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ENGLISH REGISTRATION (LICENSE PLATE) NUMBERS

In the United Kingdom (Great Britain) the Registration Plate stays with the car. The registration is made up of one, two, and later years, three-letters followed by numbers from 1 to 9999.. When the governing council exhausted their numbers and letters, the then started reversing the process with the numbers first followed by the letters!

Until about 1963 the registration councils had still not gone past the basic three letters and three number system even though some of the areas were using the numbers before the letters. In 1963 a system was introduced to using a "year letter" to denote the year that the car was registered giving the "marks" a seventh symbol.

The following list is the two letters as given authority to the various registration councils. So if you see a English plate and you wish to know where that car was registered, just look at your list.

Letters after a placename indicate the status of the registering authority: (B) Borough (BC) Burgh Council	BD Northamptonshire BE Lincolnshire (Lindsey) BF Staffordshire BG Birkenhead (B) BH Buckinghamshire BI Monaghan BJ Suffolk (East) BK Portsmouth (B) BL Berkshire BM Bedfordshire BN Bolton (B) BO Cardiff (B) BP Sussex (West) BR Sunderland (B) BS Orkney BT Yorkshire (ER) BU Oldham (B) BV Blackburn (B) BW Oxfordshire BX Carmarthenshire BY London BZ Down	CO Plymouth (B) CP Halifax (B) CR Southampton (B) CS Ayrshire CT Lincolnshire (Kesteven) CU South Shields (B) CV Cornwall CWBumley (B) CX Huddersfield (B) CY Swansea (B) CZ Belfast (B)	D Kent DA Wolverhampton (B) DB Stockport (B) DC Teesside (B) DD Gloucestershire DE Pembrokeshire DF Gloucestershire DG Gloucestershire DH Walsall (B) DI Roscommon DJ St. Helens (B) DK Rochdale (B) DL Isle of Wight DM Flintshire DN York (B) DO Lincolnshire (Holland) DP Reading (B) DR Plymouth (B) DS Peeblesshire DT Doncaster (B) DU Coventry (B) DV Devon DWN Newport (Mon) (B) DX Ipswich (B) DY Hastings (B) DZ Antrim	E Staffordshire EA West Bromwich (B) EB Cambridge EC Westmoreland ED Warrington (B) EE Grimsby (B) EF West Hartlepool (B) EG Huntingdon EH Stoke-on-Trent (B) EJ Sligo EK Cardiganshire EL Wigan (B) EL Bouemmouth (B) EM Bootle (B) EN Bury (B) EO Barrow-in-Furness (B) EP Montgomeryshire ER Cambridgeshire ES Perthshire ET Rotherham (B) EU Breconshire EV Essex EW Huntingdonshire EX Great Yarmouth (B) EY Anglesey EZ Belfast (B)	FL Huntingdon FM Chester (B) FN Canterbury (B) FO Radnorshire FP Rutland FR Blackpool (B) FS Edinburgh FT Tynemouth (B) FU Lincolnshire (Lindsey) FV Blackpool (B) FW Lincolnshire FX Dorset FY Southport (B) FZ Belfast (B)	GY London GZ Belfast
A London AA Hampshire AB Worcestershire AC Warwickshire AD Gloucestershire AE Bristol (B) AF Cornwall AG Ayrshire AH Norfolk AI Meath AJ Yorkshire (NR) AK Bradford (B) AL Nottinghamshire AM Wiltshire AN London AO Cumberland AP Sussex (East) AR Hertfordshire AS Nairnshire AT Kingston-upon-Hull (B) AU Nottingham (B) AV Aberdeenshire AWSalop AX Monmouthshire AY Leicestershire AZ Belfast (B)	C Yorkshire (WR) CA Denbigshire CB Blackburn (B) CC Caernarvonshire CD Brighton CE Cambridgeshire CF Suffolk (West) CG Hampshire CH Derby (B) CI Laoighis CJ Herefordshire CK Preston (B) CL Norwich (B) CM Birkenhead (B) CN Gateshead (B)	F Essex FA Burton-on-Trent (B) FB Bath (B) FC Oxford FD Dudley FE Lincoln FF Merionethshire FG Fife FH Gloucester FI Tipperary (NR) FJ Exeter (B) FK Worcester (B)	G Glasgow (BC) GA Glasgow (BC) GB Glasgow (BC) GC London GD Glasgow (BC) GE Glasgow (BC) GF London GG Glasgow (BC) GH London GI London GJ London GK London GL Bath (B) GMMotherwell and Wishaw (BC) GN London GO London GP London GR Sunderland (B) GS Perthshire GT London GU London GV Suffolk (West) GWLondon GX London			

