

Chapter K

Registration

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When a title transaction also involves registration or renewal, there may be additional requirements. Requirements may include proof of financial responsibility (insurance), DEQ, residency/domicile, or Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (HVUT). This chapter covers these topics. For information on odometer requirements, see [Chapter H](#).

Application for Registration, Renewal, Replacement or Transfer of Plates and/or Stickers, [Form 268](#)

The Application for Registration, Renewal, Replacement or Transfer of Plates and/or Stickers, Form 268, is used for registration transactions only.

Please read about customer number and address in [Chapter A](#) before completing the application.

Completing the Application

FRONT

Line 1

- **Vehicle Identification Number (VIN):** List the complete VIN as shown on the Oregon title or registration card for the vehicle.
- **Oregon Title #:** Current Oregon title number.

Line 2

- **Present Oregon Plate #:** Current Oregon plate number.
- **Year, Make, and Style**
- **Equipment #:** Seven digits maximum. Optional. Recorded for businesses only.
- **Weight/Length/GVWR:** If applicable.

Line 3

- **Special Plates:** List the type of plate applied for. If a group plate is requested, list the name of the organization in the “Remarks” area at the bottom of the form. If a veteran plate, specify which type.
- **Farm ID # and Fleet Account #:** If applicable.
- **Motor Power:** Check the appropriate box to indicate the type of motor power. Check “Hybrid” for vehicles that use electricity plus another source of power. “Plug-in Hybrid” should be checked for vehicles that can be charged by plugging into an electrical receptacle and use gasoline power. “Natural Gas” should be checked if compressed natural gas is the motor power. “Flex-Fuel” should be checked if it is the motor power. If “other” is checked, write in the type of power that propels the vehicle. If powered by more than one type of motor power, write in all types used.

Line 4

- **Name of Owner or Lessee:** Full legal name of owner as shown on the ODL, ID card, or instruction permit for individuals. The registration will show the address for the

owner listed on Line 4.

- **ODL/ID/Customer # and Date of Birth:** This information enables DMV to locate the customer in the DMV database. Enter the Oregon driver license number, Oregon ID number, or Oregon customer number for all owners, including businesses. With the revision of Form 268 dated 2/08, this information does not copy through to the Notice of Transaction Submitted.

Line 5

- **Owner's Residence Address:** Address must be the actual residence address of the registered owners(s) or lessee(s) listed on Line 4. If the address on the application is different from the address in the customer record, DMV will update the customer record to show the new address. If the registered owner is a business, use the actual Oregon location of the business. If the vehicle is primarily housed or dispatched from a location different than the actual business address of the owner, you must provide the vehicle address on Line 9.
- **Mailing Address:** Complete the mailing address of the owner listed on Line 4 if it is different from the residence address. If the dealership is renewing the registration of a vehicle in dealer stock, **do not use this area; use the one-time mailing address area on Line 9.**

Line 6

- **City, State, ZIP Code:** This must match the residence address.
- **County of Residence:** Fill in the owner's county of residence.
- **City, State, ZIP Code:** This must match the mailing address of the registered owner.
- **County of Mailing:** Fill in the owner's county of mailing.

Lines 7 & 8

- **Name of Joint Owner or Lessee:** Full legal name of owner as shown on the ODL, ID card, or instruction permit for individuals.
- **ODL/ID/Customer # and Date of Birth:** This information enables DMV to locate the customer in the DMV database files. Enter the Oregon driver license, Oregon ID, or Oregon customer number for **all** owners, including businesses. Enter the date of birth for individuals.

Dealers may renew the registration on vehicles in their dealer stock.

A Dealer Notice of Vehicle Purchase, Form 165, must accompany the application if DMV records do not already show one on file for the dealership.

Line 9

- **One-Time Mailing Address:** Used only for this transaction. This address will not show on the customer record. If a dealership is renewing the registration of a vehicle in its dealer stock, it is important to list the dealer address on Line 9 to avoid changing the registered owner's address. **Include "c/o" indicating "in care of,"** along with the dealer name and address.
- **Vehicle Address:** Vehicle address means the residence or business address where the vehicle is primarily housed, or from where the vehicle is primarily dispatched when different from the actual residence or business address of the owner.

Line 10

- **City, State, ZIP Code:** This must match the one-time mailing address.
- **City, State, ZIP Code:** This must match the vehicle address.
- **County (of vehicle address or use):** If the vehicle will be used in a county other than the county of residence, provide the name of the county of use.

Line 11

- **Certifications:** Complete if transaction is a renewal.

Lines 12 & 13

- **Signature of Owner(s):** Signature of owner(s) and date of signature. If a dealer is renewing the registration for a vehicle in their dealer stock, the signature of an authorized dealer representative and date of signature.
- **Telephone #:** The telephone number is optional but is helpful if DMV needs more information.

Line 14

- **Transaction Type:** Check the applicable box.
- **Plate Type:** Check the applicable box. If the plate type applied for is a group or "other," specify the type of plate in the "Remarks" section. **NOTE:** If plate type is one of the veterans' plates, specify which type of veteran plate.

Remarks

- If the vehicle is in dealer stock, the notation "vehicle in dealer stock" must appear in the "Remarks" section of the Form 268.

BACK

- **Form Information**
- **Important Notice for Vehicles with a Combined Weight over 26,000 Pounds**
- **Commercial Vehicle – Drug and Alcohol Testing Certification**
- **Military Benefit Information Request:** If an applicant is a member or veteran of a military service, they may authorize DMV to send their name, address, and email address to the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) for the purpose of receiving benefit information, by printing and signing their name on this line.
- **Deaf or Hard of Hearing Notation on Vehicle Registration**

Renewing the registration on a vehicle in dealer inventory

Dealers may renew the Oregon registration on a vehicle in their dealer stock. Only the dealer who has the vehicle in their dealer stock, and has reported that information to DMV, may renew the registration.

