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# Regulatory Changes for Ride-Hailing Vehicles in Thailand

February 2026 Update

# New QR Code System for Taxis

## Enhancing Safety & Transparency

### Launched

By Thailand's Department of Land Transport (DLT), February 2026

### Scale

~70,000 taxis fitted with three-colour QR codes by June 2026

### Features

Passenger verification, live tracking, fare estimates, urgent complaints



# The Three QR Codes Explained



## Purple — Front, Near Driver

Verifies driver identity via national ID-linked system



## Blue — Left Rear Window

Shows fare estimates, driver reviews, and trip status



## Red — Outer Left Rear Door

Urgent complaints sent directly to government channels

# Impact on Passenger Safety & Service Quality



## Real-Time GPS Tracking

Activated after driver authentication

## Trip Sharing

Passengers share live trip details with contacts

## Fraud Prevention

Prevents driver impersonation; streamlines complaints

# Extended Compliance Deadline for Ride-Hailing Platforms

- 1** Original Deadline  
2 October 2025
- 2** Extension Announced  
18 December 2025 by ETDA
- 3** New Deadline  
31 March 2026

Grants platforms and drivers additional time to meet new regulatory requirements.



# Challenges Behind the Extension



## Complex Registration

Vehicle registration and driver verification processes remain cumbersome

## High Costs

Significant compliance costs and operational delays for operators

## System Reform

DLT actively reforming registration systems to streamline compliance

# Key Requirements for Platforms



## DLT Integration

Connect with vehicle-registration systems



## Identity Checks

Robust driver and passenger verification



## Updated Terms

Revised terms of service and onboarding standards

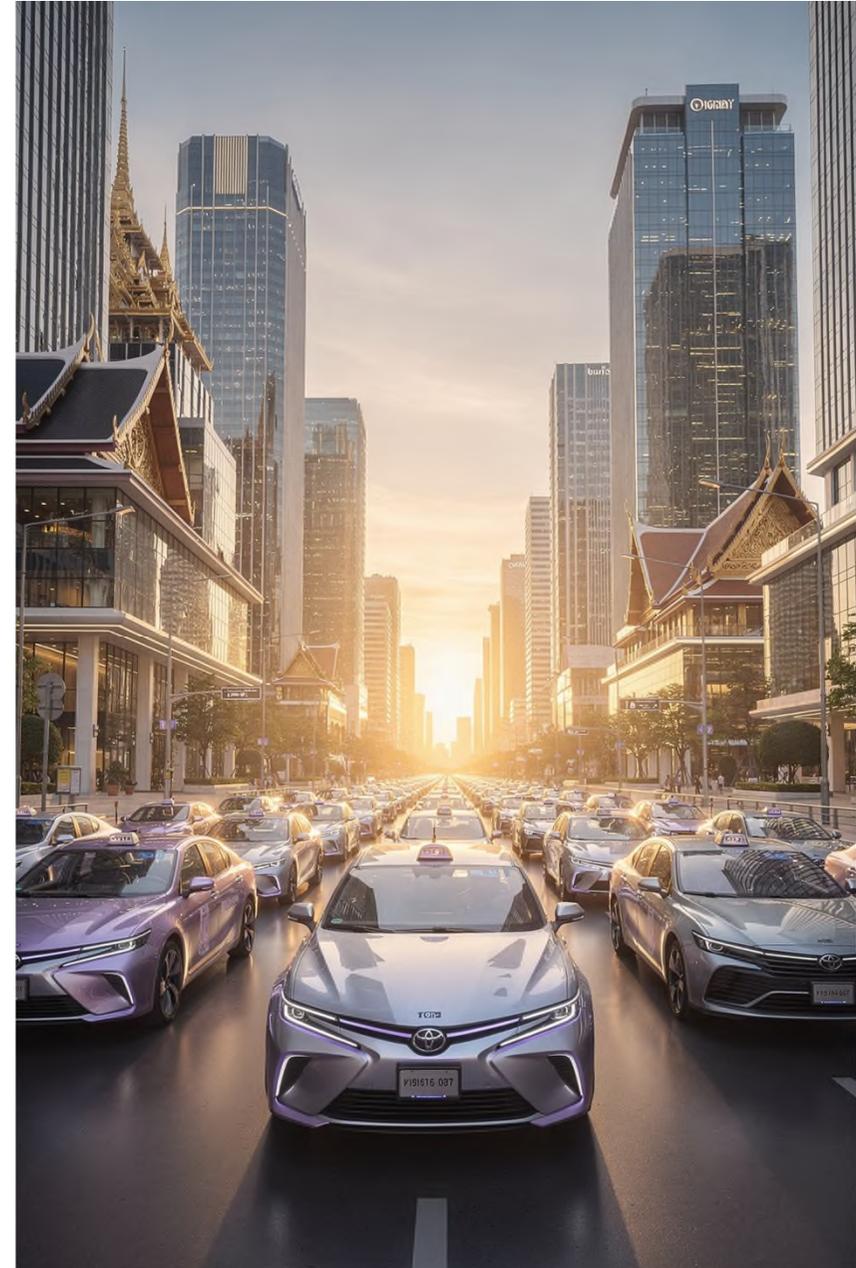


## ETDA Reporting

Preparation for audits and regulatory reviews

# Towards Safer, More Transparent Ride-Hailing

- **Strict Enforcement**  
Government shifts from concessions to regulation and control
- **Public Trust**  
Modernisation efforts rebuild confidence in taxi and ride-hailing services
- **31 March 2026**  
Marks a new era of regulated, accountable platforms
- **Passenger Empowerment**  
New tools for safety, transparency, and complaint resolution



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# Vehicle Registration Plates in Thailand

