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PRESS RELEASE - Inland Revenue Department to Reissue Inactive Vehicle Registration Numbers After Three Years

The Inland Revenue Department (IRD) wishes to inform the general public that, in accordance with the **Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (Section 12, as amended)**, it will begin the process of reissuing vehicle registration numbers that have remained inactive for a period of three (3) consecutive years or more.

Under the Act, a vehicle registration remains valid only while the vehicle is in use and duly licensed. Where a vehicle has not been re-licensed for three consecutive years, the Comptroller of Inland Revenue is empowered to cancel the registration mark.

Effective **21 May 2026**, any vehicle registration number that has not been used to licence a vehicle for 36 months or longer will be withdrawn and returned to the pool of available registration marks for reallocation.

The IRD advises vehicle owners that registration numbers associated with long-term unlicensed vehicles will no longer be reserved once the three-year period has elapsed. Owners of such vehicles will be required to obtain a new registration number when re-licensing.

The Department further reminds the public that **vehicle licence plates (registration marks) are official government-issued identification numbers and are not the private property of vehicle owners**. Registration marks are allocated and managed by the Comptroller of Inland Revenue in accordance with law and administrative policy. Vehicle owners who keep vehicles off the road or storage for extended periods are strongly encouraged to maintain valid licensing if they wish to retain their existing registration number. Where a vehicle has been destroyed, permanently removed from Anguilla, or rendered permanently unserviceable, the owner is required to notify the Comptroller within one month, as provided under the Act.

This initiative supports the efficient management of Anguilla's vehicle registration system and ensures that unused registration numbers are returned to circulation for active use.



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