

## RNPS Trailer Information and Q&A

- **What is the trailer registration scheme and why has it been introduced?**

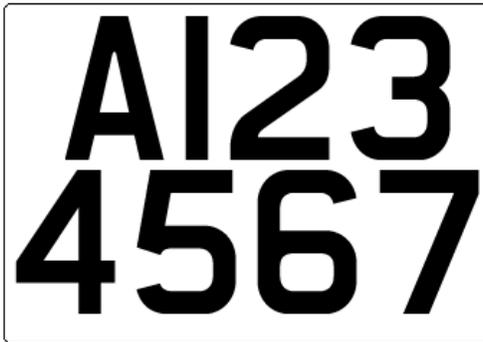
Trailer registration scheme is a DVLA service for certain UK trailers used internationally. It is being introduced as part of the UK's ratification of the 1968 Vienna Convention and to address the issues already faced by customers using UK trailers abroad.

- **Will every trailer in the UK be registered?**

No. Registration will be mandatory for all commercial use trailers travelling internationally that weigh over 750kg in gross weight. Registration is also mandatory for non-commercial use trailers that travel internationally and weigh over 3500kg in gross weight.

- **How will the trailer registration plate look?**

The trailer registration mark will consist of one letter followed by 7 numbers. They must be grouped as one letter and three numbers followed by a group of four numbers e.g. A123 4567 in this layout:



The plate should use the standard font and have the following characteristics:

- characters should be 64 millimetres in height;
- have a width of 44 millimetres, except for the character representing the number “1” and letter “l”, which must have a width of 10 millimetres;
- have a stroke width of 10 millimetres; and
- be separated by 10 millimetres from any other characters within a group. Groups of characters in the registration mark must be separated from one another by a space of 5 millimetres vertically.
- The width of the margin between the top or lateral edges of the registration plate and any part of a character used to display a registration mark on it must be at least 5 millimetres.
- The width of the margin between the bottom edge of the registration plate and any part of a character used to display a registration mark on it must be at least 13 millimetres.

The trailer registration plate must have solid black characters on a white background. No material, other than a registration mark, may be displayed on a registration plate except for information that identifies the manufacturer of the registration plate.

- **How should the trailer registration plate be displayed?**

The trailer registration plate must be fixed to the rear of the trailer in a position that is as far as reasonably practicable from the position of the towing vehicle registration plate. If it is not possible to fix a registration plate on the rear of the trailer, a registration plate must be fixed to both sides of the trailer and in such positions that in normal daylight the characters of the registration mark are easily distinguishable from either side of the trailer.

- **Do I need to register separately to become a supplier of trailer registration plates?**

No, as long as you are a registered number plate supplier you will be able to supply trailer registration plates as well as vehicle registration plates.

- **I do not have all the necessary components to produce trailer registration plates. Where can I get them?**

Your current supplier should be able to provide you with the vehicle registration plate components/equipment needed to produce trailer registration plates.

- **What documentation do I check?**

As with vehicle registration plates customers will need to provide a document to confirm their identity and a document proving their entitlement to use the registration number. The list of acceptable documents can be found on the [INF136](#). For trailer registration plates, customers should be able to provide the trailer registration certificate or an eV948.

- **Is it compulsory to supply trailer registration plates?**

No. It is down to each RNPS to decide if they will offer trailer registrations plates. The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) will advise customers to check with their chosen supplier beforehand to ensure they are available.

- **Are RNPS required to keep a sales record for trailer registration plates sold?**

You must keep records of number plate sales for three years and show them upon request to the police, DVLA, Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) and Trading Standards enforcement officers if they ask to see them. A sample template of a sales record can be found on the [INF195/2](#).

- **Who should I contact if I have further questions regarding the supply of trailer registration plates?**

If you need further help or advice, contact the DVLA RNPS contact line on 0300 1230797. If you would like more information about the trailer registration scheme or other changes that may affect those driving abroad after March 2019, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/euexitdriving>