



## MR5A - Notes

### 1. General

The particulars specified on this form will be stored and/or form part of the Motor Vehicle Register. Collection and dissemination of this information is authorised by Part 17 of the Land Transport Act 1998. Corresponding information held on other parts of the Land Transport Register may be amended.

Under the Electoral Act 1993, s 263B, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is authorised to release information for data matching purposes to the Electoral Enrolment Centre.

The Privacy Act 2020 provides rights of access to, and correction of, any readily retrievable personal information held about you by the Transport Agency. Should you wish to exercise these rights please contact Waka Kotahi, Private Bag 11777, Palmerston North 4442 or email: [info@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:info@nzta.govt.nz).

### 2. Occupation/business

Section 4 of the Land Transport (Trade Plates) Notice 2011 allows certain persons or organisations to use trade plates.

### 3. Certification

The use of trade plates does not eliminate the requirement of a current warrant of fitness (WoF) or certificate of fitness (CoF). For the use of trade plates on uncertified vehicles please refer to [www.nzta.govt.nz/trade-uncertified](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/trade-uncertified).

### 4. Type of trade plate

There are two types of trade plate available to you – a standard trade plate and a heavy trade plate.

#### Standard trade plate

- For light vehicles only (vehicles with a gross vehicle mass of 3500kg or less).
- Must not be used for a heavy vehicle.

#### Heavy trade plate

- Must be used for heavy vehicles (vehicles with a gross vehicle mass over 3500kg).
- May also be used for a light vehicle.

### 5. Attaching trade plates

The plate must be displayed on the rear of the motor vehicle in an upright position so every letter, figure and distinguishing mark on the plate is easily visible.

### 6. Trade plate renewal

Trade plates are licensed to 31 December each year. The year embossed on the right hand side of the plate shows the licence period of your trade plate.

Towards the end of each year, a licence renewal reminder will be sent to allow you to renew your trade plate for the following year. All trade plate licence renewals are processed by our plate manufacturer.

You will need to return all completed applications in plenty of time to allow for the manufacture/dispatch of your new trade plate before 31 December.

### 7. Return of trade plates

After 31 December each year existing trade plates for previous years must be returned to our plate manufacturer, in the post paid package when you receive your new plate. NO cancellation form needs to be completed.

### 8. Additional information

For further information, go online to [www.nzta.govt.nz/trade-plates](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/trade-plates) or call us on 0800 108 809.