

Motor Vehicle Procedure Manual
Registration
Motor Vehicle Registration Codes

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Legal Authority

[Chapter 320, Florida Statutes](#), provides for all license tax and applicable fees for the purpose of motor vehicle registration.

[Section 320.08, Florida Statutes](#), specifically identifies the registration tax amount for each category of motor vehicle and mobile home.

[Section 320.17, Florida Statutes](#), provides the Department the responsibility and authority to determine the classification of a motor vehicle in order to administer Chapter 320, Florida Statutes.

[Section 320.0609, Florida Statutes](#), provides for a \$4.50 transfer fee to be assessed under certain circumstances when a license plate is being transferred to a replacement vehicle.

[Section 320.031, Florida Statutes](#), provides for the assessment of a fee for the mailing of license plates and validation decals.

Description and Use

This procedure provides information and instructions to assist tax collector employees, license plate agents, and The Florida Department Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) in calculating registration tax, fees and the distribution of those funds.

Tax Class Codes

A combination of vehicle information entered on the record determines the class_code.

The class code is created from:

- the weight,
- body type and
- vehicle type.

Registration use, license plate inventory code and class code are used to determine registration fees. See Division of Motorist Services Procedure [RS-01](#) for the license plate inventory codes. Class code conversions may be seen in "General Reports" on the motor vehicle issuance system.

Tag Types Codes

Tag type identifier codes are no longer used to identify specific license plates. Each license plate has an inventory code assigned. The inventory code is now one of several factors used to determine the registration fee.

License plates issued with an inventory code ending with a "P" indicates a personalized plate. License plates issued with an inventory code ending with an "A" indicates an amateur radio plate.

License plates issued with an inventory code ending with a "J" indicates a dealer specialty plate.

License plates issued with an inventory code ending with a "O" indicates a fleet specialty plate.

Fee Codes

Fee codes will no longer be used to charge or exempt fees. "Reg. use" codes are now used to charge or exempt fees.

Transfer Codes

Transfer codes are no longer used. The motor vehicle issuance system calculates registration tax and fees based on the "reg. use" and "weight" of the vehicle. Refer to Division of Motorist Services Procedure [RS-05](#) for additional information concerning transfers.

Mail Codes

If applying by mail, refer to Division of Motorist Services Procedure [RS-01](#).

Mail fees collected by a county license plate agency are retained for use by the county. Mail fees collected by the Division of Motorist Services are distributed to the General Revenue Fund.

Revision(s) to Procedure

Added License plates issued with an inventory code ending with a “J” indicates a dealer specialty plate and License plates issued with an inventory code ending with a “O” indicates a fleet specialty plate.

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