

Trade Plates

Trade Plates are special registration plates obtained by motor traders/repairers. They are basically dealer plates issued to motor traders in order to transport vehicles on the road which may not yet have been registered or taxed. The uses of these plates by motor traders/repairers are restricted to legitimate uses in connection with the motor trade e.g. not used before 06.00am or after 10.00p.m. They are issued for a period of one calendar year. All Trade Plates are issued with effect from 1st January and expire on 31st December in the same year. Any Trade Plate issued after January will still expire on 31st December.

The use of trade plates is clearly laid out in legislation. Trade Plates can only be used for the following reasons:

a vehicle may be used in a public place under a trade licence only in the following circumstances

- (i) for the testing or trial of a vehicle, semi-trailer or trailer in the ordinary course of construction or repair, or immediately after completion of construction or repair;*
- (ii) for the demonstration of a vehicle, semi-trailer or trailer for the benefit of a prospective purchaser;*
- (iii) for delivering a vehicle, semi-trailer or trailer from the premises of the holder of the licence to the premises of another motor trader or removing it from the premises of another motor trader to the licence holder's own premises;*
- (iv) for proceeding to a point off the premises of the holder of the licence in order to render a service to a vehicle which has broken down or returning to a garage with a vehicle on tow;*
- (v) for proceeding to or returning from a workshop in which a body, machine, appliance, device or accessory is to be or has been fitted to the vehicle, semi-trailer or trailer or it is to be or has been painted or repaired;*
- (vi) for proceeding from the premises of a motor trader to a place from which the vehicle, semi-trailer or trailer is to be exported or transported by train, ship or aircraft or for proceeding to the premises of such motor trader from a place to which it has been so transported*
- (vii) for proceeding to or returning from any garage, auction room or other place at which a vehicle, semi-trailer or trailer is usually stored or usually or periodically offered for sale and at which the vehicle, semi-trailer or trailer is to be or has been stored or is to be or has been offered for sale;*
- (viii) for proceeding to or from a weighbridge for ascertaining the weight of a vehicle, semi-trailer or trailer for the purpose of licensing the vehicle or to or from any place for the licensing or inspection of the vehicle by a licensing authority*

Any vehicle **parked** on a public road is required to have a valid Motor Tax Disc on display even if a valid trade plate is on display. The use of a trade plate is solely for the transportation of a vehicle and does not allow for the parking of a vehicle without a valid motor tax disc being displayed.

Any fine issued to a vehicle where trade plates are on display will not be waived unless the requirements of Kildare County Council Parking Appeals and Nomination Conditions are met.