

# New Number Plates

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Revision 1

From the 1st September 2001, the Government and DVLA will issue a new number plate format. This affects the governing design, display type face and design of the new number plates. The regulations introduced make it easier for number plates to be read, so no more fancy number plates anymore (not even the current legal ones). This will end the use of italic, multiple stroke, ghost image and "other difficult to read" number plates.

## So what do they look like?

**AL53 CLK**

Standard Style



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Euro Plate Style

There are two 'styles' available, either with or without the blue euro plate on the left hand side. This is an optional feature, but it will enable drivers to dispense with the separate GB stickers when travelling abroad. The spacing of the lettering remain the same on both designs. Note that the type face (font) shown is NOT the same type face that will be used on the number plates (its just a representation). The type face that will be used will be mandatory, so no more unique lettering is possible, only for show plates.

## What do the letters and numbers mean?

The number plate characters are split into 3 main sections. The first section are the first two characters ('AL' in this case). These are the **local memory tags**. These show the DVLA Local Office in each county where the vehicle was registered when purchased.

The second section are the two numbers ('53' in this case). These are the **age identifiers**. These change every six months (March and September). The number format will alternate from 53 to 04, to 54, to 05 etc. every six months, this gives 50 years worth of combinations.

Finally the last section are the last three characters ('CLK' in this case). These are random letters (never numbers) picked out when the number plate is issued to your vehicle.

## Are all the letters used in the alphabet?

No not all, I and Q are not used on the new numbers plates. The letter Q does appear on the old style number and will continue to be used as 'Q marks'. Z will only be used within the random section of the new format.

For more information, visit the DVLA website at <http://www.dvla.gov.uk> or e-mail them at [vehicles.dvla@gtnet.gov.uk](mailto:vehicles.dvla@gtnet.gov.uk)

## Local Memory Tags:



Letter	Area	Local Offices	DVLA Local Office Identifier
A	Angila	Peterborough Norwich Ipswich	AA, AB, AC, AD, AE, AF, AG, AH, AJ, AK, AL, AM, AN, AO, AP, AR, AS, AT, AU, AV, AW, AX, AY
B	Birmingham	Birmingham  Cardiff	BA, BB, BC, BD, BE, BF, BG, BH, BJ, BK, BL, BM, BN, BO, BP, BR, BS, BT, BU, BV, BW, BX, BY

C	Cymru	Swansea Bangor	CA, CB, CC, CD, CE, CF, CG, CH, CJ, CK, CL, CM, CN, CO, CP, CR, CS, CT, CU, CV, CW, CX, CY
D	Deeside to Shrewsbury	Chester Shrewsbury	DA, DB, DC, DD, DE, DF, DG, DH, DJ, DK, DL, DM, DN, DO, DP, DR, DS, DT, DU, DV, DW, DX, DY
E	Essex	Chelmsford	EA, EB, EC, ED, EE, EF, EG, EH, EJ, EK, EL, EM, EN, EO, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EV, EW, EX, EY
F	Forest and Fens	Nottingham Lincoln	FA, FB, FC, FD, FE, FF, FG, FH, FJ, FK, FL, FM, FN, FP, FR, FS, FT, FV, FW, FX, FY
G	Carden of England	Maidstone Brighton	GA, GB, GC, GD, GE, GF, GG, GH, GJ, GK, GL, GM, GN, GO, GP, GR, GS, GT, GU, GV, GW, GX, GY
H	Hampshire & Dorset	Bournemouth Portsmouth	HA, HB, HC, HD, HE, HF, HG, HH, HJ, HK, HL, HM, HN, HO, HP, HR, HS, HT, HU, HV, HW, HX, HY (HW will be used exclusively for Isle of Wight residents)
K	n/a	Luton Northampton	KA, KB, KC, KD, KE, KF, KG, KH, KJ, KK, KL, KM, KN, KO, KP, KR, KS, KT, KU, KV, KW, KX, KY
L	London	Wimbledon Stanmore Sidcup	LA, LB, LC, LD, LE, LF, LG, LH, LJ, LK, LL, LM, LN, LO, LP, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, LW, LX, LY
M	Manchester & Merseyside	Manchester	MA, MB, MC, MD, ME, MF, MG, MH, MJ, MK, ML, MM, MN, MO, MP, MR, MS, MT, MU, MV, MW, MX, MY
N	North	Newcastle Stockton	NA, NB, NC, ND, NE, NG, NH, NJ, NK, NL, NM, NN, NO, NP, NR, NS, NT, NU, NV, NW, NX, NY
O	Oxford	Oxford	OA, OB, OC, OD, OE, OF, OG, OH, OJ, OK, OL, OM, ON, OO, OP, OR, OS, OT, OU, OV, OW, OX, OY
P	Preston	Preston Carlisle	PA, PB, PC, PD, PE, PF, PG, PH, PJ, PK, PL, PM, PN, PO, PP, PR, PS, PT, PU, PV, PW, PX, PY
R	Reading	Reading	RA, RB, RC, RD, RE, RF, RG, RH, RJ, RK, RL, RM, RN, RO, RP, RR, RS, RT, RU, RV, RW, RX, RY
S	Scotland	Glasgow Edinburgh Dundee Aberdeen Inverness	SA, SB, SC, SD, SE, SF, SG, SH, SJ, SK, SL, SM, SN, SO, SP, SR, SS, ST, SU, SV, SW, SX, SY
V	Severn Valley	Worcester	VA, VB, VC, VD, VE, VF, VG, VH, VJ, VK, VL, VM, VN, VO, VP, VR, VS, VT, VU, VV, VW, VX, VY
W	West of England	Exeter Truro Bristol	WA, WB, WC, WD, WE, WF, WG, WH, WJ, WK, WL, WM, WN, WO, WP, WR, WS, WT, WU, WV, WW, WX, WY
Y	Yorkshire	Leeds Sheffield Beverley	YA, YB, YC, YD, YE, YF, YG, YH, YJ, YK, YL, YM, YN, YO, YP, YR, YS, YT, YU, YV, YW, YX, YY

