



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DRIVER AND MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES
1905 LANA AVE NE, SALEM OREGON 97314

Application for Tow or Recovery Vehicle Business Certificate

REMARKS

TOW BUSINESS CERTIFICATE: A Tow Business Certificate is required for any motor vehicle towing by any means for hire (ORS 822.200). A Tow Business Certificate will be issued by DMV in the form of a vehicle registration card. The certificate is valid for one year from the date of application. DMV does not verify the validity of tow businesses, nor does DMV regulate towers. For Oregon towers, the vehicle must be titled in the same name as listed on Line 4 of this form. Oregon towers must also register their tow vehicles with DMV or Commerce and Compliance Division (CCD).

INSTRUCTIONS: This application is for a Tow Business Certificate and Tow Plates only. Complete Lines 1 through 7 and sign on Line 8. Send the completed form and fees to: DMV, Attn: Registration Inventory Unit, 1905 Lana Ave. NE, Salem, OR 97314.

WHERE TO REGISTER A TOW OR RECOVERY VEHICLE:

- **You must register with DMV if your tow/recovery vehicle has a combined weight of 26,000 pounds or less and is not proportionally registered (prorate) for operation in other states.** "Combined weight" means the loaded weight of your vehicle plus the loaded weight of any vehicle towed or recovered. Contact DMV at (503) 945-5000 if you have any questions.
- **You must register with CCD if the combined weight of your Oregon tow/recovery vehicle is more than 26,000 pounds.** You also may need to register with CCD on a proportional basis if you operate your tow vehicle in Oregon and other states. Contact CCD at (503) 378-6699 for more information on registering with CCD.
- **Out-of-state towers with a combined weight over 26,000 pounds in Oregon must have valid prorate registration with CCD** (e.g., apportioned registration, international registration plan or IRP). Contact CCD at (503) 378-6699 for information about establishing an account or obtaining a weight-mile temporary tax pass.

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION

1	VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VIN)			OREGON TITLE #		\$17 BUSINESS CERTIFICATE FEE
2	PRESENT PLATE #	YEAR	MAKE	REGISTRATION WEIGHT	COMBINED WEIGHT	
3	Check One: <input type="checkbox"/> The vehicle will be registered with CCD. <input type="checkbox"/> The vehicle will be registered with DMV. Attach an Application for Registration (DMV Form 735-268) with the required fee. <input type="checkbox"/> The vehicle has valid prorate registration and is an out-of-state tower, towing in Oregon.					\$100 TOW BOARD FEE
4	REGISTERED OWNER AND OPERATOR (AS SHOWN ON TITLE)			ODL / ID / CUSTOMER #	DATE OF BIRTH	
5	REGISTERED OWNER AND OPERATOR BUSINESS ADDRESS (NUMBER, STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE)					TOTAL FEE

INSURANCE INFORMATION

6	NAME OF LIABILITY / CARGO INSURANCE COMPANY (NOT AGENT)	LIABILITY POLICY NUMBER
7	NAME OF CARGO INSURANCE COMPANY (NOT AGENT)	CARGO POLICY NUMBER

False certification is a Class C felony under ORS 822.605, and is punishable by 5 years in jail, a fine of up to \$125,000, or both.

I certify: 1) I comply with insurance requirements for this vehicle and will continue to comply with these requirements until the registration expires or I sell the vehicle; 2) The vehicle meets all safety standards required by Oregon Administrative Rules; 3) I am the registered owner or an authorized representative; 4) All information on this application is accurate; 5) The vehicle will be used exclusively by the tow business certificate holder as described in ORS 822.200-822.210; and 6) If I apply for DMV registration, the vehicle's combined weight is 26,000 pounds or less and is not subject to Oregon's weight-mile tax.

8	SIGNATURE X	TITLE	TELEPHONE # ()
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How to Register Your Tow or Recovery Vehicle With DMV:

Complete this application and submit it to DMV along with **all** of the following:

1. All fees, which you can combine into one payment:
 - a. The \$17 Tow Business Certificate fee and \$100 Tow Board fee.
 - b. The registration fee, based on the vehicle registration weight and county. See the Fee Schedule for Tow/Recovery Vehicles ([DMV Form 735-148](#)) for fee amounts.
 - c. The plate fee, unless renewing tow registration and the vehicle is already titled in your name.
2. A completed registration application ([DMV Form 735-268](#)).
3. A certificate issued by an insurance carrier licensed to do business in Oregon showing:
 - a. That you are covered by a policy that provides \$750,000 liability insurance per collision and \$50,000 cargo insurance, and
 - b. The policy number.

If you need fee or prorate tow information, go to www.oregondmv.com/tow, call (503) 945-5000, or email info@towboard.oregon.gov.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

PLATES / REGISTRATION - Each tow or recovery vehicle must have tow identification plates and a tow certificate, which are issued by DMV for any tow and/or recovery vehicle operated in Oregon. The certificate must be kept in the vehicle and the plates must be displayed on the vehicle. If the vehicle is registered with DMV, the tow identification plates are also your registration plates, **and the certificate is your registration card**. If the vehicle is registered with CCD, you will also receive a separate registration card and plates from CCD. **Tow plates cannot be transferred and cannot be used by a business other than the business to whom they were originally issued. If a tow business is acquiring a vehicle previously owned by another tow business, the business must obtain new plates when applying for the tow business certificate for that vehicle.**

PERMITS REQUIRED - An over-dimension permit is required to operate when towing a vehicle if the combination of the tow unit and the vehicle being towed exceeds 50 feet in length or the combined weight exceeds 80,000 pounds. Over-dimensional permits are issued annually and can be obtained by calling CCD at (503) 373-0000.

INSURANCE - ORS 822.205 and OAR 740-040-0020 require that all tow or recovery units maintain a minimum of \$750,000 liability insurance per collision and \$50,000 cargo coverage. (If the applicant tows or recovers only vehicles owned by the applicant, the \$50,000 cargo coverage is not required.) Contact CCD if you have questions about insurance requirements under ORS Chapter 825 if registering with CCD.

SAFETY STANDARDS - ORS 822.205 and OAR 735-154-0040 require tow or recovery vehicles to meet specific standards.

PRIVILEGES GRANTED - ORS 822.210 authorizes the holder, or an employee of the holder, of a current valid towing business certificate to:

1. Tow and recover vehicles; and
2. Tow unregistered vehicles in this state without obtaining registration or trip permits for the towed vehicles.