1. If you have not yet reported the vehicle in your dealer stock, complete and submit a Dealer Notice of Vehicle Purchase, [Form 165](#), before applying to renew the registration. Or you may report the vehicle online in the DMV2U Dealer Portal.
2. Complete an Application for Registration, [Form 268](#):
 - List the registered owners on the DMV vehicle record
 - Complete the one-time mailing address to show c/o dealer name and dealer address
 - Sign and countersign Form 268. The form does not need to be signed by the registered owners on the DMV vehicle record
 - Provide any required insurance, residency/domicile and DEQ information

Low Emissions Vehicle Compliance

Beginning with model year 2009, Oregon requires passenger vehicles registered under ORS 803.420(1) and showing 7,500 miles or less on the odometer to prove compliance with the low emissions vehicle (LEV) requirement to obtain registration. This does not apply to government-exempt, electric, hybrid or other vehicles registered under different sub-sections of [ORS 803.420](#).

MCOs

Certain statements on MCOs prove LEV compliance. Acceptable LEV language on the MCO includes any of the statements listed below.

- This vehicle conforms to (or with) U.S. EPA and State of California regulations.
- This vehicle conforms to (or with) U.S. EPA regulations and is certified for sale in California.
- This vehicle has a California emission system.
- This vehicle meets/satisfies California emission standards.
- This vehicle is certified/legal for sale in California.
- This vehicle is certified/legal for sale in 50 states.

Also acceptable on the MCO is a similar statement that clearly indicates the vehicle complies with California emission standards or the Oregon LEV Program requirement is certified legal for sale in all 50 states or is certified legal for sale in California.

Under hood emission label check

Certified Oregon dealers with the vehicle in their stock may check the vehicle for an under-hood emission label that indicates LEV compliance, and certify the vehicle's compliance on the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Inspection, [Form 11](#).

A DEQ Certificate of Compliance stamped by a DEQ employee who viewed a conforming label is acceptable. DEQ will certify compliance only when the vehicle is required to be tested for emissions.

Exemptions

Vehicles with over 7,500 miles on the odometer do not have to prove compliance with LEV standards.

There are a number of other exemptions from LEV compliance. Exemptions are listed on the Declaration of Exemption from the Oregon Low-Emission Vehicle Requirement (LEV), [Form 7309](#). The applicant for registration must sign the form.

DEQ Certificate of Compliance

Certain year model motor vehicles in the Rogue Valley and the Portland Metro area are required to obtain a [Department of Environmental Quality \(DEQ\)](#) Certificate of Compliance.

The following vehicles are exempt from this requirement:

- New vehicles (2023 model year or newer)
- Motorcycles
- Snowmobiles
- ATVs
- Golf carts
- Low-speed vehicles
- Medium-speed electric vehicles
- Electric vehicles (powered solely by electricity)
- Racing activity vehicles
- Vehicles with Special Interest registration
- Vehicles designed by the manufacturer as natural gas-powered and diesel-powered vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating in excess of 8,500 lbs.

If the applicant states that their address is outside of the DEQ boundaries, they must submit a signed statement to that effect on DEQ [Form 1400, Declaration of Exemption](#). If the applicant's address falls within the DEQ boundaries, DMV will not accept an application for registration or renewal without the DEQ Certificate of Compliance for their vehicle.

*If you have any questions about DEQ requirements, please contact DEQ:
Portland Area: 503-229-5066
Medford Area: 541-776-6145*

Note: Diesel-powered vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating over 8,500 lbs. can renew registration online without providing a declaration of exemption if DMV has an exemption on file.

An exception to the requirement to present a DEQ Certificate of Compliance applies to government-owned vehicles. Although government-owned vehicles must comply with DEQ as frequently as privately-owned vehicles of the same registration type, DMV does not require submission of Certificates of Compliance for government-owned vehicle title and registration transactions.

A DEQ Certificate of Compliance for pollution control can be dated up to 180 days prior to vehicle registration or renewal. The DEQ certificate must be valid (not expired) for DMV to process applications for vehicle registration or renewal.

If a dealer is renewing a vehicle in its dealer stock and the current vehicle record indicates the vehicle is subject to DEQ, the dealer must obtain a DEQ Certificate of Compliance to renew the registration.

If the vehicle is being registered to an address within the DEQ area, but the vehicle itself is being used outside the State of Oregon at the time of application, contact DEQ for further instructions.

If a plate is transferred and a new registration application must be submitted, a DEQ Certificate of Compliance is required if the vehicle is subject to this requirement. See section titled [Plate Transfer](#), in this chapter.

Medium or Heavy-Duty Trucks

Oregon DEQ operates the Diesel Retrofit Compliance Program which checks subject diesel Medium-duty and heavy-duty (ORS 468A.795) trucks for approved retrofit engines and certifies that they comply with the program.

See [Chapter L](#) for more information.

Newer Model Year

Newer model year vehicles are exempt from vehicle emissions tests. Use the model year of the vehicle to determine if a vehicle being titled and registered is subject to DEQ emissions testing. Each year, the oldest model year will drop off the exempt list and the new model year is added. During calendar year 2025, the following model years qualify as a “newer model year vehicle” and do not need to go through DEQ:

Model Years 2023 through 2027

Note: Model year 2022 vehicles with a DMV registration expiration date before January 1, 2026, were not subject to DEQ. If the customer is renewing late, the Newer Model Year exemption still applies.

Keep in mind at the beginning of each year, the oldest model year will no longer qualify as a “newer model year vehicle” and will be subject to DEQ emissions testing.