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H London
 HA Warley (B)
 HB Merthyr Tydfil (B)
 HC Eastbourne (B)
 HD Dewsbury (B)
 HE Barnsley (B)
 HF Wallasey (B)
 HG Burnley
 HH Carlisle (B)
 HI Tipperary
 HJ Southend
 HK Essex
 HL Wakefield (B)
 HM London
 HN Darlington (B)
 HO Hampshire
 HP Coventry (B)
 HR Wiltshire
 HS Renfrewshire
 HT Bristol (B)
 HU Bristol (B)
 HV London
 HW Bristol
 IX London
 HY Bristol (B)
 HZ Tyrone

IA Antrim
 IB Armagh
 IC Carlow
 ID Cavan
 IE Clare
 IF Cork (County)
 IH Donegal
 II Down
 IJ City and County of Dublin
 IL Fermanagh
 IM Galway
 IN Kerry
 IO Kildare
 IP Kilkenny
 IR Offaly
 IT Leitrim
 IU Limerick
 IW Londonderry
 IX Longford
 IY Louth
 IZ Mayo

J Durham (County)
 JA Stockport (B)
 JB Berkshire
 JC Caernarvonshire
 JD London
 JE Cambridge
 JF Leicester (B)
 JG Canterbury (B)
 JH Hertfordshire
 JI Tyrone
 JJ London
 JK Eastbourne (B)
 JL Lincolnshire (Holland)
 JM Westmoreland
 JN Southend
 JO Oxford (B)
 JP Wigan (B)
 JQ Northumberland
 JR Ross & Cromarty
 JS Dorset
 JU Leicestershire
 JV Grimsby (B)
 JW Wolverhampton (B)
 JX Halifax
 JY Plymouth
 JZ Down

K Liverpool
 KA Liverpool (B)
 KB Liverpool (B)
 KC Liverpool (B)
 KD Liverpool (B)
 KE Kent
 KF Liverpool (B)
 KG Cardiff (B)
 KH Kingston-upon-Hull (B)
 KI Waterford
 KJ Kent
 KK Kent
 KL Kent
 KM Kent
 KN Kent
 KO Kent
 KP Kent
 KR Kent
 KS Roxburghshire
 KT Kent
 KU Bradford
 XV Coventry (B)
 KW Bradford
 KX Buckinghamshire
 KY Bradford (B)
 KZ Antrim

L Glamorgan
 LA London
 LB London
 LC London
 LD London
 LE London
 LF London
 LG Cheshire
 LH London
 LI Westmeath
 LJ Bourne-mouth (B)
 LK London
 LL London
 LM London
 LN London
 LO London
 LP London
 LR London
 LS Selkirkshire
 LT London
 LU London
 LV Liverpool
 LW London
 LX London
 LY London
 LZ Armagh

M Cheshire
 MA Cheshire
 MB Cheshire
 MC London
 MD London
 ME London
 MF London
 MG London
 MH London
 MI Wexford
 MJ Bedfordshire
 MK London
 ML London
 MM London
 MN Isle of Man
 MO Berkshire
 MP London
 MR Wiltshire
 MS Stirlingshire
 MT London
 MU London
 MV London
 MW Wiltshire
 MX London
 MY London
 MZ Belfast (B)

N Manchester
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 NC Manchester (B)
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 NG Norfolk
 NH Northampton (B)
 NI Wicklow
 NJ Sussex (East)
 NK Hertfordshire
 NL Northumberland
 NM Bedfordshire
 NN Nottingham
 NO Essex
 NP Worcestershire
 NR Leicestershire
 NS Sutherland
 NT Salop
 NU Derbyshire
 NV Northamptonshire
 NW Leeds (B)
 NX Warwickshire
 NY Glamorgan
 NZ Londonderry
 O Birmingham (B)
 OA Birmingham (B)
 OB Birmingham (B)
 OC Birmingham (B)
 OD Devon
 OE Birmingham
 OF Birmingham
 OG Birmingham
 OH Birmingham
 OI Belfast (B)
 OJ Birmingham (B)
 OK Birmingham (B)
 OL Birmingham
 OM Birmingham (B)
 ON Birmingham (B)
 OO Essex
 OP Birmingham (B)
 OR Hampshire
 OS Wigtownshire
 OT Hampshire
 OU Hampshire
 OV Birmingham (B)
 OW Southampton (B)
 OX Birmingham (B)
 OY London
 OZ Belfast (B)
 P Surrey
 PA Surrey
 PB Surrey
 PC Surrey
 PD Surrey
 PE Surrey
 PF Surrey
 PG Surrey
 PH Surrey
 PI Cork
 PJ Surrey
 PK Surrey
 PL Surrey
 PM Sussex (East)
 PN Sussex
 PO Sussex
 PP Buckinghamshire
 PR Dorset
 PS Zetland
 PT Durham (County)
 PU Essex
 PV Ipswich (B)
 PVW Norfolk
 PX Sussex (West)
 PY Yorkshire (NRI)
 PZ Belfast (B)
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 QB OF OK OP
 QC OG OL OQ

