



Vehicle registration & licensing

Off-road vehicle registration (update)

Effective November 1, 2015, the registration and display of a number plate/sticker is mandatory for most off-road vehicles (ORVs) when operating on Crown land, including resource roads on Crown Land.

This bulletin updates advice provided in [bulletin 11 – Off-road vehicle registration](#), issued in November, 2014.

New requirements

Regulations being brought into force November 1, 2015 require ORV owners and operators in B.C. to ensure that the vehicle use, operation and the ORV itself meet certain requirements when operating on Crown land, including resource roads on Crown Land.

For more information about registration requirements, click on [this ICBC webpage](#) (www.icbc.com/vehicle-registration/specialty-vehicles/Pages/Off-road-vehicles.aspx).

For information or a contact to make enquiries about ORV equipment and safety requirements including operator age, tools for enforcement or other aspects of the Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations' [ORV Management Framework](#) at www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/orv/.

New number sticker plate

A new ORV number sticker plate has been introduced as an option for ORV owners who may prefer it to the metal ORV number plate. It is smaller and made of a thin plastic laminate rather than metal, but it serves the same purposes as a metal number plate.

The metal ORV plate is 13x20 cm (5x8 inches) and the ORV number sticker plate is 10x18 cm (4x7 inches). The format of the metal ORV plate is #B####, new ORV number sticker plate is #C####.



Number plate



Number sticker plate

Display of ORV number plate or number sticker plate

A current validation decal on the ORV number plate or ORV number sticker plate satisfies the number plate requirement for highway crossings under *Motor Vehicle Act* (MVA) s. 12, if the decal is properly affixed to the number plate/sticker in the space provided.

Recent amendments to Motor Vehicle Act Regulations (MVAR) allow the ORV number plate to be displayed as set out in ORV regulations (see Order in Council No. 598). The ORV regulations state that the ORV metal number plate or number sticker plate may be placed on the front, back, or left side of the ORV vehicle in a horizontal position.



For motorcycles, the ORV number sticker plate may also be displayed on the left front fork, in a vertical position with the first number or letter at the bottom of the fork.

An ORV number sticker plate also may be affixed to a similar sized backing sheet or panel of any material rather than being stuck directly to the ORV, as long as the backing sheet or panel is securely fastened to the ORV.

Highway crossing operations unchanged

There are no changes to allowable ORV use or operations on highway. Incidental operations on or across a highway must follow the operating conditions set out in [Division 24, MVAR](#) and elsewhere in the MVA and regulations. Any conditions or restrictions set out in the police issued Operation Permit (MV1815) also must be followed.

These requirements are outlined in [bulletin 11, 2014 - Off-road vehicle registration](#). Also, exemptions may apply as described in bulletin 8, 2012 - [Exemptions for industrial utility vehicles, miniature motor vehicles, and beverage carts](#).

ORV program details

For information about the ORV program including ORV operations while on Crown land, please refer to the Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations' [ORV webpage](#) (www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/orv) or the [Off-Road Vehicle Act](#). The *Motor Vehicle (All Terrain) Act* was repealed, effective June 1, 2015.

ORV dealers can display the motorcycle demonstration plate and repairers can display the repairer plate on ORVs to meet *Off-Road Vehicle Act* requirements and regulations. MVAR restrictions on ORV highway operations continue to apply when displaying demonstration or repairer plates.

Information relating to the ORV registry or ORV highway operation also is posted on the [ICBC ORV webpage](#).

Legislation and regulations

<i>Commercial Transport Act</i>	Sections 4 & 5	- <i>Motor Vehicle Act</i> provisions & Motor vehicle regulations
<i>Motor Vehicle Act</i>	Section 12	- Number plates
<i>Motor Vehicle Act Regulations</i>	Division 3	- Display and Use of Number Plates
<i>Motor Vehicle Act Regulations</i>	Division 24	- Vehicles of unusual size, weight or operating characteristics
<i>Motor Vehicle (All Terrain) Act</i>	Repealed	- repealed by Off-Road Vehicle Act, section 41

[Off-Road Vehicle Act](#)
[Off-Road Vehicle Regulation](#)

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