



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
OFFICE OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PLATES (T-MARKERS) ISSUED BY DEALERS

POLICY:

To view Louisiana statutes: <http://www.legis.state.la.us>

AUTHORITY

R.S. 47:519 - 521

DEFINITION

Louisiana law authorizes the Office of Motor Vehicles to sell temporary registration plates (T-Markers) to licensed dealers of automobiles, boat trailers, camper trailers, trucks, motorcycles, other motor driven cycles, or motorized campers. This law also authorizes the dealer to issue said T-Markers to purchasers of these types of vehicles, to allow the vehicle to be used upon the highways while awaiting issuance of the permanent license plate.

T-markers cannot be issued to the purchasers of vehicles requiring apportioned license plates, The applicant must contact the Office of Motor Vehicles at (225) 925-6146, option 5.

REQUIREMENTS

- A dealer must possess a current dealer's permit number issued by either the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission, the Louisiana Used Motor Vehicle Commission or the Louisiana State Fire Marshal in order to be eligible to issue T-Markers.
- An application for T-Markers ([DPSMV 1642](#)) must be completed by the dealer and submitted to the Office of Motor Vehicles, along with a copy of the dealer's license.
- Except for motorcycles, T-Markers shall have seven (7) numbers. T-Markers issued on motorcycles shall have an "MC" prefix followed by six (6) numbers
- Only one T-Marker may be issued to each vehicle sold; however, if a title transfer is delayed due to lack of proper documentation, etc., the purchaser of a new or used motor vehicle which has been issued a T-Marker may apply to the dealer for an additional sixty-day extension. This extension may be issued by a dealer only after a written justification is approved by an Office of Motor Vehicles Administrator. The extension cannot be issued by lending institutions or auto title companies.
- If regular registration plates are not received by the dealer prior to the expiration of the T-Marker, the dealer should contact the Office of Motor Vehicles for assistance. A T-Marker is not to be used to avoid registration or the payment of fees/taxes, etc.

AUTHORIZED USE

- Dealers may issue temporary registration plates (T-Markers) to persons who purchase motor vehicles from dealers. Any dealer acting on the behalf of an out-of-state or out-of-town dealer to provide a service of delivering a motor vehicle to a customer who takes delivery in Louisiana

may issue a T-Marker to the customer on behalf of the out-of-state or out-of-town dealer. All other uses of T-Markers are prohibited. A T-Marker may not be issued to a truck or tractor to haul a load.

- Each T-Marker shall at all times be in a clearly visible place and position. It shall be fastened to the rear of the vehicle or in the rear window of the vehicle to which it has been assigned. The T-Marker shall be maintained in a condition that is clearly legible and free from foreign materials.
- Temporary markers may be used until expiration by purchasers after a title only transaction has been processed while awaiting issuance of a specialized license plate.
- The T-Marker and Validation for Temporary Marker must be completed in their entirety by the dealer.
- Dealers must maintain a record of T-Markers issued for a period of three (3) years. This information must be furnished to law enforcement officials upon request and/or be made available for audit purposes by the Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles.

TERM

- T-Markers shall be valid for no more than sixty (60) days from the date of issuance.
- If the metal license plate is not received within sixty (60) days of the issuance of the T-Marker and no extension has been granted, the owner must permanently destroy the T-Marker immediately upon expiration of the sixty (60) day period.

FEES

- \$100.00 - set of twenty-five (25)
- \$8.00 - handling fee per order