

# Off-Road Vehicles (Registration) Bill

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Make provision for a compulsory registration scheme for certain off-road vehicles; to require such vehicles to display a registration plate; and for connected purposes.

**B**E IT ENACTED by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

## 1 Amendment of the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994

(1) The Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 is amended as follows.

(2) After section 21 (registration of vehicles) insert—

### “21A Registration of off-road vehicles

(1) *The Secretary of State must by regulations make provision for a compulsory registration scheme (“the scheme”) for off-road vehicles.* 5

(2) The scheme must apply to motorcycles and motor quadbikes (“off-road bikes”) for which there is no duty to take out a vehicle licence under section 1 of this Act by reason of their being exclusively designed to be used and kept off the public highway and pavements. 10

(3) Regulations under this section must—

(a) require the keeper or owner of an off-road bike to register the vehicle,  
(b) make provision about the administration of the scheme,  
(c) provide that a person must be 16 years old or more to register a vehicle under the scheme, 15

(d) make provision about the marking of the engines and bodies of off-road bikes,  
(e) make provision about the assigning of registration marks to registered off-road bikes, 20

(f) require the fixing of a registration mark on a registered off-road bike,

(g) provide for penalties for failure to comply with the scheme.

(4) Regulations under this section may—

- (a) provide for exemptions from the scheme,
  - (b) make different provision for different purposes,
  - (c) make transitional and saving provision.
- (5) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this section may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament. 5
- (6) The Secretary of State must lay a draft of a statutory instrument containing regulations under this section before Parliament within six months of the passing of the Off-Road Vehicles (Registration) Act 2024.” 10
- (3) In section 27A (registration plates), after subsection (3)(b) insert—
  - “(c) plates or other devices for displaying registration marks and for fixing them on off-road vehicles in accordance with regulations under section 21A(3)(e),”
- 2 Amendment of the Police Reform Act 2002** 15
  - (1) The Police Reform Act 2002 is amended as follows.
  - (2) In section 59, after subsection (1) insert—
    - “(1A) Where a constable in uniform has reasonable grounds for believing that an off-road bike subject to the compulsory registration scheme under section 21A of the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994— 20
      - (a) is unregistered, or
      - (b) is not displaying a registration plate in accordance with regulations made under section 27A(3)(c) of the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994

they shall have the powers set out in subsection (3) of this Act. 25
  - (1B) Subsections 59(4) and (5) of this Act do not apply to seizure of an off-road bike pursuant to section 59(1A).”
- 3 Extent, commencement and short title**
  - (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
  - (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed. 30
  - (3) This Act may be cited as the Off-Road Vehicles (Registration) Act 2024.

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