

Change for yellow number plates

The year-long lull in Belgian residents driving a car registered in Luxembourg has apparently come to an end. Checks have actually been on the rise in recent weeks, with heavier penalties being imposed.

According to Belgian law, drivers must be able to present a certain number of documents during a roadside check:

- A copy of the employment contract or mission order (document proving the subordination relationship);
- A document drawn up by the Luxembourgish employer attesting that he has placed the vehicle at his employee's disposal;
- For rented vehicles, the user must have an up-to-date rental contract. If the rental is extended, the rental company must be asked to update the contract;
- If the driver of the car is not the Luxembourgish employee, he must prove that he lives under the same roof with the latter. It is therefore recommended to keep a document indicating the composition of the household with the documents of the vehicle;
- On the other hand, a VAT certificate is no longer necessary.

Up to now, the inability to produce the required documents during a roadside check elicited a simple warning at first. The motorist was then asked to produce the documents at the Police station within a given period.

The warning has now been abandoned, and the driver is ticketed immediately. Consequently, any Belgian driver of a car with Grand-Ducal number plates who cannot produce all the documents required by Belgian law will be ticketed on the spot. He will have to pay the Belgian road and circulation taxes for the vehicle, plus a fine of at least €100 and at most €1,250. It is therefore highly recommended to make sure that all the necessary documents are available in the car.

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