A visual guide to understanding the colours, codes, and meanings behind every plate on Thai roads

MOST COMMON TYPE

# Private Vehicles: White Background



## Format

Two Thai letters + up to four digits

e.g. กข 1234

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## Key Features

- Black letters on **white** background
- Province name in Thai script at bottom
- Covers personal cars, vans, and pick-ups

# Commercial & Special Use Plates



## Green — Commercial

Taxis, Grab cars, commercial transport vehicles



## Yellow — Motorbike Taxi

Light commercial vehicles and motorcycle taxis



## Black — Rental & Corporate

Rental cars and corporate fleet vehicles



## Red — Temporary

Brand-new vehicles awaiting full registration

OFFICIAL & SPECIAL

# Unique Plates for Special Vehicles

## Royal Family

Black plate with white Thai script — reserved for the monarchy

## Diplomatic Corps

Black on white or grey — varies by diplomatic status

## Military & Police

Distinct formats and colours unique to each branch

## Auction Plates

Provincial plates with colourful, collectible backgrounds



KEY TAKEAWAYS

## Reading Thai Plates with Confidence



Colour = Purpose

Instantly reveals vehicle use and status



Letters + Numbers

Identify vehicle type and home province



Red = Restricted

Temporary plates carry usage limitations



Stay Safe

Recognising plates helps navigate Thai roads legally



QUICK REFERENCE

# Complete Plate Type Summary

At-a-glance guide to all Thai vehicle number plates

<b>AB</b> Private Cars White + Black	<b>AB</b> Private Vans White + Blue	<b>AB</b> Pickup Trucks White + Green	<b>AB</b> Private Tuk-Tuks White + Red
<b>AB</b> Urban Taxis Yellow + Black	<b>AB</b> Inter-Provincial Yellow + Red	<b>AB</b> Fixed Route Yellow + Blue	<b>AB</b> Tuk-Tuk Taxis Yellow + Green
<b>AB</b> Tourist & Rental Green + White	<b>AB</b> Agricultural Orange + Black	<b>AB</b> Temporary (Cars) Red + Black	<b>AB</b> Temporary (Trucks) Red + White
<b>ก</b> Diplomatic White + Black	<b>ก</b> Consular/UN Blue + White	<b>ก</b> Honorary Consul Grey + Black	<b>ร.ม.ล.</b> Royal Household Black + White
<b>☆</b> Military (Non-Combat) Black + White	<b>☆</b> Military (Combat) White + Red	<b>ตำรวจ</b> Police Maroon + White	<b>AB</b> Graphic/Vanity Special designs

45.3M+

Registered Vehicles

77

Provinces

15+

Plate Types

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