

Dimensions and other technical characteristics of registration plates and transfer badges

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Regulation background and legal basis

The Finnish Transport and Communications Agency has been granted the authority under Section 99(3) and Section 118(5) of the Vehicles Act (82/2021) to issue detailed regulations on the dimensions and other technical characteristics of registration plates and temporary transfer badges.

On 9 December 2024, the Finnish Transport and Communications Agency issued a Regulation on the dimensions and other technical characteristics of registration plates and transfer badges (TRAFICOM/65798/03.04.03.00/2024), which entered into force on 16 December 2024.

This Regulation repeals the said Regulation and introduces a new updated Regulation on the dimensions and other technical characteristics of registration plates and transfer badges (TRAFICOM/881368/03.04.03.00/2025).

The Regulation being issued is essentially the same as the Regulation to be repealed. Taxi plates are added to the regulation according to vehicle category. In addition, minor clarifying corrections and changes will be made to the Regulation.

The amendments are based on the legislative project concerning taxis launched by the Ministry of Transport and Communications on 3 October 2024, in accordance with the Government Programme of Prime Minister Petteri Orpo (Government proposal for amending the Act on Transport Services, VN/25768/2024, LVM038:00/2024). The aim of the project is to reinforce consumer confidence in taxi services, promote the availability of taxis, take

into account different customer groups throughout the country, and enhance the supervision of taxi services and combat the grey economy.

As part of the legislative amendment, it is proposed that taxis be equipped with taxi licence plates that are distinguishable from other registration plates. Consequently, amendments would be made to the regulation on registration plates to the extent that they fall within the regulatory powers of the Finnish Transport and Communications Agency.

Drafting of the regulation

The regulation was drafted by the Finnish Transport and Communications Agency. A notification of the start of the project to draft the regulation was posted on the Finnish Transport and Communications Agency's website and also sent by email to subscribers to the mailing list for the drafting of new road transport regulations.

Stakeholders have been invited to submit comments in writing on the draft Regulation between 4 March and 4 May 2026. The request for comments was published at lausuntopalvelu.fi and traficom.fi. In addition, the request for an opinion will be sent by email to those on the mailing list for the drafting of road transport regulations. Stakeholders and citizens will also have the opportunity to comment on the project as the drafting progresses.

The finalised Regulation will be published on Finlex and on the website of the Finnish Transport and Communications Agency. Notification of the issuance of the regulation will be posted on the Finnish Transport and Communications Agency's website and also sent by email to subscribers to the mailing list for the drafting of new road transport regulations.

The draft regulation was notified according to the notification procedure for technical regulations (Directive (EU) 2015/1535 of the European Parliament and of the Council).

Feedback

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Amendments and assessment of the effects of the Regulation

The amendment to the regulation would add a new taxi plate to the plate types for each vehicle category used as a taxi, and make the necessary related amendments to the regulation. In other respects, the regulation would remain unchanged.

After the amendment to the Regulation, there will be 30 different types of plates in Finland:

- registration plate with international vehicle registration code (low) vehicle/trailer
- registration plate with international vehicle registration code (high) vehicle/trailer
- registration plate with international vehicle registration code motorcycle / tricycle / quadricycle / heavy quadricycle
- registration plate (low) tractor/power-driven machine
- registration plate (high) tractor/power-driven machine
- registration plate snowmobile
- registration plate moped/light quadricycle
- registration plate without international vehicle registration code (long) car/trailer
- registration plate without international vehicle registration code (short) car
- registration plate without international vehicle registration code (small) car
- registration plate without international vehicle registration code motorcycle/tricycle/quadricycle/heavy quadricycle
- black registration plate (long) car/trailer
- black registration plate (short) car
- black registration plate (high) motorcycle
- black registration plate (low) motorcycle
- test plate
- taxi plate with international vehicle registration code (low) car
- taxi plate with international vehicle registration code (high) car
- taxi plate without international vehicle registration code (long) car
- taxi plate without international vehicle registration code (short) car
- taxi plate without international vehicle registration code (small) car
- taxi plate with international vehicle registration code tricycle/heavy quadricycle
- taxi plate without international vehicle registration code tricycle/heavy quadricycle
- taxi plate light quadricycle
- diplomatic registration plate vehicle
- diplomatic registration plate (small) vehicle

- diplomatic registration plate motorcycle
- registration plate (low) of export-registered car
- registration plate (high) of export-registered car
- registration plate of export-registered motorcycle

In addition, there are two (2) different types of transfer badges in Finland:

- transfer badge for cars, trailers and tractors
- transfer badge for motorcycles and mopeds

Detailed rationale

Chapter 3 Dimensions and colours of registration plates

A new section 3.10 concerning taxi plates would be added to Chapter 3, specifying taxi plates by plate type. The taxi plates would correspond in their dimensions and typefaces to the registration plates for the respective vehicle categories, but their background colour would differ from that of other registration plates. The background colour of registration plates is laid down in the Government Decree on Vehicles (162/2021).

Chapter 4 Technical characteristics of registration plates as well as dimensions and colours of the registration number and international vehicle registration code

Provisions concerning taxi plates would be added to Chapter 4 regarding the material of the taxi plate, the dimensions of the letters and numbers of the registration number, and the colour of the borderline. In these respects, taxi plates would not differ from other registration plates.

Regulation timetable/entry into force

The decision on the Regulation project has been made on 11 December 2025 and reported and published on the Finnish Transport and Communications Agency's website on 15 December 2025.

This regulatory project is dependent on the approval and entry into force of the legislative and decree amendments proposed in connection with the reform of taxi regulation.

The Regulation will be prepared during 2026 and initial schedule for entry into force is 1 January 2027.

(Annexes and references)

Summary of statements (if the statements are not included in the explanatory memorandum)

Compilation of comments (if prepared)

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