

# TRAFFIC NEWSLETTER

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**REVISED CERTIFICATE OF TITLE AND REGISTRATION CARD** • In the near future DMV will begin issuing a revised Certificate of Title and Salvage Title. Following is a description of the changes and the reasons DMV is revising its titles.

The first change you'll likely notice is the introduction of a bold red "Title Brands Box" which takes the place of the previous black title brand box on the Certificate of Title (DMV Form 410).

An advisory group representing auto dealers, insurance companies and consumer advocates assisted DMV in designing a title that would make title brands easier for consumers to identify. The result is the new bold red "Title Brands Box."

Additionally, the back of both the Oregon Certificate of Title and the Oregon Salvage Title (DMV Form 417) have been revised so that there is only one reassignment area on the back of the new titles. The change from three to one assignment space came at the request of the Oregon Dealer Advisory Committee. The change adds additional space to the back of the title for instructions and information regarding seller notice and title brands.

Finally, a blue-shaded "Title Brands" box has been added to the bottom of the registration card issued with the title form. If there is a title brand printed on the title, it will also be printed within the blue-shaded area on the registration card.

These form revisions do not add additional workload or change current processes or procedures for title transactions.

If you have any questions regarding the new title revisions, please contact Vehicle Programs at (503) 945-5243.



**VEHICLE CODE BOOKS** • The 2003-2004 Oregon Vehicle Code Book is now available. The charge for the books is \$5 per copy, which covers the cost of compiling, publishing, and distributing the books.

*Format* - The books are approximately 5 ½ by 8 ½ inches in size, and are available in both a bound and loose-leaf version. There are a limited number of loose-leaf (notebook style) books available. The loose-leaf format requires a three ring binder, which is **not** provided by DMV. Requests for loose-leaf books will be filled on a first-come first-served basis until the supply has

been exhausted. If there are no loose-leaf books available, requests will be filled with the bound version of the book.

To purchase copies of the book, send your written request, with payment, to:

DMV - Record Services  
1905 Lana Ave NE  
Salem OR 97314

Please be sure to include the complete name and address where you want the books shipped. If the books need to come to a particular person's attention, please include that information in your request. Please state the number of books you are requesting, as well as the format (see above). It is also a good idea to include a phone number and the name of the person to be contacted in case there are any questions about your request. **You must send payment with your request, as DMV is unable to process requests without proper payment.** If you have any questions, please contact DMV Customer Assistance at (503) 945-5000.



**UPDATE TO THE ACCIDENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS** • The Oregon Traffic Accident and Insurance Report and the Oregon Police Traffic Crash Report forms were updated on January 1, 2004. The updates incorporated changes to accident reporting requirements brought about by House Bill 2933.

It has come to our attention that many old versions of the Oregon Traffic Accident and Insurance Report\* and the Oregon Police Traffic Crash Report\* forms are still being used for accidents that occurred after January 1, 2004. The new forms should now be the **only** forms used for all accidents occurring after January 1, 2004 to ensure the accident meets current reporting requirements.

Additionally, DMV received clarification from the AG's office regarding two of the reporting requirements.

1. The original wording stated that "all drivers must report if a vehicle is towed due to damages resulting from the accident". The new wording is "all drivers must report if damage to any vehicle is over \$1,500 **and** any vehicle is towed from the scene as a result of damages from this accident".
2. Damage to any one person's property other than a vehicle is over \$1,500 (Note: A vehicle is not considered to be property under the revised law (ORS 811.720).)

The \$1,500 threshold must be met in order for the accident to be reported (unless injury or fatalities resulted from the accident).

\* To order the new forms call the ODOT/DMV Storeroom at 503-986-5771 and use the following form numbers:

- 735-32 (1-04) - Oregon Traffic Accident and Insurance Report form
- 735-46a (1-04) - Oregon Police Traffic Crash Report form

If you have questions, contact Melody Sheffield, DMV Driver Programs at (503) 945-5520.



**TITLE BRANDS** • Starting August 2, 2004, DMV will begin adding three new title brands to Oregon records and title certificates. In addition to the current title brands that are printed on Oregon titles, DMV will begin adding ‘Lemon Law’, ‘Glider Kit’, and ‘Flood’ when an out of state title is submitted with one of these brands.

The current brand notation ‘Previous Damage – state name’ is being replaced with a generic brand of ‘Branded – state name’. If an out-of-state title has multiple brands or there is not an equivalent Oregon brand to match, the title will be issued with the notation ‘Branded’ and the state name where the title was issued e.g., ‘Branded – California’. DMV will not convert the current records with the notation ‘Previous Damage – state name’ to the new notation ‘Branded – state name’ until those titles are received for transfer or a purged record is rebuilt.

All brands will print in the ‘Title Brand’ box on the face of the title. The word ‘NONE’ will display in the brand box when there is no brand entered for the vehicle record.

If you have any questions, you may contact Polly Dixon, DMV Vehicle Programs, at (503) 945-8917.



**USE OF BIOPTIC TELESCOPIC LENS** • On July 1, 2004, DMV will implement a pilot program allowing individuals with visual acuity between 20/80 and 20/200 and a visual field of at least 120 degrees horizontally and 80 degrees vertically, to apply for an Oregon driver license. The law specifies requirements for drivers with a limited vision condition to obtain and maintain a driver license, including the use of bioptic telescopic lenses while driving, completion of a rehabilitation training program, and periodic retesting.