QD QH QM QS
 London: for vehicles temporarily imported from abroad
 R Derbyshire
 RA Derbyshire
 RB Derbyshire
 RC Derby (B)
 RD Reading (B)
 RE Staffordshire
 RF Staffordshire
 RG Aberdeen (BC)
 RH Kingston-upon-Hull (B)
 RI City and County of Dublin
 RJ Salford
 RK London
 RL Cornwall
 RM Cumberland
 RN Preston
 RO Hertfordshire
 RP Northamptonshire
 RR Nottinghamshire
 RS Aberdeen (BC)
 RT Suffolk (East)
 RU Bournemouth (B)
 RW Coventry
 RX Berkshire
 RY Leicester
 RZ Antrim
 S Edinburgh (BC)
 SA Aberdeenshire
 SB Argyll
 SC Edinburgh
 SD Ayrshire
 SE Banffshire
 SF Edinburgh (BC)
 SG Edinburgh (BC)
 SH Berwickshire
 SJ Bute
 SK Caithness
 SL Clackmannanshire
 SM Dumfriesshire
 SN Dunbartonshire
 SO Moray
 SP Fife
 SR Angus
 SS East Lothian
 ST Invernesshire
 SU Kincardineshire
 SV Kinross-shire
 SW Kircudbrightshire
 SX West Lothian
 SY Midlothian
 SZ Down
 T Devon
 TA Devon
 TB Lancashire
 TC Lancashire
 TD Lancashire
 TE Lancashire
 TF Lancashire
 TG Glamorgan
 TH Carmarthenshire
 TI Limerick (B)
 TJ Lancashire
 TK Dorset
 TL Lincolnshire (Kesteven)
 TM Bedfordshire
 TN Newcastle upon Tyne (B)
 TO Nottingham (B)
 TP Portsmouth (B)
 TR Southampton (B)
 TS Dundee (BC)
 TT Devon
 TU Cheshire
 TV Nottingham (B)
 TW Essex
 TX Glamorgan
 TY Northumberland
 TZ Belfast (B)

U Leeds (B)
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 UC London
 UD Oxfordshire
 UE Warwickshire
 UF Brighton (B)
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 UH Cardiff (B)
 UI Londonderry
 UJ Salop
 UK Wolverhampton
 UL London
 UM Leeds (B)
 UN Denbingshire
 UD Devon
 UP Durham (County)
 UR Hertfordshire
 US Glasgow (BC)
 UT Leicestershire
 UU London
 UV London
 UW London
 UX Salop
 UY Worchestershire
 UZ Belfast (B)

V Lanarkshire
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 VC Coventry (B)
 VD Lanarkshire
 VE Cambridgeshire
 VF Norfolk
 VH Huddersfield (B)
 VJ Herefordshire
 VK Newcastle upon Tyne (B)
 VL Lincoln
 VM Manchester
 VN Yorkshire (B)
 VO Nottinghamshire
 VP Birmingham (B)
 VR Manchester
 VS Greenock (BC)
 VT Stoke-on-Trent (B)
 VU Manchester
 VV Northampton (B)
 VW Essex
 VX Essex
 VY York (B)
 VZ Tyrone

W Sheffield
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 WD Warwickshire
 WE Sheffield
 WF Yorkshire
 WG Stirlingshire
 WH Bolton (B)
 WI Waterford
 WJ Sheffield (B)
 WK Coventry (B)
 WL Oxford
 WM Southport (B)
 WN Swansea (B)
 WO Monmouthshire
 WP Worcestershire
 WR Yorkshire (WR)
 WS Edinburgh (BC)
 WT Yorkshire (WR)
 WU Yorkshire (WR)
 WV Wiltshire
 WW Yorkshire (WR)
 WX Yorkshire (WR)
 WY Yorkshire (WR)
 WZ Belfast

X Northumberland
 XA London/Kirkcaldy (BC)
 XB London/Coatbridge (BC)
 XC London/Solihull (B)
 XD London/Luton (B)
 XE London/Luton (B)
 XF London/Torbay (B)
 XG Teesside (B)
 XH London
 XI Belfast (B)
 XJ Manchester (B)
 XK London
 XL London
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 XP London
 XR London
 XS Paisley (BC)
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 XU London
 XV London
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 XX London
 XY London
 XZ Armagh

Y Somerset
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 YB Somerset
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IA Antrim
 IB Armagh
 IC Carlow
 ID Cavan
 IE Clare
 IF Cork (County)
 IH Donegal
 IJ Down
 IK City and County of Dublin
 IL Fermanagh
 IM Galway
 IN Kerry
 IO Kildare
 IP Kilkenny
 IR Offaly
 IT Leitrim
 IU Limerick
 IW Londonderry
 IX Longford
 IY Louth
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