

Motor Vehicle Procedure Manual
Vessel Registration
Amphibious Vessels

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Legal Authority

[Section 328.48\(2\), Florida Statutes](#), requires each vessel operated, used or stored on the waters of this state to be registered either as a commercial or recreational vessel as defined in [Section 327.02, Florida Statutes](#) unless it meets one of the exemptions set forth in **Section 328.48(2), Florida Statutes**. Refer to [VSRS-14](#), Vessel Registration Exemptions, for a complete list of vessel registration exemptions.

[Section 328.03\(1\)\(g\), Florida Statutes](#), exempts amphibious vessels from being issued a vessel title if a motor vehicle title has been issued.

Description and Use

This procedure provides information and instructions to assist employees of the tax collector, license plate agent and the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles in the issuance of amphibious vessel registrations.

Documentation and Special Instructions

- A. If an amphibious vessel is not required to be issued a motor vehicle title, it must be registered and titled as a vessel.

Assign a Florida registration number and issue a registration certificate and a decal.

For instructions on vessel titling procedures, see Procedure [TL-10](#).

- B. If the amphibious vessel has a motor vehicle title and needs to be registered as a vessel, submit the following to the tax collector's office or license plate agency:

Form [HSMV 87244](#), "Application to Register Non-Titled Vessels", accurately completed. Attach a copy of the motor vehicle title to the application.

Assign a Florida registration number and issue a registration certificate and decal (commercial and recreational).

Revision(s) to Procedure

Statutory review. Added links to statutes and form. Added Historical Revisions section