



Louisiana Department of Public Safety  
Office of Motor Vehicles  
**Policy 31.00 Vans, Private Buses, & Sport Utility Vehicles**

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

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[R.S. 47:463.5](#)

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**Definitions:**

- **Vans and Sport Utility Vehicle (e.g., Broncos, Blazers, Jeeps)** - A vehicle registered to private individuals as a private passenger vehicle that will be issued a license plate based on the actual value of the vehicle.
- **Private Bus** - A vehicle which has a truck or tandem truck chassis and seats seven or more people and/or has sleeping accommodations for eight or more people and is used primarily for recreational purposes.

**Requirements:**

- Refer to [Policy 4.2.00, Basic Requirements for Obtaining a Certificate of Title](#), for a list of required documents.
- **Issuance**
  - **Vans and Sport Utility Vehicles:**
    - **Automobile Plate** – Issued if used to transport persons and their personal effects exclusively
    - **Commercial Plate** – Issued if used in connection with any business related function
    - **Class 5 Farm Truck Plate** - Issued if used in carrying farm produce raised on the applicant's farm(s) from such farms to market, or returning therefrom, carrying goods and merchandise back to their farms, this individually or cooperatively, but not for hire
  - **Private buses** will be issued a private bus plate. This class of plate shall apply to:
    - School-Type Buses (not used for the transportation of children)
    - Self-propelled Recreational Vehicles which meet the sleeping or seating requirements.

**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 10.00 [Farm Produce Plates](#)