

Florida

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Division of Motorist Services

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| PROCEDURE | SUBJECT: | | |
| RS-07 | NONRESIDENT MILITARY EXEMPTION | | |
| DESCRIPTION AND USE: | | | |
| THIS PROCEDURE IS PROVIDED TO ASSIST TAX COLLECTOR EMPLOYEES, LICENSE PLATE AGENCY EMPLOYEES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES IN PROVIDING INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE NONRESIDENT MILITARY EXEMPTION. | | | |
| <p>I. PROVISIONS OF LAW:</p> <p>Section 320.10, Florida Statutes, provides an exemption from the registration tax imposed by section 320.08, Florida Statutes, for any motor vehicle or mobile home owned by, and operated exclusively for the personal use of, any member of the United States Armed Forces who is not a resident of this state and who is stationed in the state while in compliance with military or naval orders.</p> <p>Section 320.072, Florida Statutes, provides an exemption from the initial Registration fee for any nonresident military service member (see RS-30 for additional information).</p> <p>II. GENERAL INFORMATION:</p> <p>A. A nonresident service member may place children in the public schools of this state or the spouse or any member of immediate family of a nonresident service member may become employed would not make their motor vehicles subject to Florida registration. Under the Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Act of 1940, the service member may display current license plate from the home state or from the state he or she is stationed in.</p> <p>B. When a nonresident service member, whose motor vehicles currently are registered in his or her home state, is stationed in Florida and is shipped overseas from Florida and the service member's immediate family remains in Florida, it is not necessary that the spouse register his/her motor vehicle(s) in Florida even though the spouse may be employed or place children in the public schools. However, if such service member returns from overseas to a state other than Florida, the motor vehicles must be registered in Florida if they are operated in this state.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">For the purposes of these procedures, the term "immediate family" means the spouse of any service member and any natural, adoptive or step child of the service member.</p> <p>C. Vehicles used for business purposes by a nonresident service member stationed in Florida are not eligible for the exemption.</p> | | | |
| <i>Revision(s) to this procedure: Removed fees and referred to fee chart on page 3.</i> | | | |
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| <p>III. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:</p> <p>The following must be submitted to the county license plate agency:</p> <p>A. EXEMPTION ELIGIBILITY:</p> <p>A copy of the service member's military orders (which shows their assignment to a Florida military duty station) and their out of state driver license.</p> <p>B. PROOF OF OWNERSHIP:</p> <p>The Federal Soldiers and Sailors Act allows a non-resident member of the United States Armed Forces to choose one of the following:</p> <p>NOTE: The five military branches include: Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Follow DMS Procedures RS-04 for issuing a license plate on a registration only basis;or;2. Apply for a Florida title pursuant to provisions of Chapter 319, Florida Statutes. <p>NOTE: If a non-resident military member purchases a motor vehicle out of the country and brings it to Florida with the out of country proof, (requesting a Florida "registration only"), they must first obtain a title for the motor vehicle in their home state. However, the out of country proof would be acceptable, if the member is applying for a Florida Certificate of Title.</p> <p>C. FORM:</p> <p>Form HSMV 82002 (Rev. 11/04 or later), Initial Registration Fee Exemption Affidavit, accurately completed and signed by the service member.</p> <p>D. PROOF OF INSURANCE:</p> <p>Proof of Florida insurance is required. Refer to DMS Procedure RS-36 for additional insurance requirements.</p> | |
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| <p>IV. ISSUANCE OF LICENSE PLATES:</p> <p>A regular series license plate will be issued whether the nonresident member applies for a title or registers the vehicle on a registration only basis. A specialty license plate may be issued at the applicant's request. Mobile homes must be issued a regular mobile home validation sticker using class code 50.</p> <p>V. RENEWALS AND TRANSFERS OF NONRESIDENT MILITARY EXEMPTION PLATES:</p> <p>NOTE: If an out of state lien exists, the “renewal notice” will be printed with the following message: R/O NON RESIDENT MILITARY</p> <p>Renewals and transfers may be processed by the county license plate agency.</p> <p>The following is required:</p> <p>A. A copy of the current military orders verifying the applicant is assigned to a Florida military duty station.</p> <p>B. A copy of the applicant’s out of state driver license.</p> <p>VI. REPLACEMENT LICENSE PLATES:</p> <p>Applications for replacement license plates may be processed by the county license plate agency.</p> <p>The following is required:</p> <p>A. Form HSMV 83146, Application for Replacement License Plate, Validation Decal or Parking Permit, accurately completed.</p> <p>B. A copy of the vehicle registration certificate.</p> <p>NOTE: Refer to DMS Procedure RS-06 for additional information and fees.</p> | |
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