

15C-17.001 Provider Requirements.

(1) Every Electronic Temporary Registration (ETR) provider pursuant to Chapter 15C-16, F.A.C., must also provide a method to issue an electronic temporary plate transfer.

(2) Providers must be authorized by the department to provide dealers with a system that allows connectivity to interface with the motor vehicle database. In order to become an ETR provider, the provider must:

(a) Enter into a contract with the department.

(b) Demonstrate to the department that the provider's system at a minimum can successfully process registration transactions, generate reports as set forth in subsection (3) and provide information in "real-time" utilizing the interface designed by the department.

(c) Provide a performance bond or irrevocable letter of credit for \$50,000 with the department.

(3) ETR providers must ensure that their system can provide the following:

(a) Registration certificate.

(b) Provide a list to the department, by county, by dealer, of all provider authorized users of the ETR system.

(c) Inquiry capabilities subject to applicable fees as set forth in Section 320.05(3)(e), F.S.

(4) Authorized ETR providers shall:

(a) Provide support, assistance, and training to any dealer using their system.

(b) Ensure that access and data are secure and that the ETR system is only used by authorized users.

(c) Follow installation procedures as set forth by the department.

(d) Maintain all contractual agreements with dealers for a period of five fiscal years after completion or termination of the contract.

(e) Make all records available for inspection or audit at any time during normal business hours by the department.

(f) Ensure all principals and prospective users have had a criminal history check conducted by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and maintain lists of authorized users. Proof of verification of criminal history checks by the dealer must be maintained for a period of five fiscal years.

(g) Transfer all funds collected in connection with the processing of registration transactions via electronic funds transfer to the department within five business days of the date of the transaction.

(h) Provide at its expense all equipment necessary to provide an interface between the ETR provider's server and the department's server.

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15C-17.002 Exemptions, Restrictions and Enforcement.

(1) In order to be temporarily transferred, the registration must have more than 30 days of valid registration remaining. If the current registration does not meet this requirement, an electronic temporary registration must be issued pursuant to Chapter 15C-16, F.A.C.

(2) When a temporary plate transfer transaction cannot be performed due to connectivity issues, every issuer of temporary plate transfers must perform the following:

(a) Provide written documentation to the customer indicating the transfer could not take place due to a connection failure.

(b) Issue a pre-printed temporary license plate pursuant to subsection 15C-16.002(2), F.A.C.

(3) The following are prohibited acts that will result in termination of authorization as an ETR provider:

(a) Willful misrepresentation of ETR policies, procedures, contractual terms or other registration policies or procedures.

(b) Using department information for reasons other than ETR.

(c) Failure to correct errors as required by the department.

(d) Failure to execute electronic funds transfer in the specified time frame.

(e) Failure to ensure access is only provided to authorized users.

(4) The department will revoke a dealer's ability to use ETR for any violation that jeopardizes the integrity of the system. This rule shall not prevent the department from imposing any additional sanctions or fines as allowed by other applicable laws or rules, including but not limited to, Section 320.27, F.S. After revocation of the use of ETR, a dealer will only be allowed access if it can prove to the department it has taken corrective measures to no longer jeopardize the integrity of the system.

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15C-17.003 Dealer Requirements.

(1) Every motor vehicle dealer licensed under Chapter 320, F.S., shall report all temporary plate transfers via the ETR system, a tax collector's office, or a license plate agency prior to the license plate being placed on a newly acquired vehicle.

(2) A dealer must provide verification to the ETR provider that criminal history checks are performed on all principals or prospective users and meet the requirements set forth in this rule prior to the ETR provider allowing access to the system and registering authorized users. The dealer's principals or prospective users must have no convictions involving a felony for the last 7 years except as provided in Section 112.011(1)(b), F.S. Regardless of the passage of time since the conviction and notwithstanding restoration of civil rights, anyone convicted of a felony involving dishonesty, including but not limited to, identity fraud, embezzlement or other economic crimes is not eligible to be granted authorization to use the ETR system. The convictions listed above that would prohibit authorization to use the ETR system do not include any felony convictions involving the actual operation of a motor vehicle.

(3) Dealers shall ensure that only authorized users have access to the ETR system.

(4) If a dealer charges a fee to the customer for an electronic temporary plate transfer, the fee shall be disclosed separately and in a clear and conspicuous manner in the sales agreement. Sales agreement shall mean the document that the buyer and seller sign memorializing the terms of the sale and includes, but is not limited to, a buyer's order and a bill of sale. The dealer may not disclose or disguise the fee charged for the electronic temporary plate transfer as a State or Government fee.

(5) Any person or entity authorized to conduct temporary plate transfers shall maintain all records relating to the transfer for a period of 5 years, and such records shall be open to inspection by the department or its agents during reasonable business hours.

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