| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1140  Responded to: 1 May 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I would like to request the following information for the last three years in which the information is available.

## The total number of Fixed Penalty Notice and court fines which were given for licence plate offences, specifically the offence related to the Road Vehicles (Display of Registration Marks) Regulations 2001 under section 11.

The table below details all Conditional Offer of Fixed Penalty Notices issued for relevant offences under Vehicle Excise and Registration Act and Road Vehicles (Display of Registration Marks) for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 March 2025.

| Legislation/Offence | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 ytd |
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| Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 S42  No number carriage plate shown | 214 | 266 | 191 | 40 |
| Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 S43  Obscured number carriage plate | 99 | 93 | 88 | 28 |
| Road Vehicles (Display of Registration Marks) Regulations 2001, Reg 14  Registration mark (size, shape, or character of letters etc.) | 619 | 980 | 832 | 214 |

The Conditional Offer Fixed Penalty Notice fine for these offences is £100, however, if this goes unpaid and results in a Standard Prosecution Report, then the Crown Office Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS)/ Court may apply a different fine.

We do not hold information about fines issued by COPFS/ the courts and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

The table below details tickets issued under the Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme (VDRS) for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 March 2025.

​The VDRS is operated throughout Scotland whereby officers issue members of the public with a ticket for vehicle defects. It is intended to give vehicle owners and drivers the opportunity to make their vehicles roadworthy as an alternative to prosecution.

| **Offence** | **2022\*** | **2023** | **2024** | **2025 ytd** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| No number carriage plate shown | 57 | 77 | 82 | 17 |
| Registration mark (size, shape, or character of letters etc.) | 358 | 352 | 349 | 99 |

\* 2022 data excludes the legacy Strathclyde Police area between 01/01/2022 and 07/09/2022 due to system changes.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.