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## **Media Advisory**

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## KZN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT OPTIMISTIC WITH THE STATE OF READINESS FOR THE COMMENCEMENT AND ROLL OUT OF THE VEHICLE LICENCE NUMBERING SYSTEM

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport is confident with the state of readiness for the launch of the licence numbering system for the province, which will commence on the 1st December 2023.

The Department has tested the ENATIS system and can confirm that the system is now able to activate the new numbering system, supported by the Road Traffic Management Corporation.

As part of the process the final gazette is expected to be published this week on the 30th of November 2023, which has incorporated inputs and views from various stakeholders and the public since the issuing of the first gazette early in November 2023.

The operationalization and commencement of the new numbering system also follows a number of consultations with various stakeholders, including RTMC, SABS, and manufacturers of blank number plates.

Starting tomorrow Provincial Motor Licensing Bureaus (MLBs) and RTI will be workshopped on changes brought about by the system and its requirements. Registering Authorities in the province shall also be provided with ongoing support to ensure that the implementation is with limited challenges, if any at all.

The first phase of the new numbering will cater for the registration of new motor vehicles, reregistration of vehicles to new owners, stolen vehicles that are recovered and re-licenced into the owner's name and government vehicles. The first phase will commence from 01 December 2023 to 28 February 2024.

The second phase will commence on the 1st of March 2024 catering for all vehicle owners to migrate from the current system to a new system. Throughout the 24-month implementation period, motorists will be given 21 months, starting from 1st March 2024, to voluntary migrate to the new system, after which it will be mandatory.

The new number plate will not depict the towns and demarcation but will instead have a continuous numbering system. The security features will also assist in the fight against crime.

The changes to the new licence numbering system are prompted by the fact that some of the towns have run out of numbers.

Please follow the departmental social media pages for all updates regarding the new licence numbering system.

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