## Age Identifiers



Code	Date	Code	Date
n/a	n/a	51	Sept 2001 - Feb 2002
02	March 2002 - Aug 2002	52	Sept 2002 - Feb 2003
03	March 2003 - Aug 2003	53	Sept 2003 - Feb 2004
04	March 2004 - Aug 2004	54	Sept 2004 - Feb 2005
05	March 2005 - Aug 2005	55	Sept 2005 - Feb 2006
06	March 2006 - Aug 2006	56	Sept 2006 - Feb 2007
07	March 2007 - Aug 2007	57	Sept 2007 - Feb 2008
08	March 2008 - Aug 2008	58	Sept 2008 - Feb 2009
09	March 2009 - Aug 2009	59	Sept 2009 - Feb 2010

10	March 2010 - Aug 2010	60	Sept 2010 - Feb 2011
11	March 2011 - Aug 2011	61	Sept 2011 - Feb 2012
12	March 2012 - Aug 2012	62	Sept 2012 - Feb 2013
13	March 2013 - Aug 2013	63	Sept 2013 - Feb 2014
14	March 2014 - Aug 2014	64	Sept 2014 - Feb 2015
15	March 2015 - Aug 2015	65	Sept 2015 - Feb 2016
16	March 2016 - Aug 2016	66	Sept 2016 - Feb 2017
17	March 2017 - Aug 2017	67	Sept 2017 - Feb 2018
18	March 2018 - Aug 2018	68	Sept 2018 - Feb 2019
19	March 2019 - Aug 2019	69	Sept 2019 - Feb 2020
20	March 2020 - Aug 2020	70	Sept 2020 - Feb 2021
21	March 2021 - Aug 2021	71	Sept 2021 - Feb 2022
22	March 2022 - Aug 2022	72	Sept 2022 - Feb 2023
23	March 2023 - Aug 2023	73	Sept 2023 - Feb 2024
24	March 2024 - Aug 2024	74	Sept 2024 - Feb 2025
25	March 2025 - Aug 2025	75	Sept 2025 - Feb 2026
26	March 2026 - Aug 2026	76	Sept 2026 - Feb 2027
27	March 2027 - Aug 2027	77	Sept 2027 - Feb 2028
28	March 2028 - Aug 2028	78	Sept 2028 - Feb 2029
29	March 2029 - Aug 2029	79	Sept 2029 - Feb 2030
30	March 2030 - Aug 2030	80	Sept 2030 - Feb 2031
31	March 2031 - Aug 2031	81	Sept 2031 - Feb 2032
32	March 2032 - Aug 2032	82	Sept 2032 - Feb 2033
33	March 2033 - Aug 2033	83	Sept 2033 - Feb 2034
34	March 2034 - Aug 2034	84	Sept 2034 - Feb 2035
35	March 2035 - Aug 2035	85	Sept 2035 - Feb 2036
36	March 2036 - Aug 2036	86	Sept 2036 - Feb 2037
37	March 2037 - Aug 2037	87	Sept 2037 - Feb 2038
38	March 2038 - Aug 2038	88	Sept 2038 - Feb 2039
39	March 2039 - Aug 2039	89	Sept 2039 - Feb 2040
40	March 2040 - Aug 2040	90	Sept 2040 - Feb 2041
41	March 2041 - Aug 2041	91	Sept 2041 - Feb 2042
42	March 2042 - Aug 2042	92	Sept 2042 - Feb 2043
43	March 2043 - Aug 2043	93	Sept 2043 - Feb 2044
44	March 2044 - Aug 2044	94	Sept 2044 - Feb 2045
45	March 2045 - Aug 2045	95	Sept 2045 - Feb 2046
46	March 2046 - Aug 2046	96	Sept 2046 - Feb 2047
47	March 2047 - Aug 2047	97	Sept 2047 - Feb 2048
48	March 2048 - Aug 2048	98	Sept 2048 - Feb 2049
49	March 2049 - Aug 2049	99	Sept 2049 - Feb 2050
50	March 2050 - Aug 2050	00 or 01	Sept 2050 - Feb 2051