If for some reason you take a “newer model year vehicle” to DEQ, DEQ will inform the customer the vehicle is exempt. See the [DEQ website](#) for more information regarding newer model vehicles.

Residency/Domicile

To register or renew a vehicle in Oregon, a person must be domiciled in Oregon **or** must otherwise qualify to register a vehicle in Oregon. Commercial vehicles are subject to other requirements. Make sure to check with DMV if you have questions about whether a vehicle used commercially in this state by a non-resident must be registered.

Domiciled means a person's home is in Oregon, that the person intends to stay in Oregon, or if absent, the person intends to return. Examples of situations where a person is domiciled in Oregon include:

- The person is a full-time resident of Oregon.
- The person is originally from Oregon but is temporarily out of state (such as persons attending school or in the military).

If the person has never lived in Oregon, Oregon is not the person's place of domicile. There are some cases where a vehicle owner may register their vehicle in Oregon without being

domiciled or otherwise required to register here. In these cases, the vehicle must meet all of the following qualifications:

- The vehicle is usually left in Oregon when the person is away from Oregon; **and**
- It is used primarily for personal transportation in Oregon; **and**
- It is a private passenger vehicle or a vehicle having a loaded weight of less than 10,000 pounds; **and**
- It is **not** a motor home or camper.

The current [Form 226](#) and [Form 268](#) provide the necessary residency/domicile certification statement and space for the applicant's signature.

DMV requires proof of residency/domicile when an individual's address is not in Oregon, the person has no actual address, or the address provided to DMV is that of a service provider, such as a mail service. There may be other situations when DMV will ask for proof of residency/domicile.

A Certification of Oregon Residency or Domicile, [Form 7182](#), assists customers in determining if they are eligible for an Oregon driver license or permit or vehicle registration. See [example](#) of Form 7182 later in this chapter.

The form is required whenever DMV asks for **proof** of residency or domicile. Examples of proof are on the [reverse side](#) of the form.

No proof of residency/domicile is required, nor is a Certification of Oregon Residency or Domicile, Form 7182, if the customer provides an actual residence address in Oregon where the applicant physically resides, and the address is not of a mail-forwarding service provider.

Proof of residency or domicile

A comprehensive list of proofs are listed on the back of the Certification of Oregon Residency or Domicile, [Form 7182](#).

Address requirements

Individuals

Residence address

A person must provide a residence address unless they are eligible to use a work address, or they do not have an actual residence address. A person who does not have a residence address must prove they are a resident of, or domiciled in, Oregon and provide a mailing address and a descriptive address that sufficiently identifies the residence location if there is no street or rural route address.

A residence address must contain enough information for DMV to determine the exact location where the person primarily resides. Oregon Revised Statutes do not require the address to be in Oregon; however, if the address is not in Oregon, DMV requires proof of residency or domicile.

A residence address cannot be that of a mail-forwarding service provider unless the service provider owns the vehicle.

A descriptive address is required when an individual resides in a community that does not receive mail delivery.

A residence address must include:

- City, county, state and ZIP code; and
- Street and residence number, including an apartment or space number, if applicable;
or
- The rural and box number; or
- A descriptive address.

Work-in-lieu address

Customers purchasing a vehicle, who are currently using or requesting to use a work-in-lieu address, must submit a Request for Police or Public Agency Address on DMV Records, Form 6438A, signed and certified by a police or public agency authorized representative. If the application shows an address in a county that imposes an additional vehicle registration fee, but the customer lives at an address outside of that county, the county vehicle registration fee will not be charged if the work-in-lieu requirements are met. Include the authorized Request for Police or Public Agency Address on DMV Records, Form 6438A, with the transaction submitted to DMV.

Vehicle address

A vehicle address is required, in addition to the residence address or Oregon business address, when the vehicle is primarily housed or dispatched from a location other than the residence address provided.

A vehicle address must contain enough information for DMV to determine the exact location where the vehicle is dispatched from or is stored. A vehicle address must include:

- City, county, state and ZIP code; and
- Street name and number, including an apartment, suite or office number, if applicable;
or
- The rural route and box number; or
- A descriptive address.

Descriptive address

A descriptive address may be used when a person's residence address does not include a street name and number or rural route and box number. It must include information sufficient to identify the location of the residence address, or it may explain a person's residential status if the person has no residence. A descriptive address may include:

- Highway number, county road name, rural route, ranch name; or
- The road name and distance or direction from a landmark such as a milepost or prominent building, in addition to the city, state, county and ZIP code, if there is no specific street; or
- The address of a homeless shelter or reference to another location where the individual stays overnight, if the individual is unhoused, but residing in Oregon; or
- Information that the person is mobile, such as someone who continually travels in a motor home.

All descriptive addresses must include the city, state, ZIP code, and county code. A descriptive address cannot be the address of a mail forwarding service provider.

Business Address

All businesses are required to provide their business address. A business address must contain enough information for DMV to determine the exact location where the business is located and conducted.

An Oregon vehicle address is also required when the business is the registered owner or lessee and the address provided is an out-of-state address.

A business address cannot be that of a mail-forwarding service provider, unless the service provider owns the vehicle. A business address must include:

- City, county, state and ZIP code; and
- Street name and number, and any applicable apartment, suite or office number; or
- The rural route and box number; or
- A post office address of the business, as long as a vehicle address is also provided when the business is shown as the registered owner.

Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (HVUT)

Federal law subjects certain heavy vehicles (55,000 lbs. or more taxable gross weight) to a federal highway use tax. The United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is responsible for collection or suspension of the tax. DMV or ODOT's Commerce and Compliance Division (CCD) is responsible for verifying the tax was paid before registering or renewing a vehicle. (Note: If registered within 60 days of purchase, proof of payment of HVUT is not required.) The customer must determine whether a particular vehicle meets the federal definition. For more information on HVUT, please contact the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 or at <https://www.irs.gov/>.

