

The Land Transportation Office (LTO) has started the implementation of the plate standardization program here in Region IX.

Atty. Aminola Abaton, LTO regional director, said Friday that old plate numbers of vehicles are replaced with new ones upon the renewal of registration in line with the standardization program.

“We are now in the phase of replacement of old plates,” Abaton added.

Abaton said there are 56,000 units of four-wheel vehicles and 180,000 units of motorcycles whose plate numbers are set to be replaced in the entire region.

The office of Abaton covers this city and the provinces of Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga del Sur, Zamboanga Sibugay, Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi.

Abaton advised the vehicle owners to prepare P450 for four-wheel vehicles and P150 for motorcycles as production cost payment of the standard plate numbers.

The new standard plate number of vehicles has security feature and tamper-proof. It was patterned after the European standards.

The place where the vehicles was registered is also indicated in the new plate number, he said.

Abaton said they expect to completely replace old vehicle plate numbers with the new standard plate in a period of two years.