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## GENERAL NOTICE

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NOTICE 2835 OF 2010

### GAUTENG LICENCE MARK SYSTEM

**NATIONAL ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 93 OF 1996)**

**DETERMINATION OF A LICENCE MARK, LICENCE NUMBER SYSTEM, LOGO, LETTER TYPE, LETTER AND FIGURE COLOUR AND COLOUR OF RETRO-REFLECTIVE SURFACE OF NUMBER PLATES FOR THE GAUTENG PROVINCE UNDER REGULATION 27, 28, 29, 35, 36 AND 71 OF THE NATIONAL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, 2000.**

I, Bheki Nkosi, Member of the Executive Council of the Gauteng Provincial Government responsible for road traffic matters in Gauteng Province, hereby determine, in terms of regulations 27; 28;29;35;36 and 71 of the National Road Traffic Regulations, 2000, that:

1. Provincial Notice No. 16 of 2002 issued in terms of Regulation 27,28,29,71 and 86 of the National Road Traffic Regulations 2000, published in the Provincial Gazette No. 400 of 26 November 2002 and Provincial Notice No. 1921 of 2010, published in the Provincial Gazette No. 137 of 7 July 2010 for the Gauteng Province are hereby repealed.
2. In this Notice, any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the National Road Traffic Act, 1996 (Act No. 93 of 1996) shall, when used in this Notice have the same meaning, unless otherwise indicated and in addition –

**"BB99BB-series"** means the licence number series, consisting of two letters followed by two figures followed by two letters and the letters "GP" denoting the Gauteng Province

**"BBB999-series"** means the licence number series, consisting of three letters followed by three figures and the letters "GP" denoting the Gauteng Province (BBB 999\*GP);

**"Department"** means the Department of Roads and Transport: Gauteng Province;

**"Embosser"** means a manufacturer of number plates who embosses the allocated licence number letters on a blank number plate;

**"Regulations"** means the National Road Traffic Regulations, 2000, as amended;

**"SANS"** means South African National Standard; and

3. The licence mark for the Gauteng Province shall consist of the allocated licence number, the Gauteng logo, and the letters "GP" as specified in Schedule 1.
4. A number plate for any motor vehicle shall display dark blue letters and figures on a white retro-reflective surface background as shown in, Part I of Schedule 1.
5. The BB99BB-series shall follow the BBB999-series when the latter series is exhausted.
6. From 1 November 2010, only aluminium plate format, as specified in this Notice, shall be supplied to vehicle owners or proxies of vehicle owners.

7. Only embossed aluminium number plates, which shall comply with SANS 1116, shall be supplied to vehicle owners or proxies of vehicle owners from 30 days after the publication date of this Notice.
8. Lost plates must be reported to the police.
9. Suppliers mentioned in Schedule 2 shall register and perform duties in a manner specified in that Schedule.
10. Motor dealers and blank plate manufacturers shall not be registered as Embossers and shall thus not emboss plates.
18. Plates for licence numbers determined under regulation 28 (3) and 29 (2) of the Regulations shall be supplied as specified in Schedules 3, 4 and 5.
19. This Notice shall come into effect on the date as published by the MEC in the Provincial Gazette.



