Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 28.05 Trucks Over 6,000 Pounds – Class 1

Section: 5. Motor Vehicle License Plate Classifications & Requirements

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Definitions:

- **Class 1 Truck** - All trucks/truck tractors over 6,000 pounds used to transport freight, merchandise, or other property that are not used specifically for farm use, forest products, city use, or gravel hauling will be issued a private truck plate based on weight.
- **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 V Policy 28.00 Truck and Tractor License Plates for a list of required documents.
- Trucks used for purposed 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 ANNUAL FEE	DURATION OF PLATE
6,001 to 8,000	$28.00	4 years (48 months)
8,001 to 10,000	$28.00	4 years (48 months)
10,001 to 23,999	0.38 per 100 lbs.	1 year (expire June 30th of each calendar year)
24,000 to 37,999	0.60 per 100 lbs.	1 year (expire June 30th of each calendar year)
38,000 to 80,000	0.63 per 100 lbs.	1 year (expire June 30th of each calendar year)
80,001 to 88,000	0.64 per 100 lbs.	1 year (expire June 30th of each calendar year)

- A fifteen dollar ($15.00) Louisiana Trucking Research and Education Council Surcharge shall be assessed at initial issuance and at each subsequent renewal for all Class 1 vehicles with a GVWR or GCWR in excess of 23,999 lbs.
- **Lost or Stolen Plate** - Fees for replacement of a lost or stolen plate are assessed as follows:
    - 6,001 to 10,000 lbs.
        - $10.00 lost plate fee
        - $8.00 handling fee
        - Prorated fee for any months issued past the original expiration date.
    - 10,001 to 88,000 lbs.
        - $10.00 lost plate fee
        - $8.00 handling fee.
- **Proration of License Plate Fees**
    - Louisiana law allows the license plate fee to be prorated if a vehicle requires a non-staggered license plate.
    - The minimum proration amount allowed is $10.00 on any prorated plate.
    - The fifteen dollar ($15.00) Louisiana Trucking Research and Education Council Surcharge shall not be prorated.
- **License Plate Fee Credit**
    - Credit may be allowed for the unused portion of a truck license plate when requesting
        - A weight increase
        - Class change (gravel hauler 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 4, Policy 57.00 Federal Heavy Vehicle Use Tax
Section 5, Policy 2.00 City Use Plates
Section 5, Policy 10.00 Farm Produce Plates
Section 5, Policy 11.00 Forest Product Plates
Section 5, Policy 19.00 Trailer Classes Of License Plates
Section 5, Policy 28.04 Apportioned License Plates
Section 5, Policy 28.00 Truck And Tractor License Plates