Before they can apply for a regular instruction permit or driver license, the applicant must obtain a special limited vision condition learner’s permit, complete a rehabilitation training program, and receive a certificate of competency from a rehabilitation training specialist certified by DMV. Before they will be issued a driver license, they must pass a drive test conducted by a DMV examiner.

There will be one new permit type (displays in the “license type” field on the driving record) for the special limited vision learner’s permit. The new permit type will be “LVIP” (limited vision instruction permit). There will also be a new matching permit segment that goes in the body of the driver’s record. (See the Guide to Oregon Driving Records electronic publication for additional information on License and Permit Types, as necessary.) The permit authorizes the person to drive only with the certified instructor, during the course of their training program. **The permit will be in the form of a letter.** The person may or may not have a DMV identification card in their possession. Such ID is not required. Following the successful completion of the rehabilitation training program, the rehabilitation training specialist will issue the driver a Certificate of Competency.

Any instruction permit or license issued under this program will be restricted to authorize operation of a motor vehicle only during daylight hours, on highways with a designated speed or posted speed limit of not greater than 45 miles per hour, and when the person is using a bioptic telescopic lens.

In order to maintain driving privileges, a driver will be required every two years to submit a new vision certification form showing that the driver continues to meet the requirements for licensure under this program, and pass another DMV drive test using the bioptic lens. Failure to comply with or meet the recertification requirements will result in the suspension or cancellation of their driving privileges, as appropriate.

Provisional Drivers – All requirements applicable to provisional drivers apply to the instruction permits and licenses issued to provisional age drivers under this program, including but not limited to passenger restrictions.

Because this is a pilot, the program will run for a fixed period of time. Unless extended or made permanent by action of the legislature, the program will end on June 30, 2008. Any driving privileges granted under the pilot program will be subject to cancellation at that time.

If you have any questions, you may contact DMV Driver Programs, at (503) 945-5090.



**SPEED LAW CHANGES** • In Oregon in 2003, there were 512 people killed in traffic crashes on Oregon roads. Of those, 261 people were killed in traffic crashes where someone was traveling too fast for the road conditions or exceeding the posted speed at the time of the fatal crash. Speeding is now the number one factor in fatal traffic crashes in the state of Oregon. The attachment provides an update on 2003 changes to the speed laws.

If you have questions, contact Steve Vitolo, Transportation Safety Division, Law-Enforcement and Judicial Programs, at 503-986-4446 or email: [steve.d.vitolo@odot.state.or.us](mailto:steve.d.vitolo@odot.state.or.us).

# Speed Law Update – 2003 Legislative Changes FAQ

## **HB 2661** (On Citation in ORS field: **811.111, Violating a Speed Limit**).

Note: VBR under 811.100 can still apply on any road if the conditions warrant i.e. 54 mph in a 55 zone on black ice. If **at or under** the posted speed, this is an automatic class B violation under the new provision.

**Key Components: This is effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004.**

- 1.) Laws **Repealed** as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004: **811.110, 811.112, 811.115, 811.120, 811.123**
- 2.) **EVERY piece** of Interstate Highway is now a Maximum Speed Limit area.
  - a. **For 65 Mph or Greater speed limit violations, there is an enhanced step for speed limit violations if the posted limit is 65 mph or greater i.e. (1-10= C Viol, 11-20= B Viol, 21+Up = A Viol).**
- 3.) EVERY road within the **city limits** OF AN INCORPORATED CITY is now a maximum speed limit (there is no longer the Urban growth boundary or population requirement).
  - It DOES NOT matter if the road inside the City Limits is a State Highway, it is still a limit.
- 4.) EVERY State Highway or County Road that **IS NOT** inside the city limits of an incorporated city is **VBR**.
- 5.) ODOT will study the interstates to determine if the Speed Limit will raise anywhere to **70 Cars/ 65 Trucks**. If we do post a different number, it will be a **Maximum Speed Limit** as all speeds on the interstates are.

**Base fine schedule changes for speed and most other traffic violations:**

Class of Violation	Base Fine for Violation	Max Reduction by Court or Viol. Bureau =75%	If Contributed to Crash	Safety Corridor, School Zone, Work Zone	Notes
Class A Viol.	<b>\$421</b>	<b>\$315.75</b>	<b>\$493</b>	<b>\$672</b>	If SC, SZ or WZ, the court or violations bureau <b>“May not waive, reduce or suspend the base fine amount or the minimum fine required by this section”</b> . Note: Safety Corridor must be signed as a double fine zone. Note: School zone must be signed as double fine. <b>*Note: Only C and D violations that are speeding related are doubled in SC, SZ or WZ (i.e Seat Belt Violations are not doubled).</b>
Class B Viol.	<b>\$237</b>	<b>\$177.75</b>	<b>\$273</b>	<b>\$349</b>	
Class C Viol.	<b>\$141</b>	<b>\$ 105.75</b>	<b>\$165</b>	<b>\$201**</b>	
Class D Viol.	<b>\$94</b>	<b>\$ 70.50</b>	<b>\$105</b>	<b>\$123**</b>	

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