

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

NEW BRUNSWICK

KEEP YOUR LICENSE PLATE UNCOVERED

Are plastic license-plate covers legal?

THE SIMPLE ANSWER:

If you drive on a New Brunswick highway, the safest legal position is to keep your registration plate **completely uncovered and unobstructed**.

WHAT NEW BRUNSWICK LAW REQUIRES

New Brunswick's *Motor Vehicle Act* requires registration plates to be:

- **Clearly visible**
- **Clearly legible**
- **Maintained free from foreign materials**

WHY THIS MATTERS

A plastic cover places additional material over the issued registration plate.

Even if a cover is transparent, **do not assume that transparency makes it lawful**. The legislation addresses not only visibility and legibility, but also the requirement that the registration plate be maintained free from foreign materials.

DON'T RELY ON "IT'S TRANSPARENT"

A transparent cover may still constitute material placed over the registration plate.

If you want the lowest-risk position under New Brunswick law: remove the cover.

PUBLIC GUIDANCE

Keep your registration plate:

- ✓ Clean
- ✓ Fully visible
- ✓ Clearly legible
- ✓ Completely uncovered

Avoid:

- ✗ Clear plastic covers
- ✗ Tinted/smoked covers
- ✗ Decorative covers
- ✗ Anything placed over the plate that could interfere with its condition, visibility, or identification

BOTTOM LINE

LEAVE YOUR LICENSE PLATE UNCOVERED.

Don't assume that a transparent plastic cover is legal simply because you can still read the plate.

Your license plate is an official vehicle-identification device. Keep it visible, legible, and free from foreign material.

Legal-information notice

This PSA provides general information and is not legal advice. The proposition that every possible type of plate cover constitutes "foreign material" is a statutory interpretation; the definitive interpretation of legislation belongs to the courts. Consult current New Brunswick legislation or qualified legal counsel for advice concerning a particular situation.

Source: Government of New Brunswick — *Motor Vehicle Act*.