

Card expiry (MM/YY)

Two-digit month and year separated by slash.

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^(0[1-9]|1[0-2])\d{2}$
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Token-by-token breakdown

Token	Meaning
^	start of string (or line in multiline mode)
(	start of a capturing group
0	literal text "0"
[1-9]	any of: 1–9
	OR — try the alternative
1	literal text "1"
[0-2]	any of: 0–2
)	end of group
/	literal text "/"
\d{2}	exactly 2 times: digit (0–9)
\$	end of string (or line in multiline mode)

Quick usage in 7 languages

JavaScript	<pre>const re = /^(0[1-9] 1[0-2])\d{2}\$/; re.test(value);</pre>
Python	<pre>import re re.match(r"^(0[1-9] 1[0-2])\d{2}\$", value)</pre>
Java	<pre>Pattern.compile("^(0[1-9] 1[0-2])\d{2}\$").matcher(value).matches();</pre>
C# / .NET	<pre>Regex.IsMatch(value, @"^(0[1-9] 1[0-2])\d{2}\$");</pre>
Go	<pre>regexp.MustCompile(`^(0[1-9] 1[0-2])\d{2}\$`).MatchString(value)</pre>
Ruby	<pre>/^(0[1-9] 1[0-2])\d{2}\$/ .match?(value)</pre>
PHP	<pre>preg_match('~^(0[1-9] 1[0-2])\d{2}\$~', \$value);</pre>

Common pitfalls

- **Anchored to the whole string.** This pattern uses ^ and \$, so it requires the entire input to match. To find it inside a longer text, drop the anchors and use the global (g) flag.
- **Escape it correctly per language.** In Java and JavaScript strings each backslash must be doubled (\d); in Python, Go, and C# use raw/verbatim strings so the backslashes survive.
- **Validate beyond format.** Matching the format doesn't guarantee the value is real. Confirm the card expiry (mm/yy) against a source of truth (database, API, or checksum) where it matters.