Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 124.00 Hire Passenger Vehicles

Section: 5. Motor Vehicle License Plate Classification and Requirements

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Definitions:

- **Transportation of passengers for hire or fee** -- the movement of passengers by motor vehicle for direct monetary payment for a service and/or any common carrier of passengers.
- **Types of Hire Passenger Vehicles:**
  - **Hire Bus** -- a bus that is designed with a seating capacity of six or more persons, exclusive of the operator, which is used in the transportation of passengers for hire.
  - **Limousine** -- a large, luxurious, often chauffeur-driven sedan that may have a glass partition separating the driver's seat from the passenger compartment. A privately owned limousine is used strictly for the applicant's own personal use and is not hired out. A business owned limousine is used for the convenience of the business' customers, such as a casino or hotel. A hire limousine is used to transport passengers for hire and for monetary payment, such as a limousine rental company.
  - **Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Vehicle** -- a vehicle that transports patients for hire to and from a medical facility or doctor's office for non-emergency treatment. The owner or driver of this type vehicle may receive compensation directly from the patient or through contract with a governmental (state or federal) agency.
    - Exempt from regulation by the Louisiana Public Service Commission
    - Owners must register with the Public Service Commission as an Exempt Commodities Carrier
    - Must hold an Exempt General License Certificate in order to be issued a hire passenger license plate
  - **Taxi** -- a motor vehicle that is designed, constructed and operated in a bona fide manner as such for hire, carrying six persons or less, including the driver, which is subject to call from a garage, office, taxi stand, or other location of central dispatch.

Requirements:

- If transporting for hire, the company must comply with the "for hire" license plate requirement
- A Public Service Commission exemption certificate completed by Louisiana Public Service Commission, if applicable.
- All vehicles must be titled in Louisiana.
- Proof of current liability insurance
- A statement of fact when registering a limousine in the name of an individual for personal use only.
- A statement of fact when registering a business owned limousine for the convenience of the business customer, such as casinos or hotels.

Eligibility:

- There is no "for hire" handicapped license plate.
- These vehicles do not qualify for either an institutional or a commercial handicapped license plate.
- A mobility impaired passenger must possess a handicap placard that will afford the vehicle the privilege to park in a designated mobility impaired parking space.
- No vehicle with a reconstructed title shall be issued a license plate to operate as a motor carrrier of passengers or as a public carrier vehicle.

Fees:

- **Hire Bus, Non-Emergency Medical Transportation, and for Hire Limousine**
  - $6.25 fee per passenger seat (minimum $25) to operate within the corporate limits of incorporated municipalities.
  - $3.25 fee per passenger seat (minimum $25) to operate wholly within the corporate limits of an incorporated municipality and to also operate within seven miles of the corporate limits under a franchise from the municipality.
- **Limousine**
  - Privately owned limousine - shall be issued a private auto license plate with a two-year registration period. The license fee is based on the selling price of vehicle (SPOV).
  - Business owned limousine - may be issued commercial license plate with a one-year staggered registration period ($10) OR a private auto license plate with a two-year registration period. The private auto license fee is based on the selling price of vehicle (SPOV).
  - Hire limousine - may be issued a Hire Passenger license plate, at a rate of $6.25 per passenger seat (minimum $25) with a one-year non-staggered registration period OR a private auto license plate with a two-year registration period ($12.50 per passenger).
- **Taxi**
  - $30 annual fee

Related Policies:

Section 4, Policy 2.00 Basic Requirements For Obtaining A Certificate Of Title
Section 5, Policy 3.00 Commercial License Plates
Section 5, Policy 38.00 Automobile License Plates