

Questions and answers

New online registration renewal and elimination of licence plate decals

Why are you eliminating the licence plate decals?

The elimination of decals will save taxpayers up to \$50,000 annually, reduce red tape for Yukoners, improve and modernize the delivery of registration services, and bring the Yukon in line with several Canadian jurisdictions, including Alberta, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

With the ability to determine registration status through a licence plate search, decals are a less reliable method for determining a vehicle's registration status. Decals also present a challenge due to cold weather application and loss.

When will the decals be eliminated?

The last day that registration decals will be issued is February 28, 2022. Registration decals will no longer be issued with a certificate of vehicle registration, effective March 1, 2022. Yukon drivers will still require a valid certificate of vehicle registration.

Which decals will be eliminated?

Effective March 1, 2022, and moving forward, all month and year decals will be eliminated.

Can I still get a sticker if I ask for one?

No. Once phased out, we will not be issuing any more decals.

How will I remember when my registration expires without the sticker to remind me?

You are responsible for knowing when your vehicle insurance and registration expires, and ensuring these documents are current. Your vehicle registration expiry date can be found on the certificate of registration.

Vehicle registrations expire at midnight on the last day of an assigned month, based on the registered owner's last name or company name. If you're still unsure when your vehicle registration expires, contact the Motor Vehicles office at 867-667-5315.

Additionally, the Motor Vehicles Branch will send you a reminder by mail three months before your registration is set to expire, and this practice will continue. Vehicle owners should also mark their calendars with reminders to renew their registration(s).

Do I need to cover or remove my current registration decals after March 1, 2022? Will you be providing blank decals to cover up the old ones?

You do not need to remove or cover previous registration decals after March 1, 2022. Even with the current system, Yukon's enforcement officials do not rely on the display of registration decals to confirm vehicle registration.

Will not having a decal make me more likely to be stopped by law enforcement? Will I be fined for having expired decals on my licence plate?

After March 1, 2022, you will not be penalized for displaying out-of-date registration decals on your vehicle. All vehicles are still required to maintain an active registration.

What will law enforcement outside of the Yukon do if they see an expired decal or not decal at all?

Law enforcement systems do not require a registration decal to determine the validity of a licence plate or the vehicle's registration status.

How will law enforcement continue to monitor unregistered vehicles on Yukon roadways?

Law enforcement systems use licence plate numbers to make this determination and do not require a registration decal to determine the validity of a licence plate or the vehicle's registration status.

Was law enforcement consulted before this change was made?

Law Enforcement was included in the consulting phase and supports of the elimination of validation decals.

What's new about the online vehicle registration renewal service? Didn't that already exist?

We've modernized our online service interface and made it easier for clients to use.

Can I be fined for not maintaining active registration after March 1, 2022?

Yes, the fine for operating an unregistered motor vehicle is \$125.00. This fine will continue to apply even after registration decals have been eliminated.

Online driver abstract requests and digital permit applications

Tell me more about the new services.

The online driver abstract request now allows a client to apply, pay, then immediately print their abstract. No more need to request it in person or wait 24-48 hours when applying via email.

The online Commercial Carrier permit applications will now allow a client to apply, pay, then once approved, print their permits. No more having to contact Carrier Compliance to provide payment information or email supporting documents.

How are the new services different from how things were done previously?

No more waiting, no more lineups. All you need to do is register for your online account. Then, you can renew your vehicle registration or request your abstract, pay and print. All online, on your schedule, wherever you are.