Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 11.00 Forest Product Plate – Class 2

Section: 5. Motor Vehicle License Plate Classification and Requirements

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R.S. 47:462 A(2)
R.S. 47:509 B(5)
R.S. 32:694
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Definitions:

- **Forest Products-Class 2 Truck -** Those carrying or transporting products of the forest in their natural state, including, but not limited to, logs, debarked logs, untreated ties, stave bolts, plywood bolts, pulpwood billets, wood chips, stumps, sawdust, moss, bark and wood shavings, and property used in the carrying and transporting sugarcane which are not in Class 5 shall be Class 2.
- **Gross combined weight rating (GCWR)** - the maximum allowable combined mass of a towing road vehicle, passengers and cargo in the tow vehicle, plus the weight of the trailer and cargo in or on the trailer, which can be determined by adding the GVWR of all units in the combination.
- **Gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR)** - the net weight of the vehicle, plus the weight of the passengers, fuel, cargo and any additional accessories. The rating is set by the vehicle manufacturer and is shown on the manufacturer certificate of origin (MSO).
- **Gross Weight -** the weight of a vehicle or vehicle combination without load on all axles, including the steering axle plus the weight of any load thereon.
- **Truck –** Every motor propelled single vehicle for the conveyance of property or things for hauling purposes and having one front or steering axle and one rear or load carrying axle.
- **Truck Tractor -** A motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicle and load drawn.

Requirements:

- Refer to section V Policy 28.00 Truck and Tractor License Plates for a list of required documents.
- Trucks used for purposes defined within multiple classes shall be issued a Class 1 plate.
- Vehicles being registered as a Class 2 vehicle weighted in excess of 23,999 lbs. shall be assessed the $15.00 Louisiana Trucking Research and Education Council Surcharge. The surcharge shall be collected at initial issuance and registration renewals.

- No documentation is necessary to verify the need for the issuance of a forest product plate.

Fees:

- License plate fees are assessed according to the rate schedule indicated below:

GROSS WEIGHT IN POUNDS	FOREST PRODUCTS CLASS 2 YEARLY RATE
6,000 lbs. or less	$10.00
6,001 to 23,999	$0.25 per 100 lbs.
24,000 to 88,000	$0.28 per 100 lbs.

- **Lost or Stolen Plate -** Fees for replacement of a lost or stolen plate are assessed as follows:
  - $10.00 lost plate fee
  - $8.00 handling fee
- **Proration of License Plate Fees:**
  - Louisiana law allows the license plate fee to be prorated if a vehicle requires a non-staggered license plate.
  - License plate fees may be prorated August 1st – May 31st.
  - The minimum proration amount allowed is $10.00 on any prorated plate.
  - The fifteen dollar ($15.00) Louisiana Trucking Research and Education Council Surcharge shall not be prorated.
- **License Plate Fee Credit**
  - Credit may be allowed for the unused portion of a truck license plate when requesting
    - A weight increase
    - Class change (city use to private, etc.)
  - Credit will be applied to the price of the plate which is being purchased.
  - Credit will not be allowed if a higher value plate is being exchanged for a plate of lower value. An even exchange takes place and NO refund is due.
  - Credit will not be allowed if a weight or plate change is requested as a result of a citation being issued. The proper penalty will be charged if a citation is issued.

Related Policies:

Section 4, Policy 2.00- Basic Requirements for Obtaining a Certificate of Title
Section 4, Policy 57.00- Federal Heavy Vehicle Use Tax
Section 5, Policy 2.00- City Use Plates
Section 5, Policy 10.00- Farm Produce Plates
Section 5, Policy 11.00- Forest Product Plate
Section 5, Policy 19.00- Trailer – Classes of License Plates
Section 5, Policy 28.00- Truck and Tractor License Plates