Note: Vehicles subject to HVUT cannot be renewed through DMV's Online Registration Renewal Program or at DEQ.

Registration Periods

Four-year registration

Certain new vehicles being titled and registered for the first time in Oregon, with an MCO, are required to register for four-year registration. The four-year registration fee is double the two-year registration fee.

Some additional registration fees are doubled for four-year registration:

- Group plate decal surcharges
- Custom plate configuration surcharge
- Salmon plate background surcharge
- County registration fees

After the initial four-year registration period, the renewal reverts to a two-year registration period. Going forward, the registration period will always be a two-year registration period. Fee information is in [Chapter M](#).

The following vehicle types are subject to four-year registration, for the first registration period:

- Passenger vehicles (including electric and hybrid)
- Light trailers

Exceptions to four-year registration:

- Vehicle types not listed above
- For-rent trailers
- Passenger vehicles owned by rental or leasing companies (see section below)
- Plate transfers
- Vehicles applying for permanent registration
- Owner registers a vehicle previously titled only with an MCO
- Vehicles registered as replicas

Rental or leasing companies

A rental or leasing company may elect to initially register new passenger vehicles owned by the company for a one-, two-, or four-year registration period. The registration fee for the one- or two-year periods includes a \$2 per transaction service fee. See [Chapter M](#) for further information on fees for the shorter periods. Renewals revert to the usual two-year period. “Rental or leasing company” means a person engaged in the business of renting or leasing motor vehicles to the public. The vehicles must be registered in the name of the business, not in the name of an individual.

Vehicles registered by weight

Passenger vehicles and motor trucks 10,000 pounds and less are not registered by weight. Vehicles for which registration weight must be declared and established are:

- Any truck tractor or commercial bus that will be operated on the highways at a loaded or combined weight of more than 8,000 pounds, not including the weight of any camper or trailing vehicle (trailers with a loaded weight of 8,000 pounds or less, special use trailers, travel trailers, and fixed load vehicles, or a towed motor vehicle).
- Any motor truck, or other motor vehicle* that will be operated on the highways at a loaded or combined weight of more than 10,000 pounds, not including the weight of any camper or trailing vehicle (trailers with a loaded weight of 8,000 pounds or less, special use trailers, travel trailers, and fixed load vehicles, or a towed motor vehicle).
- An armored car, wrecker, tow vehicle, hearse, or ambulance.
- A self-propelled mobile crane.
- Any motor vehicle registered as a farm vehicle.

* This does not include vehicles that qualify for registration under a specific provision of the vehicle code where fees are not based on weight - for instance, motor homes.

Vehicles required to be registered with a registration weight may be registered for a twelve-month period beginning with any calendar quarter of a year, or for one or more calendar quarters which may extend from one calendar year into the next year.

If a vehicle registration weight is over 26,000 pounds and the vehicle is not subject to Oregon’s weight-mile tax, the owner must certify the vehicle is not subject to the weight-mile

tax each time they renew the registration with DMV. The customer must complete the Certification to Register Vehicles over 26,000 Pounds, [Form 7015](#).

CCD registers vehicles that are subject to the Oregon weight-mile tax. This includes most trucks (T or PF plated), buses (B or PF plated), and tow/recovery vehicles (TW plated) **with a combined weight over 26,000 pounds**. It does not include farm-plated or charitable/non-profit vehicles. Contact CCD at **(503) 378-6699** for more information.

County Registration

DMV collects county vehicle registration fees on behalf of Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties. These fees are in addition to regular state registration fees. See [Chapter M](#), Fees, for a list of vehicles that are subject to county registration and county fee amounts.

County registration fees are based on the vehicle address, customer residence address or business address (in that order of priority), when the application or renewal is submitted to DMV. If a customer is currently using or requesting to use a work-in-lieu address and their application shows an address in a county that DMV collects a vehicle registration fee, but the customer actually lives in an address outside of that county, see section titled "[Work-in-lieu address](#)" in this chapter.

If a dealer is renewing a vehicle in their dealer stock and the current vehicle record indicates the vehicle is subject to county registration, the dealer must collect the county registration fees to renew the registration.

Insurance

DMV requires insurance certification when registration is issued for vehicles subject to financial responsibility laws. When there is a renewal, or a title transfer accompanied by a renewal when one current registered owner or lessee is remaining on the title, the certification must include the insurance company name and policy number. An insurance binder number is acceptable instead of the policy number.

The name of the insurance company and policy number are **not** required as part of the certification when the transaction is a title transfer only, or a title transfer accompanied by a renewal of existing registration when all registered owners or lessees are changing. In these cases, by signing the certification on the Form 226, the applicant is certifying the statement about insurance on the application.

OReGO

The Oregon Department of Transportation offers a road usage charge program called OReGO that is an alternative to the fuels tax. Oregonians who enroll in the program pay for the roads they use by the number of miles they drive instead of gallons of fuel consumed.

Drivers with vehicles rated 40 mpg or better are eligible for a reduced registration fee if they enroll in OReGO before they register their vehicle. They must remain in the program for the full registration period or be liable for the higher registration fee. See [Chapter M](#) for more information about fees for vehicles enrolled in OReGO.

How to enroll a vehicle in OReGO

If the customer chooses to enroll, follow these steps:

- The customer, using a mobile phone or computer, selects an account manager and sets up an OReGO account. More information on enrolling can be found at www.MyOReGO.org.
- The customer will receive an OReGO enrollment confirmation email from the account manager. The customer then provides the email they received to the dealer (a physical or digital copy).
- The dealer attaches the confirmation email to the transaction paperwork.
 - If the dealer uses EVR, check the relevant box in the VITU platform indicating enrollment in OReGO.
- The dealer calculates the applicable fees without the enhanced registration surcharge.
- The dealer submits the transaction to DMV.

