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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Definitions:
- **Private Bus** - A vehicle that has a truck or tandem truck chassis and seats seven (7) or more people and/or has sleeping accommodations for eight (8) or more people and is used primarily for recreational purposes
- **Vans and Sport Utility Vehicle -** 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 (i.e. Bronco, Blazer, Jeep, etc.)

Requirements:
- Required documentation to obtain a Certificate of Title
- **Plate 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 that 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