

## 1936/37

**SYMBOL:** An inverted triangle at lower centre.

**COLOURS:** Black on a buff base.

Palmerston North now took on the mantle of 18th postal district in its own right thus approximately halving the territory Wellington had held fiefdom over until then. And owners now also had to face the rigours of acquiring a Warrant of Fitness for their vehicles (something that is still ongoing today).

This series is also the first for which material has come to light giving us insight into the geographic dissemination of passenger and motorcycle registrations (see [Appendix 4](#)). Caution however should be exercised when interpreting the accuracy of these figures as they were collated before production began and thus are only a prediction and not what may ultimately have transpired. It must also be borne in mind that, from 1932/33 onwards, all regions had been instructed to forfeit any oversupply of plates to others enunciating a more effusive yearning for them. Only if a nationwide shortage were deemed imminent would Precision be enjoined to hasten in apposite injections of registrations (although this never came to pass during the 1936/37 year).

**Passenger** - The discrepant **X**, which had stigmatised so many passenger registrations over the last four years, all of a sudden went belly up and the lonesome



sixth digit, which had been banished into the wilderness for the same duration, was given compliance to triumphantly recapture its legitimate niche at the front. But meanwhile, of the 185,000 sets cheered in, those with serials from **1** to **1,000** were to be kidnapped by Rental & Private Hire.

### Motorcycle



.1 to 25.500

Large Vehicle Dealer



*D.1 to D1.850*

Motorcycle Dealer



*D.1 to D.200*

Exempt



*E.1 to E2.600*

Government - 2,350 pairs were plumbed for.

Heavy Vehicle



*H.1 to H20.600*

Light Vehicle



*L.1 to L28.000*

Bus



*P.1 to P.700*

### Service Vehicle



*S.1 to S.850*

### Taxi



*T.1 to T2.500*

**Rental & Private Hire** - Again these two scallywags would scoop the cream of the passenger issue for their own bias, this time the initial 1,000 sets. While it was expected 850 would more than reliably satiate their cravings, it was thought judicious to hold the other 150 in abeyance.



### Trailer



*R.1 to R5.800 (still issued in pairs).*

### Contract Vehicle



*V.1 to V1.300*

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