

| Motor Vehicle Procedure Manual |
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| Vessel Registration |
| Government Registrations/Decals |

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Legal Authority

[Section 328.48\(3\), Florida Statutes](#), provides for the issuance of certificates of registration and numbers for city, county and state-owned vessels, charging only the service fees **required in s. 328.72(7) and (8)**, provided the vessels are used for purposes other than recreation.

Description and Use

This procedure provides information and instructions for the issuance of government registration/decals.

As of July 01, 2023, FLHSMV has updated the Form HSMV 82040 Application for Certificate of Title With/Without Registration. HSMV 82040 has been updated into three separate forms:

- HSMV 82040 MV – Application for Certificate of Motor Vehicle Title - [HSMV 82040 MV](#)

HSMV 82040 MV should be used when processing applications for certificate of title for the following vehicle types:

- AU – Auto
- BS – Bus
- MC – Motorcycle
- OH – Off-Highway
- TO – Tools
- TR – Truck
- TT – Travel Trailers
- VT – Vehicle Trailers

- HSMV 82040 VS – Application for Certificate of Vessel Title – [HSMV 82040 VS](#)

HSMV 82040 VS should be used when processing applications for certificate of title for the following vehicle type: VS – Vessel

- HSMV 82040 MH – Application for Certificate of Mobile Home – [HSMV 82040 MH](#)

HSMV 82040 MH should be used when processing applications for certificate of title for the following vehicle type: MH – Mobile Home

Effective July 01, 2023, all certificate of Florida titles issued for Vessels will be required to be processed using Form HSMV 82040 VS – Application for Certificate of Vessel Title. The signed Form HSMV 82041 will no longer be accepted in lieu of Form HSMV 82040 VS.

FLHSMV anticipates accepting the current HSMV 82040 – Application for Certificate of Title With/Without Registration for Motor Vehicles and Mobile Homes until December 31, 2023.

Effective January 01, 2024, all certificate of Florida titles issued for Motor Vehicles and Mobile Homes will be required to be processed using Forms HSMV 82040 MV – Application for Certificate of Motor Vehicle Title and HSMV 82040 MH – Application for Certificate of Mobile Home Title.

Documentation and Special Instructions

Submit the following documentation to the tax collector's office or license plate agency for processing:

The vessel will be assigned a "FL" number, certificate of registration and decal.

- A. Original Application for Government Registration (must be operated by city, county or state and cannot be used for recreational purposes)
 - 1. Proof of ownership.
 - 2. Form [HSMV 87244](#), Application to Register Non-Titled Vessels, accurately completed.
 - 3. Fees.
- B. Original Application for Government Registration in Conjunction with a Title Application.
 - 1. Proof of ownership.
 - 2. Form HSMV 82040, Application for Certificate of Title with/without Registration accurately completed.
 - 3. Title fees.
- C. Transfer of Government Registration between governmental agencies.
 - 1. A bill of sale from the seller showing the name of the purchaser and a complete description of the vessel.
 - 2. Form [HSMV 87244](#), accurately completed. The new governmental agency will keep the same FL number.
 - 3. Fees.
- D. Registration Renewal
 - 1. Provide a copy of the previous registration or renewal notice.
 - 2. Fees.

Miscellaneous Information

- A. If a government vessel is transferred to a private individual, and the vessel was not titled by the government agency, the new owner should make an application for an "Original Title." It will be processed as an "Original Title" and the registration will be transferred.
- B. Proper proof of ownership is the same as specified for any registration/title application.
- C. Registration should reflect a use of "GOVT" in use block by selecting "GV" for registration use.
- D. The completed application must be retained in the tax collector or license plate agency office for one year.

Revision(s) to Procedure

06/26/23: for the new Form HSMV 82040s

Statutory Review. Updated F.S.328.48(3). Added links to statute and forms.

5/1/02 Added the vessel will be assigned a FL number, registration, and decal by the county tax collector. Added names of forms. Added requirements when transferring between governmental agencies. If government vessel is transferred to a private individual and the vessel was not titled by the government agency, the new owner applies for an Original Title, and the registration will be transferred.