



Louisiana Department of Public Safety  
Office of Motor Vehicles  
**Policy 28.07 Minimum Weight Truck Plates – Class 1**

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

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**Definitions:**

- **Minimum Weight Class-1 Truck** - All trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 6,000 pounds or less, that are not used specifically for farm use, forest products, city use, or gravel hauling.
- **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 5, [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.

**Fees:**

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

Gross Weight In Pounds	Trucks Class 1	Duration of Plate
6,000 lbs. or less	\$40.00	4 Year (Staggered Expiration)

- **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
- \$.83 for any additional month added to bring registration current.
- **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 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](#)

Section 5, [Policy 28.05, Private Trucks Over 6000 Pounds](#)