



Louisiana Department of Public Safety  
Office of Motor Vehicles  
**Policy 80.00 Required Odometer Statements**

**Section:** 4. Motor Vehicle Registration Requirements

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**Authority:**

49 CFR 580.17

**Background:**

- The Truth in Mileage Act is a federal law that requires the seller of a motor vehicle to provide an odometer disclosure to the buyer at the time of sale or transfer of ownership. A completed odometer disclosure must be provided for all non-exempt vehicles at the time of application for title
- Beginning January 1, 2021, vehicles of model year 2011 and newer will be subject to odometer disclosure for twenty (20) years, rather than the previous ten-year (10-year) requirement. Under the old odometer disclosure requirements, a 2011 vehicle would have become exempt from disclosure in 2021. Under the new odometer disclosure requirements, the odometer reading must be disclosed at the time of sale of a 2011 and subsequent model year vehicle until said vehicle is twenty (20) years old or older.

**Exemptions:**

- Vehicles exempt from odometer requirements include:
  - Vehicles having a gross weight rating of more than 16,000 pounds
  - Vehicles that are not self-propelled (i.e. trailers).
  - A vehicle with a model year of 2010 or before, that is transferred at least ten (10) years after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year corresponding to its designated model year.
    - **Example:** A vehicle transferred in 2020 is exempt from odometer requirements if the vehicle is a 2010 model year or older.
  - Effective January 1, 2021, a vehicle with a model year of 2011 or newer that is transferred at least twenty (20) years after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year corresponding to its designated model year.
    - **Example:** A 2011 model year vehicle will become exempt January 1, 2031, a 2012 model year vehicle will become exempt in 2032, and so on.
  - Dealer-to-dealer trades, on new vehicles only.
    - On used vehicle wholesale trades, an odometer statement (on "conforming" title or separate statement if "non-conforming" title) must be completed and retained in the dealership files. The final retail sale must be accompanied by the primary document to record odometer reading.

Odometer Exemption Applicability to Model Year Vehicles (49 CFR 580.17)		
Vehicle Model Year	Date Vehicle Becomes Exempt from Disclosure	Applicability of Exemption
2000	1/1/2010	10-year exemption
2001	1/1/2011	10-year exemption
2002	1/1/2012	10-year exemption
2003	1/1/2013	10-year exemption
2004	1/1/2014	10-year exemption
2005	1/1/2015	10-year exemption
2006	1/1/2016	10-year exemption
2007	1/1/2017	10-year exemption
2008	1/1/2018	10-year exemption
2009	1/1/2019	10-year exemption
2010	1/1/2020	10-year exemption
2011	1/1/2031	20-year exemption
2012	1/1/2032	20-year exemption
2013	1/1/2033	20-year exemption
2014	1/1/2034	20-year exemption
2015	1/1/2035	20-year exemption
2016	1/1/2036	20-year exemption
2017	1/1/2037	20-year exemption
2018	1/1/2038	20-year exemption
2019	1/1/2039	20-year exemption
2020	1/1/2040	20-year exemption
2021	1/1/2041	20-year exemption

### Requirements:

- All title transfer files on non-exempt vehicles must contain an odometer statement signed/printed by both the transferor (seller) and transferee (buyer). No verbal statements will be accepted or written on the application.
- Whenever a conforming title (a title with the federally mandated odometer disclosure statement) is presented with the file, the title **shall** be used as the primary document to indicate the odometer reading.
  - A separate odometer statement is not acceptable with a conforming title.
  - An odometer reading **shall** be shown on each assignment of a conforming title.
- Whenever a non-conforming title (a title that does not have the federally mandated odometer disclosure statement) is presented with the file, a separate odometer statement **must** be submitted with the file. In this case, the separate odometer statement is the primary document to indicate the odometer reading. An odometer statement is required only on the final retail sale of the motor vehicle transfer.
- No person shall sign an odometer disclosure statement as both the transferor and the transferee unless specifically allowed in Section 4, Policy 4.00, [Secure Power of Attorney](#).
- If an error or alteration is made in the odometer reading on a conforming title, a new title must be re-issued in the name of the previous owner.

**Related Policies:**

Section 4, Policy 2.00 [Basic Requirements For Obtaining A Certificate Of Title](#)

Section 4, Policy 4.00 [Secure Power of Attorney](#)

Section 5, Policy 19.00 [Trailer Classes of License Plates](#)