

**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 THE EMPLOYEES OF THE TAX COLLECTOR, LICENSE PLATE AGENT AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES (FLHSMV) IN THE ISSUANCE, RENEWAL, REPLACEMENT AND TRANSFER OF MICCOSUKEE AND SEMINOLE INDIAN TRIBAL LICENSE PLATES.	
<p>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.</p> <p>II. GENERAL INFORMATION: The Division of Motorist Services - Direct Mail 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.</p> <p>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 FLHSMV for processing. FLHSMV 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.</p> <p align="center">The addresses and telephone numbers for the Tribal Clerk Offices are below:</p> <p>1. Tribal Clerk for Florida Miccosukee Tribe of Indians Post Office Box 440021, Tamiami Station Miami, Florida 33144 Telephone: (305) 223-8380</p>	
<p><i>Revision(s) to this procedure: <u>Statutory language added for heavy trucks, pursuant to 320.0706, Florida Statutes. Updated links to statutes, procedures, and forms. Added sections IV (C and D) and updated the Direct Mail Section address in IV(F). Added language to section II(B).</u></i></p>	
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2. Tribal Clerk for Florida
Seminole Tribe of Indians
6300 Sterling Road
Hollywood, Florida 33024
Telephone (954) 966-6300 Ext. **11485**

B. PROOF OF OWNERSHIP:

All applications for a Florida Certificate of Title must be processed in the office of a **tax collector or a license plate agent**. 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 to process a "Title Only" transaction for any members of the Miccosukee and Seminole Indian Tribe purchasing a motor vehicle from their dealership. The tribal member 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 [Procedure RS-33](#) for additional insurance requirements.
2. Exhibit C may be used by the tribal clerk to notify FLHSMV - Division of Motorist Services, Direct Mail Section, that a member's license plate has been surrendered to them (for insurance purposes). The surrendered license plate should be submitted to FLHSMV along with the notice.

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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 FLHSMV upon submission of the following from the Tribal Office:
 1. [Form HSMV 83146, Application for Replacement License Plate, Validation Decal or Parking Permit](#) completed by the tribal member (customer).

IV. MISCELLANEOUS:

Section 320.0706, Florida Statutes, states that the owner of any commercial truck of gross vehicle weight of 26,001 pounds or more shall display the registration license plate on both the front and rear of the truck in conformance with all the requirements of section 316.605, Florida Statutes. The owner of a dump truck may place the rear license plate on the gate no higher than 60 inches. The owner of a truck tractor shall be required to display the registration license plate only on the front of the vehicle.

- A. The Direct Mail 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 5000lbs will expire at midnight on December 31st.
- C. Trucks with a GVW of 26,001 pounds or more are issued two license plates, which must be displayed on the front and rear of the vehicle. The validation decal must be affixed to the license plate displayed on the front of the truck (refer to Procedure RS-45).**
- D. A truck tractor is issued one license plate which must be displayed on the front of the truck tractor.**
- E. 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 [Procedure RS-31](#)) to use while Direct Mail is processing the license plate transaction. The tribal office also may contact FLHSMV to issue a temporary plate in this situation.

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

Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
Direct Mail Section, MS# 72
Neil Kirkman Bldg.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

G. Attached as Exhibit A is the “Notice to Dealers Concerning Indian Tribal License Plates” document.

H. Attached as Exhibit B is the “Affidavit by Indian Tribal Member to Accompany Application for Florida Title” is attached as Exhibit B.

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

Historical Revisions:

04/30/18 - Updated phone extension, conducted statutory review, added links to statutes and procedures.

05/20/2015 - Removed the plate replacement information on page 3 and updated the name of the registration processing section throughout the entire procedure.

EXHIBIT A

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 for each respective Indian Reservation has the responsibility of submitting the necessary documentation to the Division of Motorist Services – Bureau of Issuance Oversight, 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 the member) 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 the Customer Service Center at (850) 617-2000.

EXHIBIT B

**AFFIDAVIT INDIAN TRIBAL MEMBER
TO ACCOMPANY APPLICATION FOR FLORIDA TITLE**

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 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)

EXHIBIT C

**NOTICE TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES
DIVISION OF MOTORIST SERVICES
SURRENDERING OF 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 or 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: _____