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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Richard Stubbings  
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Ministry of Transportation

**RE: COVID-19 – Clarification on the extension of the six-day  
requirement to register a vehicle in Ontario**

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The purpose of this letter is to provide clarification on the [government's announcement](#) last week regarding the extension to the requirement to register a vehicle within six days. The regulation will be revoked once the province is able to restore regular services and clear all backlogs.

Customers who have purchased a used vehicle are exempt from the requirement to transfer the vehicle into their name within six days.

If the new owner of a used vehicle has a set of valid plates for the same class of vehicle, registered in their name, they can attach those plates to the purchased vehicle. The plate owner must have in their possession when driving: the plate portion of the permit for plate displayed; the vehicle portion of the permit with application for transfer completed and signed; and, the dealer's Bill of Sale (if purchased from a dealer).

The new owner of a used vehicle is not required to get a Safety Standards Certificate completed until the regulation is revoked and they have to register the vehicle at ServiceOntario.

Customers will need to return to ServiceOntario once the extension has ended (i.e., the regulation is revoked) to transfer the vehicle, attach plates and obtain a valid permit in their name. A valid Safety Standards Certificate will be required at that time, along with all the other vehicle transfer documentation (e.g., signed permit, Bill of Sale, etc.).

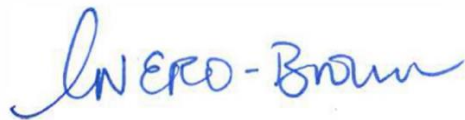
If the new owner of the used vehicle does not have their own plates, a visit to ServiceOntario is required to transfer the vehicle and purchase/attach plates. If clients have purchased a new vehicle that they intend to drive immediately, they will need to continue to visit a ServiceOntario location to register and plate the vehicle according to current legislation.

Vehicles branded as “salvage” or “irreparable” cannot be driven on Ontario’s roads and this regulation will not change that. These vehicles will need to pass a structural inspection before they can be registered and driven on-road.

I would ask that you please bring this information to the attention of the policing community.

In case a police service would like to discuss the operational aspects of these temporary regulations, they may contact Elizabeth Marles, Manager, Vehicle Programs Office, at 416-235-3433 or [Elizabeth.Marles@ontario.ca](mailto:Elizabeth.Marles@ontario.ca).

Thank you for your assistance in communicating these changes.



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