Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles

Policy 6.01 Temporary License Plates (T-Markers) Issued by Lending Institutions and Auto Title Companies

Section: 5. Motor Vehicle License Plate Classification & Requirements

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R.S. 32:702 (3)
R.S. 47:519
R.S. 47:519.2 C
To view Louisiana Statutes, visit: http://www.legis.state.la.us/tsrs/search.htm

Background:

- The Office of Motor Vehicles is authorized to sell temporary license plates (T-Markers) to auto title companies and to lending institutions which are chartered by the Office of Financial Institutions or by an agency of the Federal government. This law authorizes lending institutions or auto title companies to issue T-Markers to purchasers of automobiles, trucks boat trailers, camper trailers, motorcycles, other motor driven cycles or motorized campers, 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.
- Contact the Office of Motor Vehicles at (225) 925-6146, option 5, regarding these vehicles.

Eligibility:

- Lending institutions which are chartered by the Office of Financial Institutions or by an agency of the federal government and auto title companies contracted with the Department of Public Safety are eligible to issue T-Markers.

Requirements:

- **Authorized Use**
  - A T-Marker may not be issued to a truck or tractor to haul a load.
  - Lending institutions may issue a T-Marker to a vehicle purchaser if the lending institution is providing financing and is submitting the application for title/registration. Lien holders can issue T-Markers after financing has been obtained.
  - Auto title companies may issue a T-Marker to a vehicle purchaser if the auto title company is submitting the application for title/registration and has collected proper documentation and sales tax/fees.
  - 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.

- **Term -** T-Markers shall be valid for no more than sixty (60) days from the date of issuance. A T-Marker shall become void upon expiration of the sixty-day period or upon receipt of the metal plate, whichever comes first.
- A lending institution may issue a T-Marker only to benefit the purchaser or owner of the vehicle on which the lending institution has provided financing.
- A lending institution/auto title company shall not issue a T-Marker to a truck, boat trailer, motorcycle, camper trailer, or motorized camper that has a regular number plate that can be transferred to the new owner, unless the plate is expired.
- A lending institution shall not lend a T-Marker to anyone or use it on any vehicle that it owns, nor shall it issue it to any vehicle for which it has not provided financing. An auto title company shall not lend a T-Marker to anyone or use it on any vehicle that it owns, nor shall it issue it to any vehicle for which it is not handling the title and registration.
- The "Validation for Temporary Marker" must be completed by the lending institution/auto title company with all required information being furnished.
- A T-Marker cannot be issued to a vehicle for which an application for apportioned plate is being made. If qualified, these vehicles must obtain a "Temporary Registration Authorization" from the IRP Unit prior to operation of the vehicle.
- Only one (1) T-Marker may be issued to any one vehicle. No extension may be issued by lending institutions and auto tag companies.
- If regular registration plates are not received by the owner prior to the expiration of the T-Marker, the lending institution/auto title company 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.
- Lending institutions and auto title companies 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.
- An application for T-Markers (DPSMV 1642) must be completed by the lending institution/auto title company and submitted to the Office of Motor Vehicles. The copy of the charter or authorization certificate MUST be attached to the application (DPSMV 1642) and retained in the office for audit purposes.
- The lending institution must provide a copy of the institution's charter upon making application (DPSMV 1642) for T-Markers.
- The auto title company must provide a copy of the company's current authorization certificate issued by the Office of Motor Vehicles upon making application (DPSMV 1642) for T-Markers.

Fees:

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