Florida
Department of Highway Safety
and Motor Vehicles
Division of Motorist Services

PROCEDURE
RS-23

SUBJECT:
MICCOSUKEE AND SEMINOLE INDIAN TRIBAL LICENSE PLATES

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, RENEWAL, REPLACEMENT AND TRANSFER OF MICCOSUKEE AND SEMINOLE INDIAN TRIBAL LICENSE PLATES.

I. PROVISIONS OF LAW:
Section 320.0841, Florida Statutes, provides authority for the issuance of motor vehicle license plates to eligible members of the Miccosukee and Seminole Indian Tribes, at no fee. The license plates are placed on motor vehicles owned and operated by the members of the Indian tribes.

II. GENERAL INFORMATION:
The Division of Motorist Services, Title and Registration Issuance Section, processes all transactions for Indian Tribal license plates. This includes the issuance, renewal, replacement and transferring of all Miccosukee and Seminole Indian Tribal license plates.

A. ELIGIBILITY:
The Tribal Clerk determines if the customer is a member of the Indian Tribe and meets the eligibility criteria as established by the Tribal Council for issuance of an Indian Tribal license plate. If the member is eligible, the Tribal Clerk accepts the documentation and submits it to the Department for processing. The Department will issue a new license plate or renew, replace or transfer an existing license plate according to the documentation submitted. The registration and/or license plate and/or decal will be mailed to the tribal clerk’s office for distribution to the tribal member.

The addresses and telephone numbers for the Tribal Clerk Offices are as follows:

1. Tribal Clerk for Florida
   Miccosukee Tribe of Indians
   Post Office Box 440021, Tamiami Station
   Miami, Florida 33144
   Telephone: (305) 223-8380

2. Tribal Clerk for Florida
   Seminole Tribe of Indians
   6300 Sterling Road
   Hollywood, Florida 33024
   Telephone (954) 966-6300 Ext. 11485

Revision(s) to this procedure: Updated phone extension, conducted statutory review, added links to statutes and procedures.

EFFECTIVE DATE
Immediately

REVISION DATE
04/30/18
**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
*Division of Motorist Services*

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**B. PROOF OF OWNERSHIP:**

All applications for a Florida Certificate of Title must be processed in a county license plate agency. A "Notice To Dealers Concerning Indian Tribal License Plates" (Exhibit A) is attached for distribution to any Florida licensed motor vehicle dealer. The notice specifies the dealer may issue a temporary license plate, if the customer does not have a license plate to transfer and process a "Title Only" transaction for any member of the Miccosukee and Seminole Indian Tribe purchasing a motor vehicle from their dealership. The member *(customer)* must sign an affidavit, which the dealer is to submit with the title application, stating they are eligible for the Indian Tribal license plate and will be submitting a request for registration through the office of the Tribal Clerk (Exhibit B).

Proof of ownership of the vehicle may be shown by submitting one of the following:

1. Copy of the current Florida Vehicle Registration Certificate.
2. Copy of the Florida Certificate of Title.
3. Copy of the title receipt showing that a Florida title has been applied for.

**C. PROOF OF INSURANCE:**

1. Proof of Florida insurance is required. Refer to [DMS Procedure RS-36](#) for additional insurance requirements.
2. Exhibit C may be used by the tribal clerk to notify the "Division of Motorist Services, Title and Registration Issuance Section, MS# 72," Neil Kirkman Building, Tallahassee, FL 32399," that a member's license plate has been surrendered to them (for insurance purposes). The surrendered license plate should be submitted to the department along with the notice.

**D. FEES:**

1. The Indian Tribal license plates are issued free of charge to eligible members of the Miccosukee and Seminole Indian Tribes. The license plates are placed on motor vehicles/motorcycles owned and operated by the members of the Indian tribes.
### III. REPLACEMENT LICENSE PLATES:

A. Replacement license plates/decals may be issued by the Division upon submission of the following from the Tribal Office:

1. [Form HSMV 83146, Application for Replacement License Plate, Validation Decal or Parking Permit](#), accurately completed by the tribal member (customer).