For questions or help with enrollment, contact OReGO customer service between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday through Friday. Customer service is not available on weekends or holidays.

MyOReGO@odot.oregon.gov (503) 986-7827

Deactivating OReGO enrollment

If a customer deactivates their OReGO enrollment while the registration is still active, DMV will send a bill for the difference in OReGO and non-OReGO fee amounts for that registration period. The customer must pay this amount even if the vehicle has been sold or traded in to a dealership. If the customer still owns the vehicle, they will pay the higher registration fee at the next renewal.

Plate transfers

Registration plates and the remaining registration period for most vehicle types may be transferred from one vehicle to a similar vehicle, owned by the same person, for a plate transfer fee. See [Chapter M](#) for more information about fees.

When registration plates are transferred from one vehicle to another not owned by the same person, the remaining registration on the plates ceases for both vehicles. For exceptions and special requirements, please see sections that follow.

Owner of both vehicles

When a customer is considered the “owner” of both vehicles, a plate transfer moves the plates and corresponding registration from one vehicle to another vehicle eligible for the plates. Only one owner must be the same for both vehicles for registration to transfer. When at least one owner is the same for both vehicles, there is no option to start over with new registration on the vehicle the plates are being transferred onto; the registration period always transfers with the plates.

The customer ID number must be the same for at least one owner on both vehicles. In most cases, if the owner is an individual, the customer ID number will be their Oregon driver license number. A one and the same statement is not acceptable for registration to transfer with plates.

Not owner of both vehicles

When registration plates are transferred from one vehicle to another and the vehicles are not owned by the same person, the plates may be transferred. However, both vehicles must start a new registration period and meet all registration requirements, including DEQ if applicable, approvals or certifications from the applicant, and registration fees.

Dealers

Dealers may transfer plates without registration when there is a Dealer Stock Indicator on the record, or a Dealer Notice of Vehicle Purchase, Form 165, is submitted with the plate transfer. Both vehicles must start over with a new registration period and meet all registration requirements to receive registration, including DEQ if applicable, approvals or certifications from the applicant, and registration fees. (See section title [DEQ Certificate of Compliance](#) in this chapter.)

Plates can be transferred from a vehicle that has been issued a salvage title.

If a customer wants to transfer plates:

- Most plates must be of current issue (for exceptions, please see section below); and
- The plates must be legible and capable of being used for identification purposes; and
- The plates must not have been canceled due to vehicle being totaled prior to January 1, 2020; and
- The plates cannot be transferred from a vehicle in dismantler stock; and
- The customer must have both plates if the vehicle is one that is required to display two plates; and
- For plate transfers involving the same owner, if the plates are expired all registration requirements must be submitted with the plate transfer.

Current issue plates are plate backgrounds or plate series that are currently issued by Oregon DMV. Current use plates are plates that are no longer issued by DMV but may be renewed and transferred to vehicles of the same type.

For example: “Blue sky” tree plates are currently issued, but the “beige sky” tree plates are no longer issued. Both plate types may be renewed and transferred.

Most custom plates can be transferred regardless of the background design. Ensure that the following information is included on the application:

- Plate configuration being transferred in the “New Plate#” box;
- Plate configuration being taken off (if there is one) in the “Present Oregon Plate#” box;
- Year, make and VIN of vehicle the plates are being transferred from, in the “Remarks” section;
- Type of plate being transferred (Crater Lake, Cultural, Salmon, Tree, etc.).

Dealers may issue a temporary registration permit when the buyer wishes to transfer a plate to the purchased vehicle, if the dealer, according to the provisions in [OAR 735-150-0060](#), collects all applicable fees and applications and will be submitting the combined title and registration application to DMV on behalf of the buyer. The dealer must notify an owner who pays a plate transfer fee that they must not attach the registration plates from their old vehicle

to the vehicle or camper sold by the dealer before receiving an updated registration card from DMV.

Plate transfer requirements for various plate types

Current issue Passenger, Amateur Radio Operator (Ham), “OR 150” Pacific

Wonderland, Custom: Can be transferred to another vehicle upon receipt of a transfer application and the plate transfer fee.

Motor Home, Camper, Travel Trailer, and Special Use Trailer: May be transferred by collecting the plate transfer fee.

Group: Plates can be transferred to another vehicle of the same type. If the group plate has restrictions, the person who qualifies for the group plate must be a registered owner of the vehicle the plates are being transferred to. The plate transfer fee of is required.

Disabled Veteran and Ex-POW: Disabled veteran plates can be transferred to another vehicle that is not a commercial vehicle, owned by the qualifying person upon receipt of a transfer application. Ex-POW plates can be transferred to another motorized vehicle that is not a commercial vehicle or has a loaded weight over 10,000 pounds. The plate transfer fee is required. Surviving spouses or domestic partners of former prisoners of war may retain their spouse’s or partner’s Ex-POW plates and registration on the vehicle, transfer them, or keep them as a memento.

Farm plates: CCD must approve farm plate transfers. The plate transfer fee is required.

Government-owned vehicle plates (E plates): May be transferred to another qualifying vehicle or agency. The plate transfer fee is required.

National Guard: Can be transferred to the same vehicle type. The person who qualifies for the National Guard plates must be a registered owner of the vehicle that the plates are being transferred to. The plate transfer fee is required.

Trucks, truck tractors, and buses: May be transferred to a like vehicle. The plate transfer fee is required.

Charitable/Non-Profit: Plates can be transferred to a like vehicle. The plate transfer fee is required.

