

ELIGIBLE VEHICLES

1. Trader's plates may **only** be displayed on unregistered vehicles that:
 - 1.1. Comply with the applicable vehicle standards, or
 - 1.2. Are cab chassis vehicles, providing:
 - 1.2.1. A proper seating position, seat belt and mandatory driver controls (i.e. speedometer, brake controls, gauges and warning systems, etc) are provided for the driver.
 - 1.2.2. Rear vision mirrors are fitted.
 - 1.2.3. The steering and braking system provides the driver with full and proper control of the vehicle.
 - 1.2.4. Mudguards/mudflaps/wheel covers are fitted.
 - 1.2.5. Front/rear turn signals and brake lights fitted as close as possible to their complying location.
 - 1.2.6. The vehicle is operated in daylight only.
 - 1.2.7. The vehicle does not carry any passengers or load, or
 - 1.3. Are included in the Conditional Registration Scheme (see the Roads and Maritime Services website at: www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/registration/get-nsw-registration/conditional.html), and
 - 1.4. In any case, the vehicle and its parts and equipment are suitable for safe use and in a thoroughly serviceable condition, and
 - 1.5. Not a written-off vehicle, or
 - 1.6. Not under tow by a tow truck operating as a tow truck, or
 - 1.7. Not operating as a taxi or stand-by taxi, or
 - 1.8. Not operated by a licensed certifier for a purpose connected with certification under the Vehicle Safety and Compliance Certification Scheme.

ELIGIBLE VEHICLE USERS

2. Vehicles displaying trader's plates may **only** be driven by the:
 - 2.1. Trader, or
 - 2.2. Trader's employee or agent with written authorisation, or
 - 2.3. Prospective purchaser of the vehicle or a vehicle of that type, with the trader's written authorisation to test drive the vehicle.

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3. Vehicles displaying NSW trader's plates may be used in all other Australian jurisdictions provided they are used in accordance with these conditions.
4. The most direct route must be used on each occasion on which a vehicle is driven on a road or road related area with a trader's plate displayed, except for a test drive by potential purchasers.
5. Vehicles, other than vehicles included in the Conditional Registration Scheme, displaying trader's plates may **only** be used on roads and road-related areas:
 - 5.1. For a purpose connected with the vehicle's manufacture or repair, or dealing in the vehicle, or
 - 5.2. For a purpose that is incidental to the manufacture or repair of, or dealing in the vehicle,
 - 5.3. To travel to the nearest convenient registry or service centre for registration by the most direct or convenient route, or
 - 5.4. To deliver the vehicle to the address of a person who has acquired the vehicle from the trader, or
 - 5.5. For a test drive or display.
6. Vehicles included in the Conditional Registration Scheme displaying trader's plates may **only** be used on roads and road-related areas:
 - 6.1. For a test drive or display, or
 - 6.2. For loading and unloading the vehicle, incidental to a test drive or display, providing
 - 6.3. All other conditions required under the Conditional Registration Scheme for that vehicle type are complied with.
7. In the case of oversize or overmass vehicles, any required road access approval has been obtained and is complied with. (Roads and Maritime Services and other road managers in NSW have been given the delegation to issue permits for Class 1 and Class 3 vehicles in relation to the roads for which they are the road manager for intrastate journeys. For more information contact Special Permits Unit on 1300 656 371 for intrastate permits, and the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator on 1300 696 487 for interstate permits.)

8. Vehicles displaying trader's plates must **not** carry any load, unless the vehicle:
 - 8.1. Is carrying a load solely to demonstrate to a prospective purchaser its capacity to carry a load, or
 - 8.2. Is carrying another vehicle from its place of manufacture, repair or purchase and is being driven by the shortest practical route to the trader's premises for resale, or
 - 8.3. Is a trailer specially constructed for the carriage of a boat and the loading consists solely of a boat, or
 - 8.4. Weighs two tonnes or less unladen and is being driven:
 - 8.4.1. By the shortest practicable route to the trader's premises from the place at which the trader has manufactured or purchased the vehicle and the loading consists solely of goods that are intended for the trader's personal use or for use in his or her business as a trader, or
 - 8.4.2. Solely for carrying spare parts consigned to the trader from a railway station or airport to the trader's premises for purposes of repairing vehicles.

DISPLAY OF TRADER'S PLATES

9. Vehicles and trailers must display a trader's plate at the rear of the vehicle in the space generally provided for a rear registration number plate.
10. On a vehicle combination (eg truck and trailer), a vehicle trader's plate must be displayed on the front of the hauling unit and a trailer trader's plate on the rear of the trailer.
11. If the vehicle still has registration number plates attached (eg within three months after the registration expiry date), the trader's plate should be displayed over the registration number plate.
12. Trader's plates must not be permanently affixed to vehicles.

RECORD OF USE

13. On each occasion on which a vehicle is driven on a road or road related area with a trader's plate displayed, the trader must cause particulars to be entered in ink on a record in a form approved by Roads and Maritime Services.
14. Traders must keep records of use at the trader's business premises for at least six months after the record was made.
15. Traders must produce any such records for inspection when required to do so by Roads and Maritime Services or the Police.

GENERAL

16. Trader's plates, except trailer trader's plates must have a Compulsory Third Party insurance policy.
17. Trader's plates cannot be loaned to other persons or organisations. Any unauthorised use may result in a fine and cancellation of trader's plates.
18. Trader's plates and records of use must be securely stored when not in use.
19. Traders must report stolen trader's plates to the Police and obtain a Police Event Number.
20. Traders must notify Roads and Maritime Services of lost, stolen, destroyed, damaged or confiscated trader's plates within 14 days of the event. A replacement fee applies.
21. Trader's plates are not transferable.
22. Traders must notify Roads and Maritime Services and surrender any trader's plates to a registry or service centre within 14 days of the disposal or closure of the trader's business.
23. Trader's plates expire on 31 December each year, and can be renewed for 12 months on application to Roads and Maritime Services.
24. Traders must surrender expired trader's plates to a registry or service centre within 14 days of the expiry date, if not renewed.
25. It is an offence to use a vehicle displaying an expired trader's plate.
26. Traders must surrender cancelled trader's plates to a registry or service centre within 14 days of the cancellation date.
27. It is an offence to use a vehicle displaying a cancelled trader's plate.
28. Trader's plates remain the property of Roads and Maritime Services.
29. Traders, their employees, agents or prospective purchasers, or any other person must immediately answer truthfully all questions about the purpose for which a trader's plate is used, when asked by the Police.