

New Vehicle Registration Plates available from 1 July

The final phase of the new Vehicle and Driver Licensing system administered by Inland Revenue will commence on Tuesday 1st July 2014 with the launch of the new vehicle registration plates.

The Principal Licensing Officer, Aylton Jamieson, has confirmed that the new plates are ready to be issued from that date.

The new plates will be issued for all new registrations of vehicles on and after 1st July at a cost of \$200 per set. As currently registered vehicles come due for renewal, replacement plates will be issued at no cost to the owner.

The change will mean that vehicle owners will no longer have to make a separate trip to a plate manufacturer or distributor – plates will be issued by Inland Revenue at the time of registration.

The plates will be black lettering and numbers on a yellow background – the same for all vehicles except those that are exempt from licensing requirements, such as government and consular vehicles.

If your vehicle licence does not expire until later in the year, you don't have to do anything right now. In the month before your vehicle licence expires you should download the correct application form from the Inland Revenue website at www.ird.gov.sb or go into the Inland Revenue Office to pick up a form so that you can complete the process before the expiry date.

Vehicle owners are reminded that the current process includes arranging for testing of their vehicle at the Ministry of Infrastructure and Development prior to the expiry of their existing licence, and also arranging vehicle insurance. These should be completed before going to Inland Revenue to finalise vehicle licensing, registration and issue of new plates. Inland Revenue will advise the relevant insurance company of the details of old and new registration numbers.