Procedure

This procedure only covers the process necessary to complete the plate transfer. If the transfer is accompanied by any other action (for example, title transfer), you must also follow the appropriate procedure for that transaction.

- In the “Remarks” section on the application, include the year, make, and VIN of the vehicle the plates were transferred from.
- Write the number of the plate being transferred in the “Remarks” section on the application.
- Write the expiration date of the plate being transferred in the “Expiration Date” section on the application.
- Include the plate transfer fee in the appropriate box.
- If a custom plate has a background other than the regular graphic or blue on yellow,

- note in the “Special Plate” box what background it has, for example “Salmon.”
- Complete the rest of the application with all pertinent information.

NOTE: If the registration is expired, collect the full registration fees to transfer the plate. If the registration may expire prior to DMV processing the transaction, you may want to suggest to the customer to renew the registration.

Replacement plates

An owner may replace plates and/or stickers if they choose. An owner may replace registration year stickers if a licensed Oregon dealer or tower removed them in accordance with Oregon law. See [Chapter R](#) for more information on sticker removal. If the plates on an Oregon titled vehicle are removed from the vehicle before it is sold or at the time of sale, or the plates have been transferred to another vehicle, full registration fees must be paid for new plates.

If one plate has been lost, damaged, or mutilated, the plates must be replaced and the replacement fee must be paid. DMV issues duplicate plates for some current issue passenger plate types. The replacements or duplicates issued are only valid for the period of the plates and stickers they replace. Customers may request to duplicate a single plate instead of both plates. If the plates are expired, the registration fee must also be paid. The month and day of the expiration date stays the same as what was on the lost Oregon plates.

When an owner changes only the type of plate and not the type of registration (for example from passenger tree plate to a passenger Salmon plate):

1. Do not collect the registration fee unless the registration is expired or is being renewed.
2. Collect the replacement fee whether the plates are being renewed or not.
3. Collect the plate fee and all other applicable fees. See [Chapter M](#) for fee information.

An Application for Registration, Renewal, Replacement or Transfer of Plates & Stickers ([Form 268](#)) can be used to apply for replacement/duplicate plates.

Duplicate plates

Customers may replace one or both lost or damaged plates with the same (duplicate) configuration and background previously assigned to their vehicle. Duplicate plate requests can be made for current issue passenger plate types such as special registration, some group, and tree plates. If a single plate is requested, the customer still receives 2 sets of stickers to ensure that the sticker control numbers are the same on both plates.

If the plate is unavailable – not of current issue and no longer being produced by the manufacturer – a duplicate plate cannot be requested. Examples include the original design Salmon and Cultural plates, and the Oregon Trail background, which are all out of production. There are some exceptions made for some Pacific Wonderland (“OR 150”) and Trail Blazers plates. DMV will not duplicate plates that have been stolen.

Custom plates

Passenger vehicles, motor homes, motorcycles, mopeds, campers, and travel trailers may be issued custom plates. A custom plate has six spaces available for the configuration and each space may be filled with a letter, number, or left blank. There is also a half-space which can be blank or filled with a hyphen, which is the only symbol that may be used.

Only passenger vehicles may be issued custom plates with the graphic tree, Salmon, Crater Lake, Cultural, Wine Country, Portland Trail Blazers, or Special Registration Plate Program designs. The configuration is normally centered over the design. If the customer wants a particular part of the design to show, indicate this on the Custom Plate Application with spaces.

If a person requests a custom plate, [Form 205](#) must be completed and submitted with the application for title. Additional instructions concerning custom plates are on the back of Form 205. Fee information is in [Chapter M](#).

Replacement custom plates

If custom plates become lost, damaged, or mutilated and need to be replaced, and the registration is still valid, a person may apply for the same plate configuration. A Custom Plate Application (Form 205) is not needed when applying for replacement custom plates. DMV will not replace custom plate configurations that are listed as stolen.

Amateur radio operator (Ham) plates

Passenger vehicles, motor homes, motorcycles, and mopeds may be issued amateur radio operator (Ham) plates. Ham plate configurations are the customer's call letters. The radio call letters are centered on the plate.

Ham registration plates are available on the yellow background. Passenger vehicles may also have a Ham configuration on the Salmon, Crater Lake, Cultural, Wine Country, Trail Blazer, or Special Registration Plate Program backgrounds.

If a person requests a Ham plate, they must submit the completed Form 231 with the application. Fee information is in [Chapter M](#).

Oregon Trail plates

The entire stock of Oregon Trail plates is depleted. However, Oregon Trail plates already issued may be renewed or transferred. No surcharge is required at renewal or when transferring the plates. If the customer wants to replace Oregon Trail plates, advise them that Oregon Trail plates are no longer available and offer them the other plate options available for the type of vehicle they have.

Salmon plates

A Salmon plate surcharge is collected each time the plates are issued or renewed. The surcharge is not collected when replacing a Salmon plate with another Salmon plate. If a customer wants Salmon plates, write “Salmon” in the “Remarks” section of the application. Refer to [Chapter M](#) for fees.

Salmon plates are available as:

- *Passenger*
- *Ham passenger*
- *Custom passenger*

Crater Lake plates

The 2001 Oregon Legislature approved issuance of the Crater Lake background plate. The Crater Lake plate surcharge is collected when only the plates are initially issued. The surcharge is NOT collected when replacing a Crater Lake plate with another Crater Lake plate or when renewing a Crater Lake plate.

Crater Lake plates are available as:

- *Passenger*
- *Ham passenger*
- *Custom passenger*

If a customer wants Crater Lake plates, write “Crater Lake” in the “Remarks” section of the application. Refer to [Chapter M](#) for fees.