**Bheki/Nkosi**

28/09/2010

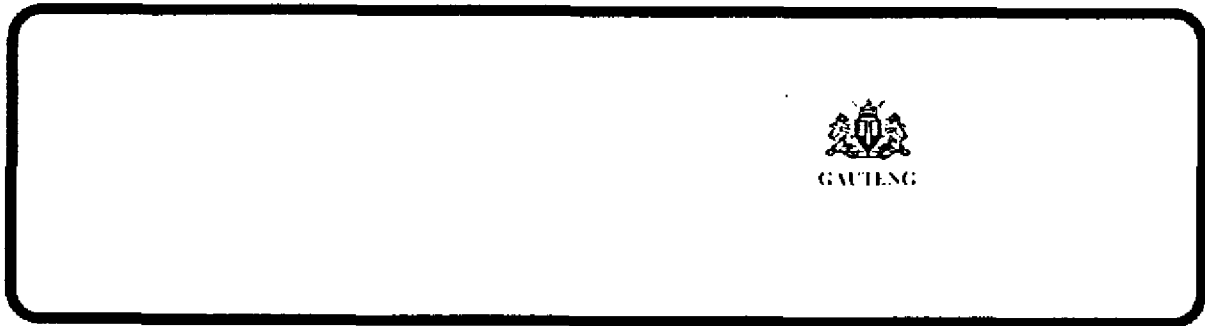
**MEC FOR ROADS AND TRANSPORT: GAUTENG PROVINCE**

**SCHEDULE 1**

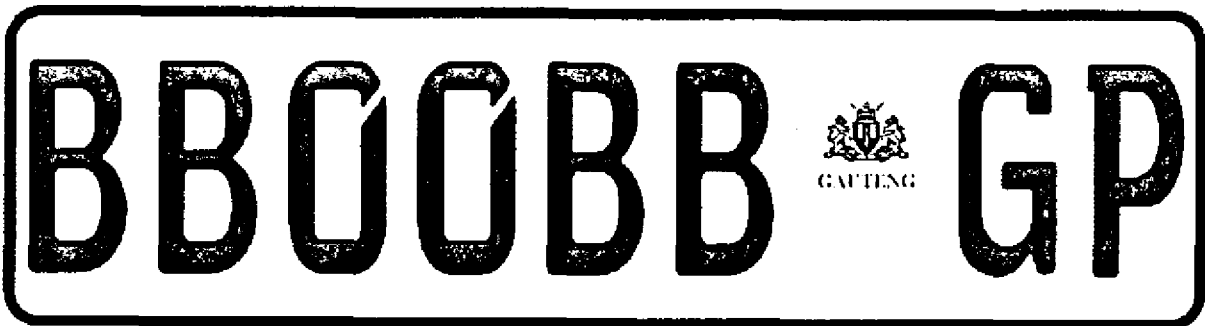
**SPECIFICATIONS FOR GAUTENG NUMBER PLATES**

**Part I. GENERAL PLATE**

1. A number plate shall be an embossed aluminium plate which shall comply with SANS 1116 which entails retro-reflective licence plates for motor vehicles on Part 2 of 1116 for metal plates.



2. Dark blue shall be used for the border colours of letters and figures.



## **Part II. SPECIFICATION OF THE LOGO ON THE NUMBER PLATE**

### **1. SCOPE**

This standard specifies the provisions applicable to the logo to be portrayed on a number plate for a motor vehicle in the Gauteng Province.

### **2. SPECIFICATION**

(1) Composition of logo



The logo on a number plate for numbers issued in Gauteng shall consist of the:

- (a) Coat of Arms of the Gauteng Province with the word "GAUTENG" below the Coat of Arms as indicated above.

(2) Colours of the Coat of Arms

The colours used to portray the Coat of Arms in the logo shall be as follows:

- (a) royal blue for the shield;
  - (b) rust brown, cream, orange rust & biscuit for the lions;
  - (c) dark red for the word "GAUTENG" below the Coat of Arms; and
  - (d) middle buff B33 for, the pick, the gold bars, the ornamental brackets, the slanted stripes on the coronet and the wings of the bees.
- (3) The adjacent characters shall be positioned not less than 8mm from the logo.
- (4) Logo graphic samples shall be submitted to the MEC for approval prior to bulk supply.

### **Part III. PLATE FEATURES**

#### **1. POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION IMAGES:**

- (1) The number plate shall incorporate a set of positive identification images that form an integral part of the plate. It shall appear, disappear or change colour at certain angles. The positive identification images shall identify the manufacturer of the reflective sheeting by means of letters or symbols, as well as the Gauteng Provincial Government Logo, within an 11 millimetre diameter, interspersed throughout the sheeting.
- (2) The retro-reflective sheeting shall also have a continuous and unbroken wave-form image that runs either vertically or horizontally through the plates. The continuous and unbroken mark shall form an integral part of the retro-reflective.

- (3) These Images shall be durable for the service life of the license plate.
- (4) These Images shall be approved by the MEC as per specifications of the sheeting manufacturer.

**SCHEDULE 2****REQUIREMENTS FOR MANUFACTURERS OF RETRO-REFLECTIVE SHEETING, MANUFACTURERS OF BLANK NUMBER PLATES AND EMBOSSERS****1. REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIER IN TERMS OF THIS NOTICE**

- (1) The following suppliers shall apply for registration in a process as set out in Regulation 49 (1) and (2), and where applicable, shall pay the fees on application as prescribed by the MEC in Regulation 49 (2) (b):
  - (a) Reflective Sheeting suppliers;
  - (b) *Manufacturer of blank plates; and*
  - (c) Embossers.
- (2) A supplier shall be registered to perform only one function.
- (3) Registration shall be subject to the conclusion of a written Service Level Agreement with the Gauteng Province as represented by the Department.
- (4) Should the parties not comply with the provisions of the Service Level Agreement or dispute it, the Department has the right to suspend or terminate the registration or licence.

## **2. DUTIES OF MANUFACTURERS OF BLANK NUMBER PLATES**

- (1) Manufacturers of blank number plates must submit the following to the Department for written approval prior to the commencement of manufacture of such plates:
  - (a) SABS Registration permit; and
  - (b) Gauteng Compliance certificate to this Notice.
  
