



Louisiana Department of Public Safety  
Office of Motor Vehicles  
**Policy 68.00 Unladen Permit**

**Section:** 5. Motor Vehicle License Plate Classifications & Requirements

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**Authority:**

[R.S. 47:511.2](#)

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

**Definition:**

- This law provides for the issuance of an Unladen Permit, (a temporary registration), form [DPSMV1703](#) which will be provided to an owner/operator who breaks or loses his lease, thus allowing the operation of the truck while the owner/operator attempts to negotiate the lease of his vehicle/services to another company. The Unladen Permit will be honored in all IRP member jurisdictions as a valid registration.

**Requirements:**

- Owner/operators requesting an Unladen Permit must satisfy the following requirements:
  - The truck must be properly titled in Louisiana.
  - The truck must display an official certificate of inspection and approval as provided by R.S. 32:1301 - 1304.
  - Satisfactory proof of insurance with the required limits of liability.
  - A copy of the latest cab card and registration certificate or certificate of title.
  - An Unladen Permit can be obtained through the Office of Motor Vehicles in the following office locations; Shreveport, Houma, Monroe, Veterans, Slidell, Lake Charles, Lafayette, Baton Rouge and Alexandria.
- The permit shall:
  - Be issued for a registered gross weight not in excess of the empty weight of the vehicle and cannot be used to transport goods.
  - Authorize the operation of the truck for a period of not more than 30 days.

**Fees:**

- There are no fees associated with the issuance of an Unladen Permit.