Cultural plates

The 2001 Oregon Legislature approved issuance of the Cultural background plate. This surcharge is collected when the plates are initially issued and when they are renewed. The surcharge is NOT collected when replacing a Cultural plate with another Cultural plate. The cultural plate was redesigned in 2021.

Cultural plates are available as:

- *Passenger*
- *Ham passenger*
- *Custom passenger*

If a customer wants Cultural plates, write “Cultural” in the “Remarks” section of the application. Refer to [Chapter M](#) for fees.

Wine Country plates

The 2011 Oregon Legislature approved issuance of the Wine Country background plate. This surcharge is collected when the plates are initially issued and at renewal. The surcharge is NOT collected when replacing a Wine Country plate with another Wine Country plate.

Wine Country plates are available as:

- *Passenger*
- *Ham passenger*
- *Custom passenger*

If a customer wants Wine Country plates, write “Wine Country” in the “Remarks” section of the application. Refer to [Chapter M](#) for fees.

Portland Trail Blazers plates

The 2015 Legislature approved the issuance of the Portland Trail Blazers registration plates. This plate was authorized to support charitable initiatives through the Portland Trail Blazers Foundation established by the Portland Trail Blazers. DMV began issuing the Portland Trail Blazers plates September 1, 2016.

If a customer wants Portland Trail Blazer plates, write “Trail Blazers” in the “Remarks” section of the application. Refer to [Chapter M](#) for fees.

Portland Trail Blazers plates are available as:

- *Passenger*
- *Ham passenger*
- *Custom passenger*

Special Registration Plate Program

If a customer wants Special Registration Plate Program plates, write the description of the plate in the “Remarks” section of the application. Refer to [Chapter M](#) for fees.

Currently this program includes:

- Golf Oregon
- Gray Whale
- Oregon Zoo
- OSU Beaver
- Pollinator Paradise
- Smokey Bear
- UOAA Duck
- Watch for Wildlife

SRPP plates are available as:

- *Passenger*
- *Ham passenger*
- *Custom passenger*

Farm plates

In order for a vehicle to qualify for farm registration or proportional farm registration, the applicant must be an owner or renter of one or more “farms” actually producing agricultural products or raising livestock in sufficient quantities to reasonably require the use of the motor vehicle(s) being registered.

The use of farm or proportional farm registered vehicles is restricted.

When applying for farm registration a Farm Certification Application, [Form 9670](#), is required as well as the Application for Title and Registration, [Form 226](#). All other title and registration requirements and fees apply. Farm vehicles may be registered annually or quarterly according to the weight. Farm registered vehicles are exempt from DEQ.

For questions concerning the operation of a farm vehicle, or detailed questions about qualifications, contact CCD Farm Certification Unit at (503) 378-5203.

Call DMV Customer Assistance at (503) 945-5000 or in the Portland Metro area at (503) 299-9999 for general information about farm registration.

“OR 150” Pacific Wonderland Plates

On February 14, 2009, the State of Oregon celebrated its 150th birthday. In recognition, the 2009 Oregon Legislative Assembly directed the Department of Transportation to recreate a limited edition of Oregon’s

Pacific Wonderland plates may not be customized.

historic “OR 150” Pacific Wonderland registration plate. The centennial plates were issued during the centennial year of 1959 and continued to 1964.

The “OR 150” Pacific Wonderland registration plates may only be issued to passenger vehicles and may not be issued with a custom or ham configuration. The surcharge is not required at renewal, for replacement or when the plates are transferred. The surcharge, minus DMV administrative costs, will be divided equally and transferred to the Oregon State Capitol Foundation and the Oregon Historical Society.

National Guard plates

Active members of the Oregon National Guard are eligible for National Guard registration. If applicants have any questions regarding eligibility, or to obtain Oregon Military Department Certificate of Eligibility, AGO Form 4309, direct them to contact their unit commander. For additional information, the Oregon Military Department may be reached at (503) 584-3478 or (503) 584-3460.

Only passenger vehicles and motor homes may register with National Guard plates. The initial registration and renewal fee for National Guard plates is the same as for that particular vehicle type.

If the current plates on the vehicle are current Oregon plates, the plate fee is the only required fee. The customer will receive National Guard plates with the same expiration date as the current plates.

If the plates are due to expire, but are still current, the customer may wish to pay the renewal fee and the plate fee. The National Guard plates will have the same month and day of expiration as the previous plates. Fee information is in [Chapter M](#).

There is no restriction on how many vehicles an owner may register with National Guard plates.

The applicant must obtain a completed Oregon Military Department Certificate of Eligibility, AGO Form 4309, from the Oregon Military Department. **See example of Form 4309 below.** DMV is not supplied with AGO Form 4309. The certificate is required upon initial application and renewal of National Guard plates.

National Guard plates have the prefix “NG” and are the graphic style plate, even if issued to a motor home. Applicants may apply for National Guard plates at a local DMV office or by mail. DMV headquarters mails the plates to the customer.

Vehicles with National Guard plates must meet all other registration requirements such as DEQ, financial responsibility, domicile, and odometer.