- (2) A manufacturer of blank number plates shall in addition to the conditions of registration as contemplated in Regulation 50(1) of the Regulations, provide the services of manufacturing blank plates in a secure location and shall –
  - (a) ensure the number plates designated for a specific Embosser are delivered only to such Embosser; and
  - (b) report any problems concerning the positive identification images to the MEC.

## **3. DUTIES OF AN EMBOSSER**

An Embosser must submit the following to the Department for written approval prior to the commencement of manufacture of such plates:

- (a) SABS Registration permit; and
- (b) Gauteng Compliance certificate to this Notice.

#### **4. DUTIES OF RETRO-REFLECTIVE SHEETING SUPPLIERS**

Retro-reflective sheeting suppliers must submit the following to the Department for written approval prior to the commencement of services:

- (a) SABS Test certificate, and
- (b) Gauteng Compliance certificate to this Notice.

### SCHEDULE 3

## CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO PERSONALISED LICENCE NUMBER DETERMINED UNDER REGULATION 28(3) OR REGULATION 29(2) OF THE NATIONAL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, 2000 FOR THE GAUTENG PROVINCE

### 1. DEFINITIONS

In these conditions, any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the National Road Traffic Act, 1996 (Act No.93 of 1996), shall unless, a contrary intention appears from the context, have the meaning thus assigned, and-

**"personalised number"** means a licence number as allocated to a natural or legal person as provided under Regulation 28(3) or Regulation 29(2) of the National Road Traffic Regulations;

**"personalised number certificate"** means a certificate issued by the Gauteng Province to a natural or legal person who successfully applied for the privilege to use and display a personalised number, that contains the personalised number concerned;

**"prescribed fee"** means the fee as prescribed from time to time for the Gauteng Province by regulation under section 25 of the Gauteng Provincial Road Traffic Act 10 of 1997;

**"SAPS"** means the South African Police Service; and

**"user"** means a natural or legal person who is the holder of a personalised number.

## **2. PERSONALISED NUMBER CERTIFICATE DOES NOT TRANSFER OWNERSHIP**

The Issue of a personalised number certificate to a user does not transfer ownership of that number to the user. The user may apply for the allocation of such personalised number to a motor vehicle of which he or she is the owner and the Gauteng Province retains ownership of the personalised number, while the successful applicant obtains the right to use and display such number, subject to such conditions as may be determined.

## **3. APPLICATION FOR A PERSONALISED NUMBER**

An application for a personalised number shall be made to the Department on form PRN1-GP as contained in Schedule 5, and shall be accompanied by acceptable identification of the motor vehicle and of the user and if the user is an organization, that of its proxy and its representative, a letter of proxy and the prescribed fee.

## **4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONDITIONS**

The user shall, prior to the issue of the personalised number certificate, sign the document as contained in Schedule 5, which document is to be submitted to the Department prior to the issue of the personalised number certificate.

## **5. APPLICATION FOR A DUPLICATE PERSONALISED NUMBER CERTIFICATE**

An application for a duplicate personalised number certificate shall be made to the Department on form PRN1-GP as contained in Schedule 5, and shall

be accompanied by acceptable identification of the motor vehicle and of the user and if the user is an organization, that of its proxy and its representative, a letter of proxy and the prescribed fee.

#### **6. SURRENDER OF A PERSONALISED NUMBER**

The user may surrender the right to use and display a personalised number to the Gauteng Province, in which event the right to use and display the personalised number will be forfeited and the user shall not be reimbursed for any monies paid.

#### **7. APPLICATION TO SURRENDER A PERSONALISED NUMBER**

An application to surrender a personalised number shall be made to the Department on form PRN1-GP as contained in Schedule 5, and shall be accompanied by acceptable identification of the motor vehicle and of the user and if the user is an organization, that of its proxy and its representative, a letter of proxy and the prescribed.

#### **8. APPLICATION TO TRANSFER A PERSONALISED NUMBER**

An application to transfer a personalised number shall be made to the Department on form PRN1-GP as contained in Schedule 5, and shall be accompanied by acceptable identification of the motor vehicle and of the users and if the users is an organization, that of its proxy and its representative, a letter of proxy and the prescribed.

**9. ALLOCATION OF A PERSONALISED NUMBER BY THE APPROPRIATE REGISTERING AUTHORITY**

- (1) A personalised number may be allocated to a motor vehicle which has to be licensed in the Gauteng Province.
- (2) The user must apply for the allocation of the personalised number to a motor vehicle, and for the licensing of that motor vehicle, within 21 days from the date of issue of the personalised number.
- (3) The existing licence and clearance certificate becomes null and void on the date of allocation, and liability for licensing of the motor vehicle arises on such date.
- (4) If the user does not apply for the allocation of the personalised number to a motor vehicle and does not license that motor vehicle, within the period referred to in sub paragraph (b), any monies paid in respect of the right to use and display the personalised number will be forfeited and the right to use and display the personalised number will be forfeited as well.

