

Y-plate tracking device checklist

The per-vehicle details a booking platform asks for at onboarding, and the six things the tracking rule requires of you. Fill it in once and keep it current.



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1 YOUR VEHICLES, DEVICE BY DEVICE

Registration	Device make and model	Serial number or IMEI	Installed	Installed by	Reporting
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2 WHAT THE RULE REQUIRES OF YOU

- ☐ A tracking device installed in every vehicle on your licence.
- ☐ Kept in good working condition at all times, with any fault reported to Transport Malta immediately.
- ☐ No tampering, by you, by your drivers, or by anyone else.
- ☐ If it is defective or tampered with, the vehicle comes off the road until it is repaired or replaced.
- ☐ The driver keeps it switched on while carrying passengers. You retain the data it records.
- ☐ You hand that data over on request, in whatever reasonable form the Authority asks for.

Where the law is silent, work to these

- **Keep 12 months of history.** No retention period has ever been prescribed for tracking data. The trip-log rule in the same regulations sets one year, so that is the defensible benchmark. Many cheap trackers keep 30 to 90 days.
- **Be able to export it.** If you cannot get the data out of the system, that is your problem rather than your supplier's.
- **Monitor device health.** A dead device means the vehicle comes off the road, and you cannot act on that if you find out three weeks later.

Dates to keep in view

- **29 July 2026.** Legal Notice 171 of 2026 in force. Platforms must now collect your device details before onboarding you.
- **Around 29 January 2027.** Existing licence holders have six months from the reform to comply. A renewal is only authorised if you comply within that window.
- **The tracking rule itself dates from 2020** and was not amended in 2026. No technical specification for it has ever been published, so no supplier can be Transport Malta approved.

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