

# Florida

## Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

### *Division of Motorist Services*

<b>PROCEDURE</b>  RS-47	<b>SUBJECT:</b>  MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FOR TRAMS
<b>DESCRIPTION AND USE:</b> 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 ISSUANCE OF MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FOR TRAMS.	
<p>I.     <b>PROVISIONS OF LAW:</b></p> <p>        Due to the increased number of trams used by entertainment parks, retirement communities and shopping centers, this procedure has been devised to assist you in determining when registration is required and how these vehicles must be registered.</p> <p>        Section 316.605, Florida Statutes, requires registration of every vehicle driven, stopped or parked upon any highway, road or street of this state.</p> <p>        Section 320.02, Florida Statutes, requires every owner or person in charge of a motor vehicle, which is operated or driven on the roads of this state, to register the vehicle in this state.</p> <p>II.    <b>CLASSIFICATION:</b></p> <p>        A.    <b>POWER UNITS:</b></p> <p>            1.    <b>NOT-FOR-HIRE:</b></p> <p>                These units may or may not have passengers. In either situation, they are to be registered by weight as a truck. If the net weight is over 5,000 pounds, a gross vehicle weight must be declared. This is determined by adding the net weight of the power unit plus the weight of the passengers being transported in the power unit. However, do not add the weight of any trailing modules or any weight for passengers being transported in the trailing module(s).</p> <p>            2.    <b>FOR-HIRE:</b></p> <p>                a.    Units carrying up to 4 passengers (including driver), use the regular class code 31 for a truck.</p> <p>                b.    Over 4 passengers, but less than 9, use class code 09 (van).</p> <p>                c.    Over 9 passengers, use class code 36 (bus).</p>	
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<p>B. TRAILING MODULE:</p> <p>The units being pulled by the power unit to haul passengers are registered as trailers. If the proof of ownership does not include a weight, it is not necessary to have the unit weighed. You may compute the weight by multiplying the width times length times 20 pounds. Use class code 53 if the trailer is not-for-hire and class code 54 if the trailer is for-hire.</p> <p>III. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:</p> <p>A. PROOF OF OWNERSHIP:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Acceptable proof of ownership on the power unit is a Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin. A title is required on this unit.</li><li>2. Acceptable proof of ownership on the trailing module is a Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin or bill of sale. Units weighing 2,000 pounds or more require a title.</li></ol> <p>B. PROOF OF INSURANCE:</p> <p>Proof of Florida insurance is required. Refer to DMS Procedure RS-36 for additional insurance requirements.</p> <p>C. HEAVY VEHICLE USE TAX:</p> <p>If the power unit has a gross vehicle weight of 55,000 pounds or more, proof of filing, payment or exemption from Federal Heavy Vehicle Use Tax must be provided. You may refer to DMS Procedure RS-34 for additional information.</p> <p>D. FEES:</p> <p>Registration tax as shown in the Tax Due and Credit Manual, using the appropriate class codes by the classification and weight as explained in section II, trust fund fees from the Class Code/Fee Chart, Original License Plate fee, Decal on Demand fee, Service fee, (add Branch fee, if applying through a county branch agency). <b><u>Refer to the Registration Fees and Flat Taxes Distribution Chart for applicable fees.</u></b></p>	
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<p>IV. RENEWALS AND TRANSFERS:</p> <p>Renewals and transfers may be processed in any county license plate agency.</p> <p>V. REPLACEMENT LICENSE PLATES:</p> <p>Replacement license plates may be issued by any local county license plate agency by submitting the following:</p> <p>A. Copy of registration certificate.</p> <p>B. Form HSMV 83146, Application for Replacement License Plate, Validation Decal or Parking Permit, accurately completed.</p> <p>C. Fees: Replacement fee, Decal on Demand fee, Service fee (add Branch fee, if applying through a county branch agency), Air Pollution Control fee, FRVIS, Reflectorization fee, Emergency Medical Services fee. <b><u>Refer to the Registration Fees and Flat Taxes Distribution Chart for applicable fees.</u></b></p> <p>D. When an applicant reports a license plate or decal as stolen to a law enforcement agency and attests that the license plate or decal has been reported as stolen on form HSMV 83146, no fee should be charged for the replacement license plate or decal.</p>	
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