**10. DEATH OF USER**

*In the event of the death of the user of a personalised number specified, and if ownership of the vehicle to which the personalised number was allocated is transferred to the surviving beneficiary, such beneficiary may apply for the right to use and display that personalised number, on form PRN1-GP, and such application shall be accompanied by:*

- (a) the existing personalised number certificate;
- (b) acceptable Identification;
- (c) an original certified copy of the death certificate; and
- (d) a letter from the executor confirming that ownership of the vehicle is transferred to the surviving spouse,

and no fee shall be payable for such an application and for the allocation of the personalised number concerned to a motor vehicle.

## **11. STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLES**

- (1) If the SAPS records a motor vehicle to which a personalised number was allocated as stolen, such personalised number shall not be allocated to another motor vehicle for five years from the date of such recording.
- (2) If the stolen motor vehicle is found within the five year period, the user may continue the use of the personalised number in respect of the motor vehicle concerned if the SAPS confirms in writing that their records no longer reflect the vehicle as stolen, and if the user undertakes in writing not to hold the Gauteng Province liable for any loss, damage or harm that may occur due to the continued use of the personalised number.
- (3) After the five year period referred to in sub paragraph (a) has lapsed, the user may apply for the issue of the personalised number to another motor vehicle if he or she undertakes in writing not to hold the Gauteng Province liable for loss, damage or harm that may occur due to the continued use of the personalised number.

## **12. TRANSFER OF A PERSONALISED NUMBER BETWEEN MOTOR VEHICLES OF THE SAME USER**

The user must apply in terms of Regulation 29(2) of the Regulations for the transfer of a personalised number to another motor vehicle of which he or she is the owner.

## **13. RETENTION OF A PERSONALISED NUMBER**

If the user of a personalised number intends to sell a motor vehicle to which that personalised number was allocated, but wishes to retain the use of the

personalised number, he or she must apply in terms of Regulation 29(2) of the Regulations for the change of the personalised number of the vehicle to be sold. In order to retain the personalised number, the user must request a duplicate personalised number certificate, and submit the original personalised number certificate to the Gauteng Province to be defaced. The user must apply for the allocation of the personalised number to a motor vehicle and licence that vehicle within 21 days from the date of the issuance of the duplicate personalised number certificate. If the user does not apply for the allocation of the personalised number and does not licence the vehicle concerned within the said period, the monies paid will be forfeited and the right to use and display the personalised number will be forfeited as well.

#### **14. DE-REGISTRATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE TO WHICH A PERSONALISED NUMBER WAS ALLOCATED**

If a motor vehicle to which a personalised number was allocated is deregistered, the register of motor vehicles shall reflect that the personalised number is no longer allocated to such vehicle and the user must apply for the allocation of the personalised number to another vehicle or surrender the personalised number.

#### **15. CHANGE OF PROVINCIAL AUTHORITY**

In the event of the user of a personalised number relocating to another province, which would involve a change of registering authority in respect of the motor vehicle to which the personalised number was allocated, the right to use and display the personalised number will be forfeited and the user shall not be reimbursed for any monies paid.

## **16. ISSUING AND REPLACEMENT OF NUMBER PLATES REFLECTING A PERSONALISED LICENCE NUMBER**

A number plate reflecting a personalised number shall be issued by an authorised embosser within the normal number plate issuing procedure as regulated by this Notice.

**SCHEDULE 4**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONDITIONS PERTAINING TO NUMBERS ISSUED ON APPLICATION IN TERMS OF REGULATION 29(2) OF THE REGULATIONS OR PERSONALISED LICENCE NUMBERS AND UNDERTAKING TO ABIDE THEREBY**

To be completed by the user of a personalized number issued on application in terms of regulation 29(2) of the Regulations or personalised licence number determined under regulation 28(3), or in the case of a body of persons, its proxy identified in terms of regulation 336 of the Regulations.

I..... (Full names)..... (ID number), the user or proxy of the user identified under regulation 336 of the Regulations, acknowledge that-

I have read and understand the conditions applicable to the use of a number issued on application in terms of regulation 29(2) or a personalized licence number determined under regulation 28(3), both of the National Road Traffic Regulations 2000, for the Gauteng Province, and that I undertake to abide by these conditions.

Signed at..... (Place) on..... (Date)

.....  
SIGNATURE

(DULY AUTHORISED IN THE CASE OF A JURISTIC PERSON)  
WITNESSES:

1.....

2.....







