

Department of Transport
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ISLE OF MAN CHERISHED REGISTRATION NUMBERS

SOME COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS -

What is a Cherished Registration Number?

It is a "chosen" registration number, rather than a standard issue "next number in line".

What does it cost?

£67

Once I have obtained a cherished registration number, do I keep the number automatically, even if I subsequently change vehicles?

No. Please read on for a brief explanation.

How do I obtain a Cherished Registration Number?

There are a number of ways –

- By visiting the Isle of Man Post Office Web site www.gov.im/post/counters/vehicledrivinglicences.xml and choose from the list of available numbers then contact I.O.M. Post on 698525 to confirm and retain the numbers for 48Hrs.
- By transferring a registration number from one vehicle to another, i.e re-registering the first vehicle with another number (which might be a standard £9 issue, or indeed another Cherished Registration Number).
- By re-using a registration number from a scrapped or exported vehicle.

What if I don't want to put a Cherished Registration Number onto a vehicle straight away?

If you are not ready to use the Cherished Registration Number immediately you may, instead, put the number on retention by purchasing a Reserved Number Certificate (at a cost of £67). This Certificate is valid for one year from the date of issue. The Certificate can be renewed a year later if necessary (at a cost of £10.00). However, please note that if the renewal lapses the Cherished Number reservation would not be retained and it could be taken up by someone else. It is your responsibility to ensure that you don't let the reservation lapse.

The Reserved Number Certificate is an important document and should be kept in a safe place. The certificate will not be replaced if it is lost. When you are ready to put the number onto a vehicle the Reserved Number Certificate must be produced with the appropriate registration documents. The Certificate is your proof that the number has already been reserved by you, and paid for. Please note that the person whose name appears on the

Reserved Number Certificate must be the same as the name into which the vehicle is registered, unless the retention has been signed over to another person. (There is a place on the Certificate, which can be filled in and signed as appropriate, if the retention is being signed over).

Please note that a Cherished Number can also be placed "on hold" for 48 hours only, at no cost. In order to retain the number however, the fee of £67 would then become payable, as outlined above.

Where do I go to obtain a Reserved Number Certificate, or to register a vehicle with a Cherished Number?

Isle of Man Post, i.e. Manx re-registrations, vehicles imported from England, Scotland and Wales and new vehicles imported from the UK, deals with most vehicle registrations. The contact telephone number is 698525.

The registration of commercial vehicles over 24000kgs in weight, PSV's, taxis and vehicles imported from outside England, Scotland and Wales are carried out by the Department of Transport at the Sea Terminal Building in Douglas. Their contact telephone number is 686837.

The exporting and scrapping of vehicles is also dealt with by the Department of Transport. It is possible to buy a Reserved Number Certificate from them, at the time of scrapping or exporting the previous vehicle. If you do wish to retain a registration number from a scrapped or exported vehicle you need to do this at the same time; otherwise it immediately becomes available for use by another person.

All prices & information correct at date of issue

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