



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DRIVER AND MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES
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GOVERNMENT VEHICLE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ORS 805.040 and ORS 805.200 provide for the issuance of government-owned registration to vehicles operated under a lease or lease purchase agreement, or to vehicles owned and operated, by the state, cities, counties, or other political subdivisions of the state, cities or counties.

Oregon law provides for the issuance of government-owned registration to Oregon's 9 federally recognized tribes. Federally recognized tribal governments applying for an "E" plate should contact ODOT's Commerce and Compliance Division at 503-378-6653 for information regarding tax liability.

Oregon Law requires the lease or ownership to be reflected on the title and registration for the vehicle. In the case of a lease or lease purchase agreement, the government agency must be the lessee.

Except as provided in ORS 803.530, 805.045, 805.047 and 805.060, such vehicles must be registered with plates that identify the vehicle as government-owned and operated.

Vehicles that use the enclosed plates must either be:

- owned and operated by the State of Oregon, a county, city or political subdivision thereof, or one of Oregon's 9 federally-recognized Indian tribes; or
- operated under a lease or lease purchase agreement by the State of Oregon, a county, city or political subdivision thereof, or one of Oregon's federally-recognized Indian tribes.

The vehicle must remain under government operation. If the vehicle is ever used for any other purpose, the plate(s) must be surrendered and regular series plates must be obtained, or a trip permit must be obtained to cover any temporary operation.

If the vehicle is sold to an individual or business that does not qualify for government registration based on the above criteria, the plates must be removed from the vehicle.