

<b>Motor Vehicle Procedure Manual</b>
<b>Registration</b>
Transporter License Plates

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**Legal Authority**

[Section 320.133, Florida Statutes](#), provides for a transporter license plate to be issued to any customer who, incidental to the conduct of his business, engages in the transporting of motor vehicles that are not currently registered with valid license plates.

**Description and Use**

This procedure is provided to assist employees of the tax collector, license plate agent and the Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) with information and instructions for issuing a Transporter License Plate.

**Eligibility Criteria**

The following information should be considered in determining eligibility for issuance of the transporter license plate:

- A. Below are types of businesses that are eligible for these plates, but eligibility is not necessarily limited to these types of businesses
  - 1. Motor Vehicle Detail Shops
  - 2. Van Conversion Shops

3. Specialized businesses which install additional equipment on motor vehicles.
4. Licensed repossessors who contract with lending institutions to repossess and/or recover motor vehicles or mobile homes.
5. Drive away services. Businesses which provide drivers to deliver an unregistered vehicle from one location to another for a vehicle owner.
6. Motor vehicles dealers.

B. The following types of businesses or transport operators ARE NOT ELIGIBLE:

1. Banks and other lending institutions. Such institutions must use temporary license plates when demonstrating or repossessing motor vehicles.
2. Vehicle transport operators using trucks, truck tractors, car carriers, low-boys, or trailers to transport vehicles. Any power unit used to transport vehicles must display a regular GVW license plate and any trailer used in such transport activity must display a regular trailer license plate.
3. **Businesses that transport people.**
4. Mobile home dealers.

### Application Requirements

**A maximum of five transporter plates per entity may be processed in a tax collector's office or with a license plate agency. Applications that would result with an entity having more than five transporter plates, must be processed through an FLHSMV Division of Motorist Services Regional Office. The following documentation must be submitted:**

- A. [HSMV 83065](#), Application for Transporter License Plate completed by the customer.
- B. Proof of garage or commercial automobile liability insurance coverage, in the amount of \$100,000 or more. A copy of the Florida insurance policy, binder or certificate of insurance is acceptable.
- C. A copy of the occupational, business license or documentation from the Department of State, Division of Corporations.
- D. Fees: Submit fees in accordance with the Tax Due and Credit Manual under class code "70," Original License Plate fee, Decal on Demand fee and Service fee (add Branch fee if applying through a county branch office). Refer to the Registration Fees and Flat Taxes Distribution Chart for applicable fees.

## Renewal of Transporter Plates

Renewals must be processed through the county license plates agencies upon proof of sufficient liability insurance coverage and payment of fees. The fees include the registration tax and fees from the Tax Due and Credit Manual under class code "70," Decal on Demand fee and Service fee (add Branch fee, if applying through a county branch office). Refer to the Registration Fees and Flat Taxes Distribution Chart for applicable fees.

## Additional or Replacement License Plate

**Tax collectors and license plate agencies may only issue or replace up to five transporter license plates per entity. If requests for additional plates will exceed five transporter plates being issued to an entity or more than five transporter plates will be replaced within a calendar year the request must be processed through a FLHSMV Division of Motorist Services Regional Office. Plates will be issued upon submission of the following:**

- A. [HSMV 83146](#), An Application for a Replacement License Plate, Validation Decal or Parking Permit completed by the customer and proof of sufficient liability insurance coverage.
- B. Fees: Replacement License Plate fee, Decal on Demand fee, Service fee (add Branch fee, if applying through a county branch office), Advanced Replacement fee, Air Pollution Control fee, Emergency Medical Services fee, FRVIS fee and Reflectorization fee. Refer to the Registration Fees and Flat Taxes Distribution Chart for applicable fees.
- C. If the license plate or decal is a replacement or a stolen license plate or decal, see [RS-06](#) for additional information.
- D. A copy of the registration certificate.

## Surrender of Transporter License Plate

- A. Transporter license plates can be surrendered to your local Tax Collector or Regional office.

## Revision(s)

- 08/01/22: **Added new language to “Application Requirements” on page 2 and “Additional or Replacement License Plate, on pg. 3.”**
- 12/28/21: Added language “Transporter license plates can be surrendered to your local Tax Collector or Regional office.”
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