

Drug license number

State drug license number — varies by state.

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^\d{2}/\d{2}/[A-Z]{2}/\d{4}/\d{4,6}$
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Token-by-token breakdown

Token	Meaning
<code>^</code>	start of string (or line in multiline mode)
<code>\d{2}</code>	exactly 2 times: digit (0–9)
<code>/</code>	literal text <code>"/"</code>
<code>\d{2}</code>	exactly 2 times: digit (0–9)
<code>/</code>	literal text <code>"/"</code>
<code>[A-Z]{2}</code>	exactly 2 times: any of: uppercase letters
<code>/</code>	literal text <code>"/"</code>
<code>\d{4}</code>	exactly 4 times: digit (0–9)
<code>/</code>	literal text <code>"/"</code>
<code>\d{4,6}</code>	between 4 and 6 times: digit (0–9)
<code>\$</code>	end of string (or line in multiline mode)

Quick usage in 7 languages

JavaScript	<pre>const re = /^\d{2}\d{2}/[A-Z]{2}\d{4}\d{4,6}\$/; re.test(value);</pre>
Python	<pre>import re re.match(r"^\d{2}/\d{2}/[A-Z]{2}/\d{4}/\d{4,6}\$", value)</pre>
Java	<pre>Pattern.compile("^\d{2}/\d{2}/[A-Z]{2}/\d{4}/\d{4,6}\$").matcher(value).matches();</pre>
C# / .NET	<pre>Regex.IsMatch(value, @"^\d{2}/\d{2}/[A-Z]{2}/\d{4}/\d{4,6}\$");</pre>
Go	<pre>regexp.MustCompile(`^\d{2}/\d{2}/[A-Z]{2}/\d{4}/\d{4,6}\$`).MatchString(value)</pre>
Ruby	<pre>/^\d{2}\d{2}/[A-Z]{2}\d{4}\d{4,6}\$/.match?(value)</pre>
PHP	<pre>preg_match('~^\d{2}/\d{2}/[A-Z]{2}/\d{4}/\d{4,6}\$~', \$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.
- **Uppercase only.** Ranges like `[A-Z]` won't match lowercase. Add `a-z` (or the `i` flag) if lowercase input should be accepted.
- **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 drug license number against a source of truth (database, API, or checksum) where it matters.