

MOTOR VEHICLE LICENCE RENEWALS

FALLACY

You cannot renew your vehicle licence without a renewal notice being sent to you.

FACT

If you are not in receipt of a renewal, you may renew your licence with your identity document together with a completed ALV form at your appropriate Registering Authority.

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The owner of a motor vehicle does not know the expiry date of the vehicle's licence disc without the reminder being sent to him/her.

FACT

The licence expiry date is reflected on the clearance disc, which is affixed to the vehicle windscreen, further, if you are not in possession of a clearance disc, the expiry date of your vehicle licence is also reflected on your last licence receipt.

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Renewals are not sent out every month.

FACT

Whilst legislation does not compel the Province to print and dispatch renewal notices, the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Administration have always been committed to the printing and dispatching of renewal notices 6 weeks prior to the licence expiry date and still continues to do so. ± 80 000 renewal notices are sent out to registered owners on a monthly basis throughout the province.

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If you do not receive a renewal notice, you are not liable for penalties for late licensing.

FACT

In terms of the National Road Traffic Act, 1996 (Act No 93 of 1996), it is the responsibility of the registered owner to renew his/her vehicle licence timeously. If licensing is not done timeously, the owner becomes liable for the payment of penalties and arrear licence fees on late licensing. Furthermore, motor vehicle owners have a 21 day grace period after the date of expiry of the vehicle licence within which to renew the vehicle licence.

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If you are away on holiday for an extended period of time, and your vehicle is in your garage at home or your vehicle is on blocks and not used on a public road, you are not liable for the licence fees, during this period.

FACT

In terms of Regulation 18 of the National Road Traffic Act, 1996 (Act 93 of 1996), it is the responsibility of the registered motor vehicle owner to renew the vehicle licence, irrespective whether such is operated on a public road. Licence fees are therefore payable on ownership of a vehicle and not the use thereof.

MANNER OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

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Completing the RLV form at the appropriate registering authority, ensures your vehicle is registered on the NaTIS, or if the title holder is a Manufacturer, Builder or Importer, complete the MVR1-MIB.

FACT

In terms of the National Road Traffic Act, 1996 (Act No 93 of 1996), an application for the registration of a motor vehicle shall be made by the title holder within 21 days after the date of liability or when the title holder is a Manufacturer, Builder or Importer on form MVR1-MIB. Such applications to be accompanied by:

- Certified copies of acceptable identification of the title holder and owner of the motor vehicle.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION FOR LICENSING IN THE CASE OF ALTERATION OR RECONSTRUCTION OF A REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLE

FALLACY

If your motor vehicle is altered or reconstructed in any way, you do not have to inform the appropriate registering authority.

FACT

In terms of Regulation 31 of the National Road Traffic Act, 1996 (Act No 93 of 1996), when a motor vehicle is altered or reconstructed in such a manner that the licence disc issued in respect of such vehicle, does not describe such vehicle correctly, such disc becomes null and void. A **certification of roadworthiness** is therefore required in respect of these vehicles which will be liable for licensing from the date of alteration or reconstruction. A further requirement is a mass measuring certificate and if the vehicle was introduced, a Letter of Authority from the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS).

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

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If you sell or give away your motor vehicle, you do not have to notify your appropriate Registering Authority.

FACT

If there is a change of title holder or owner of a motor vehicle, the current owner of such vehicle **shall** notify the Registering Authority on a yellow form (NCO), where such motor vehicle is licensed, of such change, within 21 days.

VEHICLES THAT ARE PERMANENTLY UNFIT FOR USE OR STOLEN

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After a vehicle has become permanently unfit for use or stolen, the appropriate Registering Authority does not need to be notified thereof. Licence fees should therefore not be paid.

FACT

In terms of the National Road Traffic Act, the owner of a motor vehicle which has become permanently unfit for use, must within 3 months after the date of such motor vehicle becoming unfit for use, notify the appropriate Registering Authority. However the motor vehicle is still deemed as currently registered within these 3 months. In the case of a motor vehicle being stolen, the titleholder shall after reporting the theft to the South African Police ensure that the appropriate Registering Authority is informed within 7 days of such theft and that the vehicle is deregistered at the appropriate Registering Authority on form ADV (pink form), accompanied by the Registration Certificate. It must also be mentioned that licence fees are payable to date of deregistration (scrapping).

FALLACY

After a motor vehicle has been deregistered as scrapped or stolen, the licence fees are forfeited.

FACT

If a motor vehicle has been officially deregistered as scrapped or stolen, application can be made at the appropriate Registering Authority for the refund of the licence fees, provided the amount to be refunded is in not less than R100-00.