

Accredited bus number plate guidance

All accredited bus operators in Victoria must display accredited bus number plates.

Accredited bus number plates should look like this:



Please note, the green and white plates are the only accredited bus number plates now issued by VicRoads, although the previous style of blue and white remain valid for the life of the accredited bus to which they were first issued.

What if I was previously registered and now accredited?

If you were previously a registered bus operator and have now transitioned to an accredited bus operator, **you are no longer required to obtain accredited bus number plates** prior to the 1 March 2023 deadline.

Instead, you are now permitted to display your existing standard issue number plates on all buses within your current fleet until you elect to sell or decommission your buses. However, any new buses (including second hand purchases) that enter your fleet from 1 March 2023 must have accredited bus number plates installed on them.

What this means is that you will have a combination of buses within your fleet that have standard issue number plates and accredited bus number plates until such time as your existing fleet is replaced. This phase out process will save you time, money and avoid any double handling in the short term but will take several years to occur.

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Buses that enter your fleet from 1 March 2023 must display accredited bus number plates. In order to obtain accredited bus number plates you will need a current certificate of accreditation. If you were previously registered and have yet to seek your replacement certificate, please contact ST Vic via email on information@safetransport.vic.gov.au and request that a certificate of accreditation be issued for your organisation. **Please note ST Vic issues certificates of accreditation electronically.**

Please include the following information in your email to ST Vic:

- your full name
- organisation name
- previously issued RO number e.g. RO123456
- operating address
- email address
- phone number
- fleet size

VicRoads will ask for this certificate to prove your status as an accredited bus operator before exchanging your standard issue number plates for accredited bus number plates. You can then proceed to install these accredited bus number plates on your buses. Please note that there is a cost to exchange number plates, please contact your local VicRoads office to understand costs and payment options.