



## Vehicle registration & licensing

### Leap year 2016 & Insurance decal changes

This February, the expiry date for B.C. vehicle licences and Autoplan insurance policies that expire on the last day of the month may indicate "28", however the 29<sup>th</sup> is the actual expiry date.

This bulletin also describes licence plate insurance validation decal appearance changes that will commence with validation decals that show a July 2017 expiry.

#### Leap year 2016

Day decals on B.C. vehicle number plates may indicate a February 28, 2016 expiry, although the licence and insurance remains valid until midnight February 29, 2016 as indicated on the Owners Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle Licence.

Continuing to display the "28" day decal during leap years avoids administrative efforts to switch day decals to "29" for one day each leap year.

Also, for demonstration, repairer, and transporter floater number plates a "28 Feb 2016" expiry date will show on the Licence and Certificate of Insurance even though the licence and insurance are valid until midnight February 29, 2016. The erratum appears on the following Licence and Certificate of Insurance documents: APV 50L, APV 53L, APV 32L and MV1914.

#### Decal appearance

For month and year validation decals with a July 2017 expiry and onwards, the security watermark will be more visible when viewed in person (it is not visible in the photos below.)

Other changes to the decal manufacturing design include rounded corners, a slightly different colour, and a minor font size reduction.



New decal



Current decal

#### Legislation and regulations

- Insurance (Vehicle) Regulation [Section 162](#) – Designated expiry month
- Motor Vehicle Act* [Section 12](#) – Number plates
- Motor Vehicle Act Regulations [Division 3](#) – Display and Use of Number Plates

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