations shall apply to all motor vehicles.

**Interpretation.**

3. (a) 'Buyer' means any person who makes a successful application or applications to the Licensing Authority for the purchase of any personalised number or numbers.
- (b) 'Owner' in relation to a personalised number, means the person registered from time to time with the Licensing Authority as the person who is the owner of the vehicle to which the personalised number relates.
- (c) 'Personalised number', in relation to a motor vehicle, means a registered number allocated to a vehicle by the Licensing Authority, and in the series G1 to G20000 inclusive.
- (d) 'Purchase price' means the price offered by the buyer for a personalised number and accepted by the Licensing Authority.
- (e) 'Reserve price' means such minimum sum of money as the Licensing Authority may from time to time determine to be a fair and reasonable price for the sale of any personalised number.

**Re-issue of numbers.**

4. Subject to the provisions of regulations 5(4) and 6(1) below, The Licensing Authority shall be empowered to re-issue any personalised number previously registered in all instances where either such number has been surrendered to the Licensing Authority or the owner requests or consents to the re-issue of it.

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5.(1) The Licensing Authority may from time to time in such manner as it considers appropriate make available upon request to the public a list of available personalized numbers.

(2) The Licensing Authority shall consider all applications received for each and every personalized number available and shall have absolute and unfettered discretion to determine every application as it may think fit.

(3) The Licensing Authority will notify the buyer that his or her offer has been accepted, and request the buyer to pay forthwith the purchase price. Within six months of the date of such notification being submitted by the Licensing Authority, the buyer shall cause to be received by the Licensing Authority an application to register a vehicle with the personalized number sold to him or her. If the Licensing Authority receives no such application within the said period the sale to the buyer shall be automatically rescinded and the Licensing Authority at liberty thereafter to again advertise such number for sale in accordance with sub-regulation 1 of this regulation. The buyer shall not be entitled to have refunded to him the purchase price paid.

(4) If the owner of a vehicle to which a personalized number is registered fails to make an application to the Licensing Authority for a new motor vehicle license for the said vehicle, within a period of 6 months from the date of expiry of the previous vehicle license, the owner must surrender to the Licensing Authority the said personalized number. The Licensing Authority will then be at liberty to again advertise such number for sale in accordance with regulation 5(1) of these regulations. If the owner applies thereafter for a new vehicle license for the same vehicle, the Licensing Authority will allocate a new registered number to the said vehicle pursuant to the provisions of Section 15 of the Act and any regulations made thereunder and in force for the time being.

(5) For the purposes of this regulation the “purchase price” is the sum adjacent to the number series set out in the table in Schedule 1.

**Transfer of number.**

6.(1) A buyer shall not be entitled to dispose of a personalized number and then re-register the same vehicle to which it related with a different number unless an application so to do is made to the Licensing Authority within a period of 3 months of the making of an application to register another vehicle owned by the buyer with the same personalized number. If the buyer does not satisfy the Licensing Authority in this respect the personalized number shall upon disposal by the buyer of the vehicle to which it relates, revert to the ownership of the Licensing Authority, who may re-advertise the number for sale in accordance with regulation 5(1) of these regulations.

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(2) Any proposed transfer of a personalised number to another vehicle will require the prior approval of the Licensing Authority. If the buyer obtains approval to transfer the personalised number to another vehicle then owned by the buyer, in addition to any other fee or levy then payable, a fee of £50 shall become payable by the buyer to the Licensing Authority.

(3) If the buyer disposes of the personalized number with the vehicle to which it relates, the person acquiring from the buyer such vehicle with the said personalized number must pay to the Licensing Authority a fee equivalent to the full sum stipulated to be the reserve price prevailing on the date specified in the previous subsection.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this regulation, no fee shall be payable in this respect to the Licensing Authority by any person having acquired through an express testamentary disposition or any provision or rule of law on intestacy, a vehicle with a personalised number belonging to a deceased buyer.

**Additional fee.**

7. Any vehicle to which a personalized number is registered shall comply with the provisions of the Act and any fees payable to the Licensing Authority under the provisions of these Regulations shall be in addition to any fees due under the provisions of the Act or any other regulations made thereunder.

**Excluded numbers.**

8. Personalised numbers set out in Schedule 2 shall be reserved for issue to motor vehicles registered to the Government.

**Registration number issued prior to these Regulations.**

9. Registration numbers issued to motor vehicles which were registered prior to 16 May 1985 and which are listed in Schedule 3 shall not be personalised numbers under these Regulations unless the motor vehicle is deregistered and that number becomes available for re-issue.

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**SCHEDULE 1**

<b>NUMBER SERIES</b>	<b>PURCHASE PRICE</b>
G 2 to G 9	£1000
G 10 to G 999	£500
G 1000 to G 9999	£250
G 10000 to G 17999	£500
G 18000 to G 18999	£750
G 19000 to G 20000	£500

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**SCHEDULE 2**

**REGISTRATION NUMBERS RESERVED  
FOR GOVERNMENT VEHICLES**

G1  
G 5001 to G 5010  
G18001 to G18002

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**SCHEDULE 3**

**REGISTRATION NUMBERS NOT CONSIDERED PERSONALISED  
NUMBERS ON FIRST ISSUE**

G 5209  
G 5481  
G 5612  
G 5739  
G 5779  
G 5905  
G 10565  
G 13411  
G 13639  
G 13756  
G 17041  
G 18881  
G 18887  
G 18888  
G 19225