

Florida

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Division of Motorist Services

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| PROCEDURE | SUBJECT: | | |
| RS-14 | TRANSPORTER LICENSE PLATES | | |
| DESCRIPTION AND USE: | | | |
| <p>THIS PROCEDURE IS PROVIDED TO ASSIST TAX COLLECTOR EMPLOYEES, LICENSE PLATE AGENTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES WITH INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR ISSUING A TRANSPORTER LICENSE PLATE.</p> | | | |
| <p>I. PROVISIONS OF LAW:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><u>Section 320.133, Florida Statutes</u>, provides for a transporter license plate to be issued to any customer who, incidental to the conduct of his business, engages in the transporting of motor vehicles that are not currently registered with valid license plates.</p> | | | |
| <p>II. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:</p> <p>The following information should be considered in determining eligibility for issuance of the transporter license plate:</p> | | | |
| <p>A. Below are types of businesses that are eligible for these plates, but eligibility is not necessarily limited to these types of businesses:</p> | | | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motor Vehicle Detail Shops. 2. Van Conversion Shops 3. Specialized businesses which install additional equipment on motor vehicles. 4. Businesses which move mobile homes and recreational vehicles from one location to another. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A transporter license plate may only be displayed on a mobile home or recreational travel trailer when the hauling unit is properly registered as a truck tractor. 5. Licensed repossessors who contract with lending institutions to repossess and/or recover motor vehicles or mobile homes. 6. Drive away services. Businesses which provide drivers to deliver an unregistered vehicle from one location to another for a vehicle owner. | | | |
| <p><i>Revision(s) to this procedure: Statutory review, added links. Added links for forms. Added Historical Revisions.</i></p> | | | |
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| <p>7. Motor vehicles dealers.</p> <p>B. The following types of businesses or transport operators ARE NOT ELIGIBLE:</p> <p>1. Banks and other lending institutions. Such institutions must use temporary license plates when demonstrating or repossessing motor vehicles.</p> <p>2. Vehicle transport operators using trucks, truck tractors, car carriers, low-boys or trailers to transport vehicles. Any power unit used to transport vehicles must display a regular GVW license plate and any trailer used in such transport activity must display a regular trailer license plate.</p> <p>3. Mobile home dealers.</p> <p>III. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:</p> <p>Applications may be processed in a county license plate agency (some counties only serve residents of their county.). The following documentation must be submitted:</p> <p>A. HSMV 83065, Application for Transporter License Plate, accurately completed by the customer.</p> <p>B. Proof of liability insurance coverage (such as garage liability, commercial general liability or general liability), in the amount of \$100,000 or more. A copy of the Florida insurance policy, binder or certificate of insurance is acceptable.</p> <p>C. A copy of the occupational, business license or documentation from the Department of State, Division of Corporations.</p> <p>D. Fees: Submit fees in accordance with the Tax Due and Credit Manual under class code "70," Original License Plate fee, Decal on Demand fee and Service fee (add Branch fee if applying through a county branch office). Refer to the Registration Fees and Flat Taxes Distribution Chart for applicable fees.</p> <p>IV. RENEWAL OF TRANSPORTER PLATES:</p> <p>Renewals must be processed through the county license plates agencies upon proof of sufficient liability insurance coverage and payment of fees. The fees include the registration tax and fees from the Tax Due and Credit Manual under class code "70," Decal on Demand fee and Service fee (add Branch fee, if applying through a county branch office). Refer to the Registration Fees and Flat Taxes Distribution Chart for applicable fees.</p> | |
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