

Temporary registration with transit plates

European format transit plates now look like this:



The procedure for registering a vehicle with transit plates is for the most part identical to a normal registration. In any case, as a non-resident in Belgium, the applicant must provide their address abroad (see particular case below), as well as show proof that they have contracted an insurance policy for civil liability corresponding to the number of months for which the temporary registration is requested, with a maximum of six months.

The encoding of an application is done using **original documents**. No photograph, even authenticated, is accepted. The counter clerk should check, with the aid of the original documents, the accuracy of information noted on the application form for registration. (Requests for temporary registration require the applicant to be physically present at the counter: applications cannot be submitted by proxy.)

Temporary registration is not allowed as long as the application is not complete and all the required documents have not been submitted. The promise to provide the documents at a later date or to show them when the registration documents are issued is not sufficient to continue with the application.

Insurance for transit plates

The applicant for temporary registration should prove that they have contracted a civil liability insurance policy from an approved Belgian insurer.

The list of approved insurance companies in Belgium for taking out insurance policies on motor vehicles may be consulted on the website of the Belgian Motor Insurance Guarantee Fund at the following address: <http://www.fcga-gmwf.be>.

PLEASE NOTE: Not all of these companies offer transit insurance! Please make direct contact with insurers to find out if they offer this type of insurance policy.

The insurers offering transit policies stick a yellow sticker with a bar code on the registration application form. To this form is also added the original proof of an insurance contract ("green card").

This "green card" should be valid from the day of registration to at least the final day of the current month if registration took place prior to the 15th day of the month. This "green card" should be valid from the day of registration until the final day of the following month if registration took place after the 14th day of the month.

Where and how much?

Applications for TRANSIT are only made at the TRANSIT counter (City Atrium - Brussels), PAYMENT EUR 30 by BANCONTACT for the plate. The payment for transit plates is done after registration of the vehicle and before receiving the plate.

Extension

The period of validity of a temporary registration may be extended for an equivalent or shorter length of time than the original registration, if it is authorised during the month in which its validity comes to an end, and if the conditions for the original registration are still valid during the request for extension.

If the last day of the month is not a working day, the extension will be granted exceptionally on the first working day that follows the last day of the month.

If the number plate is still valid at the time of the extension, the same plate may be used.

A new registration certificate with the new period of validity will be issued and a new sticker will be affixed to the number plate. In this case, the price is set at EUR 26.

After this date, and if no extension has been requested during the month in which the validity ends, there can no longer be an extension under the same plate number, nor the issuing of a new plate for the same vehicle. Article 5(3) of the Royal Decree of 20 July 2001 on the registration of vehicles specifies clearly that the temporary registration may be extended if it is authorised during the month in which the validity comes to an end and if the conditions for original registration are still valid at the time of the extension request.

In the case of extension, the number plate and the registration certificate must be presented by the holder at the counter at the same time as the request for extension.

The encoding of an application for extension is also done using **original documents**.

Particular case

A **non-resident** in Belgium requests a temporary registration. They indicate the complete address of their temporary residence in Belgium, as well as the complete address of their main residence abroad. They include one of the following documents with the application:

- original passport or identity card, (issued abroad, in order of validity and in a language of the DIV or accompanied by an official translation;
- a recent and original certificate of a stay abroad;
- or a foreign seaman's discharge book.

As with a non-resident in Belgium, a **company** established in a Member State of the European Union can be issued with transit plates, with a valid certificate proving that it is effectively established or registered abroad. This recent certificate is issued by an official authority abroad or by the foreign commercial court. This must clearly include the name and address of the company as mentioned on the application form for registration.

ATTACHMENTS

External links (links to other sites, e.g. BISR)

- <http://www.fcga-gmwf.be>

Contact

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