



TECHNICAL ADVISORY

DIVISION OF MOTORIST SERVICES

DATE: August 26, 2016	Technical Advisory RS/TL16-022
SUBJECT: Titling and Registering Former Military Vehicles	

Overview:

Changes for titling and registering former military vehicles will be deployed to pilot sites on Friday, August 26, 2016, and statewide on Friday, September 9, 2016.

The Department of Defense is contracting with companies to allow certain former military vehicles, primarily Humvees, to be sold to customers. These vehicles are not designed to be operated on the roads and customers purchasing these vehicles are made aware of this upon purchasing the vehicles from the contracted seller. However, some customers are trying to title and register these vehicles to operate them on the roads of Florida.

Florida law does address former military vehicles in section 320.086(3), Florida Statutes. These vehicles can be used only in exhibitions, parades or public display. The Department has made changes to FRVIS to allow us to issue titles only or a title and registration depending on the use of the vehicle. We are also creating stops and other system enhancements to try and avoid customers later trying to title and register these vehicles for regular road use. A new permanent license plate for these vehicles is also being created.

Titles and registrations for former military vehicles can only be issued through a Division of Motorist Services (DMS) Regional Office. The process will involve a visual inspection of the vehicle to ensure it has been maintained to represent its military design and markings accurately. Tax Collector employees and agents should direct any customers wanting to title and register a former military vehicle that cannot be operated legally on the roads except as set forth below to a DMS Regional Office

Details:

Former military vehicles will have a title and registration or title only issued through the DMS Regional Offices after a visual inspection of the vehicle. If a customer has purchased a former military vehicle which has maintained its military design and markings, the customer is eligible for a title and registration. The registration allows the vehicle to be used for exhibitions, parades or public display and the customer will receive the new former military vehicle license plate. If the former military vehicle has not been maintained with its military design and markings, the customer the customer may request a title only. An inspection fee will not be

charged; however, normal title and registration fees will be collected with the exception of the Initial Registration Fee.

The following changes are being made to FRVIS:

- The Department has created a new class code, 81 – Former Military.
- The Department has created a new license plate code – XMR for regular size plates and XCR for motorcycle size plates.
- All titles for former military vehicles will receive a brand “Former Military Vehicle – Restricted Use”.
- Vehicles that receive a title only will receive a vehicle stop of “Former Military Vehicle – Registration Not Authorized” to disallow any registration issuances. If the title has a vehicle stop “Former Military Vehicle – Registration Not Authorized” FRVIS will return an error message displaying “Registration Not Authorized.” This stop can only be removed by the Department.
- At the time of registration, FRVIS will look at the title and confirm it is branded “Former Military Vehicle – Restricted Use”. FRVIS will also confirm that the title does not have the stop “Former Military Vehicle – Registration Not Authorized”. If the stop is not found, FRVIS will allow the issuance of the former military permanent license plate to the vehicle.
- The registration certificate for the former military vehicle will print with the following language displayed:

This is a former military vehicle and can be used only in exhibitions, parades, or public display. This registration only covers the vehicle if it is maintained to represent its military design and markings accurately (s.320.086 F.S.)

- Former military vehicle titles that have been branded “Former Military Vehicle – Restricted Use” cannot be processed through EFS.
- Former military license plates are not allowed to be transferred, only original issuances or replacements.
- The following vehicle types are allowed to be registered in the new class code 81 with a registration use of permanent:
 - AM - Amphibious
 - AU - Automobile
 - BS - Bus
 - MC- Motorcycle
 - TO - Tool
 - TR - Truck

- VT – Vehicle Trailer

If you need additional information, please contact your next level of management or the Field Support Center.