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Example of NATIONAL GUARD PLATES CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY, AGO FORM 4309 (obtainable from the Oregon Military Department only)

CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY OREGON NATIONAL GUARD LICENSE PLATE <small>Use this form in conjunction with ORARNGR 360-3. The proponent of this form is DCSPER</small>				
FOR OFFICAL USE ONLY <small>"This document may contain FOUO and/or Privacy Act information exempt from mandatory disclosure under the freedom of Information Act. If so, exemption 5 U.S.C 52(b)(6) applies. This document may also contain information that is protected by the Privacy Act of 1974, which must be protected IAW DOD 5400-11R. As such, it must be safeguarded from unauthorized disclosure."</small>				
1. APPLICANTS NAME <i>(Last, First, Mil.)</i>			2. ETS DATE <i>(DD-MM-YYYY)</i>	
3a. UNIT <i>(Include Full Address)</i>			3b. UNIT COMMANDER <i>(Typed or Printed)</i>	
			3c. COMMANDER SIGNATURE	
4a. CURRENT PLATE NUMBER	4b. MAKE	4c. MODEL	4d. YEAR	4e. VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
5a. INSURANCE COMPANY		5b. POLICY NUMBER		
REQUIRMENTS				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This form must be completed by the applicant and reviewed then signed by the unit commander or the commander's designee. 2. This application for the oregon national guard License Plate is only for members of the Oregon National Guard in good standing. (No current negative personnel actions.) 3. This plate may only be obtained for passenger cars and motor homes, it is <u>not</u> for commercial usage. 4. This plate is only for the usage of the original requestor for the vehicle listed on this form, it may not be transferred to any other person or vehicle. 5. The applicant must surrender the specialized plate to the unit commander under any of the following conditions. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The vehicle is sold or destroyed. b. If the member is discharged from the Oregon National Guard for any reason. c. If the member loses their driving privileges for any reason. 6. The Oregon national Guard, in conjunction with the Department of Motor Vehicles, may suspend or revoke this plate if the conditions listed in items 3,4,5 are not met. 7. Applications for vehicles currently registered with the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles can be made by mail to: <div style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;"> OREGON MOTOR VEHICLES DIVISION 1905 LANA AVENUE N.E. SALEM, OR 97314 </div> 8. Applications may also be made through dealers when purchasing a new or used vehicle. 				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> AGO FORM 4309-R-E 01 MAR 06 (PREVIOUS EDITIONS ARE OBSOLETE) OPR: DCSPER </div>				

Disabled Veteran Plates

Disabled Veteran Plates are issued to disabled veterans who are veterans of the armed forces and have a service-connected disability. Only 1 set of Disabled Veteran Plates may be issued per disabled veteran. Registration is permanent. The fee is \$15 plus the plate fee.

To qualify, the disabled veteran must present any letter or a DD214 from the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs, or any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, indicating a service-related disability.

An Application for Disabled Veteran Plates, [Form 6736](#), must also be completed and signed by the disabled veteran. If the disabled veteran cannot sign their own name, someone must sign in the area provided, attesting that the disabled veteran cannot sign their own name.

Group plates

Special registration plates are issued for veterans' organizations, institutions of higher education, and groups that are non-profit and tax exempt under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. DMV issues group plates only to passenger vehicles, motorcycles, and mopeds.

Passenger is the only vehicle type eligible for the full range of veterans' group plates with insignias specific to service groups or medals. On motorcycle and moped plates, the word "Veteran" appears in red at the bottom of the plate, and an American flag is placed on the left side of the plate.

Veteran-related group plates are issued on a white background. Non-veteran related plates are issued on the tree background, except Gold Star Family plates, and Share the Road, which have a different design. Plates have four letters to identify the individual vehicle, and words and/or a logo or insignia on the left side to describe or name the group.

Some veterans' organizations restrict who can have their plates. If the group plate has a restriction, one of the owners on the title must qualify for the group plate. If there is a lessor and lessee on the title, the lessee must qualify for the group plate. The qualified applicant must complete an Application for Veteran Recognition Plate, [Form 7307](#), as applicable, and submit any other proof of qualification required by the group. The form lists acceptable proofs of qualification. To apply for Gold Star Family group plates, qualified applicants must complete a Group Plate Eligibility Certification, [Form 6940](#).

Your customer will know which group plates are available and what the restrictions are by checking with their organization, a DMV office, or the [DMV Website](#). Write "Group" and the name of the organization in the "Remarks" section of the Application for Title and Registration, [Form 226](#), or the Application for Registration or Replacement Plates and Stickers, [Form 268](#).

Submit the group plate surcharge in addition to other registration and plate fees. Do not submit the surcharge when a group plate is being replaced with a group plate of the same kind and registration fees are not being collected at that time. For more information and the fees for group plates, see [Chapter M](#).

Government vehicle plates

ORS 805.040 provides for the issuance of government-owned registration to vehicles owned and operated by the State of Oregon, cities, counties, or political sub-divisions of this state, or the government of a federally recognized Indian Tribe of this state. A vehicle operated under a lease or lease purchase agreement by any of these government agencies is also considered a government-owned vehicle. The government agency must be shown on the title as the lessee.

Dealers may accept title and registration transactions for customers who qualify for government vehicle registration. Government vehicles are subject to odometer and mandatory insurance requirements. They are subject to DEQ requirements, but DMV does not require a DEQ certificate for government vehicle transactions. There is no special certification for “E” plates. When issuing “E” plates, DMV gives the customer a copy of the Government Vehicle Registration Information, [Form 6713](#).

“E” plates may be transferred. See information in the [Plate Transfers](#) section of this chapter. For registration fees, see [Chapter M](#).

NOTE: A county may request regular passenger registration (tree plates) and pay the regular passenger registration fee in lieu of “E” plates.

Leased vehicles - Qualification for special registration types

To qualify for certain types of registration or fees, the lessee is required to be the owner or operator of a vehicle. If the application is for the following registration types the lessee must qualify for the registration type. These registration types include:

- Government owned or operated (E plates)
- Farm (F plates)
- Tow/Recovery (TW plates)
- Charitable/Non-Profit (CN plates)
- Disabled Veteran (D plates)
- Ex-POW (PW plates)
- Amateur Radio Operator (Ham plates)
- Permanent Fleet (PF plates)
- National Guard (NG plates)
- Manufactured Structure (trailer) Toters (T plates)
- Group Plates (Some group plates are issued only to qualified applicants)