

Florida

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Division of Motorist Services

PROCEDURE RS-21	SUBJECT: AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE PLATES
<p>DESCRIPTION AND USE: THIS PROCEDURE PROVIDES INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS TO ASSIST TAX COLLECTOR EMPLOYEES, LICENSE PLATE AGENTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE ISSUANCE OF THE AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE PLATES.</p>	
<p>I. PROVISIONS OF LAW:</p> <p>Section 320.083, Florida Statutes, provides for the holder of a valid official amateur radio station license, recognized by the Federal Communications Commission, to be issued a special license plate inscribed with the official call letters of that amateur radio station and "Amateur Radio" embossed on the bottom of the license plate, for any vehicle owned or leased by the holder.</p>	
<p>II. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:</p> <p>A. Amateur Radio license plates are ordered and issued by the county tax collector's office.</p> <p>B. Fees: Original License Plate fee, Decal on Demand fee, Amateur Radio Initial fee, Service fee (add Branch fee, if applying through a branch agency), the registration tax is determined by the license plate inventory code, Reg Use and vehicle type. Refer to the Registration Fees and Flat Taxes Distribution Chart for applicable fees.</p> <p>C. This license plate may only be issued for the following types of vehicles.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Automobile (private use or leased.) 2. Trucks weighing 7,999 pounds or less. a. 3. All recreational vehicle-type units, which include travel trailers, camping trailers, motor homes, truck campers and private motor coaches (which are not "for hire" or "commercial" use). Amateur Radio license plates are not issued on motorcycles. However, a customer's amateur radio call letters may be processed as a personalized motorcycle license plate (see RS-27). <p>D. The <u>customer</u> must be a Florida resident and submit a copy of their valid amateur radio station license issued by the Federal Communications Commission.</p>	
<p><i>Revision(s) to this procedure: Statutory review, added links to statutes and forms, added Historical Revisions section, updated Section IV C.</i></p>	
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The Federal Communications Commission discontinued mailing paper licenses to amateur radio applicants and licensees. Customers and licensees may now retrieve a reference copy of their license by visiting <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=home>. From this webpage, select the "SEARCH LICENSES" button. This will bring up a dialog box where you can conduct a license search by selecting "By Call Sign" from the dropdown menu. Then enter your call sign and click Search. Once the search populates, choose your licensee/customer's record by name, then click the blue call sign in the margin to the left. This will bring up your amateur radio record. Click on the "Reference Copy" link at the top of the page. This will bring up a copy of your license, which you can open and print or save. Additionally, you may click the "Printable Page" link at the top of the page, which will display your license information for printing.

When a new amateur radio license has been issued by the Federal Communications Commission indicating a new call sign has been issued, the **customer** must submit an application and all documents required as if it was the first time applying. When the new application is processed, credit is allowed on the old license plate and additional fees are collected.

E. [Form HSMV 83041, Application for Amateur Radio License Plate](#), must be legibly completed in detail.

F. PROOF OF INSURANCE:

Proof of Florida insurance is required. Refer to [DMS Procedure RS-36](#) for additional insurance requirements.

III. RENEWALS AND TRANSFERS OF AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE PLATES:

Renewals and transfers may be processed through any local county license plate agency.

IV. REPLACEMENT LICENSE PLATES:

A replacement license plate or decal may be processed through any local county license plate agency upon submission of the following:

A. [Form HSMV 83146, Application for Replacement License Plate, Validation Decal or Parking Permit](#), accurately completed.

B. Fees:

Replacement fee, Decal on Demand fee, Service fee, (add Branch fee, if applying through a branch agency), Air Pollution Control fee, Reflectorization fee, Emergency Medical Services fee, Advanced Replacement fee and FRVIS fee. Refer to the Registration Fees and Flat Taxes Distribution Chart for applicable fees.

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- C. **When the customer has reported the license plate or decal as stolen to a law enforcement agency and provides a police report prepared in response to a report of a stolen license plate or decal, such plate or decal must be replaced at no charge. A law enforcement agency card, containing the case number for the stolen report of the license plate or decal, may be accepted in lieu of the report. Comments must be reflected in the FRVIS comment area to include the law enforcement agency name and the stolen report case number.**
1. **If a license plate or decal is replaced using code "SP", Stolen with a Police Report, a copy of the police report or law enforcement agency card containing the case number for the stolen report, must be attached to the required form HSMV 83146.**
 2. **If the customer does not provide the police report or law enforcement agency card containing the case number for the stolen report, fees are required along with HSMV 83146.**
- D. Copy of the current registration certificate.

Historical Revisions Section:

02/24/2015 - Updated providing new instructions for licensee/applicant to go online, search and print a reference copy of their license.

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