### IV. MISCELLANEOUS:

A. The Division of Motorist Services, Title and Registration Issuance Section, processes all transactions for Indian Tribal license plates. This includes the issuance, renewal, replacement and transfer of all Miccosukee and Seminole Indian Tribal license plates. The license plate/decal is returned to the tribal office for distribution to the tribal member.

B. Registration expiration date is midnight of the first owner’s birthday. Trucks with a net weight over 5000 lbs. will expire at midnight on December 31.

C. When a tribal member has purchased a vehicle and does not have a license plate to transfer, the selling dealer may issue a temporary license plate (Refer to [DMS Procedure RS-31](#)) to use while DMS, Title and Registration Section, is processing the license plate transaction. The tribal office also may contact DMS to issue a temporary plate in this situation.

D. The tribal office may mail the required documentation to:

   Division of Motorist Services  
   Title and Registration Issuance Section, MS# 72  
   Neil Kirkman Bldg.  
   Tallahassee, FL 32399

E. A “Notice to Dealers Concerning Indian Tribal License Plates” is attached as Exhibit A.

F. An “Affidavit by Indian Tribal Member to Accompany Application for Florida Title” is attached as Exhibit B.

G. A “Notification for Division of Motorist Services of a Surrendered Indian Tribal License Plate” is attached as Exhibit C.

### Historical Revisions:

05/20/2015 - Removed the plate replacement information on page 3 and updated the name of the registration processing section throughout the entire procedure.
NOTICE TO DEALERS CONCERNING INDIAN TRIBAL LICENSE PLATES

Section 320.0841, Florida Statutes, provides for free motor vehicle license plates for use on vehicles owned and operated by members of the Miccosukee and Seminole Indian Tribes.

The Office of the Tribal Clerk on each respective Indian Reservation has the responsibility of submitting the necessary documentation to the Division of Motorist Services, Title and Registration Issuance Section, for processing. This includes the renewal, replacement, transfer and issuance of all Miccosukee and Seminole Indian license plates.

If you have a customer purchasing a motor vehicle, who is a member of the Miccosukee or Seminole Indian Tribe, you must submit their application for a Florida Certificate of Title as a "title only" transaction to the local tax collector's office or license plate agency for processing. A perjury clause statement (signed by your customer) must be submitted along with the application for title, stating the member (customer) is eligible for the Indian Tribal license plate and will be submitting a request for registration through the Office of the Tribal Clerk (See Exhibit B). Your dealership may issue a temporary license plate, if the customer does not have a license plate to transfer.

For questions concerning this notice, you may contact Customer Service Center at (850) 617-2000.
In compliance with section 320.0841, Florida Statutes, this is to certify that

I, ________________________________________________________________________________________
(Name of Indian Tribal Member)

________________________________________________________________________________________
(Street)      (City)    (Zip Code)

am a qualified member of the _________________________________________ Indian Tribe and I am eligible
(Specify Miccosukee or Seminole)

for a special Indian Tribal license plate. I also certify that I will be submitting a request for registration through
the Office of the Tribal Clerk.

This statement authorizes the county tax collector to process the application for a Florida Certificate
of Title as a "title only" transaction on my ____________________________, with vehicle identification
(Year Make)

number ________________________________________________________________.

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING
DOCUMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.

_______________________________________________
(Signature of Indian Tribal Member)
NOTIFICATION FOR DIVISION OF MOTORIST SERVICES
OF A SURRENDERED INDIAN TRIBAL LICENSE PLATE

In compliance with Florida law, Indian Tribal license plate number ________________________,
issued in the name of ___________________________________________________________________
(Name of Indian Tribal Member)

__________________________    ___________________________
(Street)     (City)    (Zip Code)

has been surrendered to the Office of the Tribal Clerk for the __________________________________________________________________
(Specify Miccosukee or Seminole)

Indian Tribal member. The registered owner does not have the required insurance on their

__________________________, with vehicle identification number ________________________________.
(Year Make)

The vehicle will not be operated on the public streets and highways until new proof of insurance is
provided and a valid license plate is obtained.

__________________________    ___________________________
(Signature of Member)          (Signature of the Tribal Clerk)

Date: __________________________   Date: __________________________