Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 28.00 Truck and Tractor License Plates

Section: 5. Motor Vehicle License Plate Classifications & Requirements

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Definitions:

- **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.
- For the purpose of registration and licensing, trucks, tandem trucks, and truck-tractors shall be classified as follows:
    - **CLASS 1** – **TRUCK** - Vehicle that carries or transports freight, merchandise, or other property except those included in another class.
    - **CLASS 2** - **FOREST PRODUCTS** - Vehicle that carries or transports products of the forest in their natural state, including but not limited to, logs, debarked logs, untreated ties, stave bolts, plywood bolts, pulpwood billets, wood chips, stumps, sawdust, moss, bark and wood shavings, and property used in the carrying and transporting of sugarcane which are not in Class 5.
    - **CLASS 3** - **GRAVEL HAULERS** - Vehicle used exclusively to carry or transport gravel, or the hauling of dirt, sand, shells, and lightweight aggregate. If hauling products other than those defined, a Class 1 truck plate shall be issued.

- **CLASS 4** - **CITY USE** - Vehicle that operates within the corporate (city) limits and not more than 13 miles' distance from the corporate (city) limits. The vehicle's domicile must be shown on the registration certificate. A motor vehicle with a city use license plate is authorized to travel outside of a city provided that it carries absolutely no cargo or goods. If carrying cargo or goods outside of corporate limits, a class 1 truck plate shall be issued.
- **CLASS 5** - **FARM USE** - Vehicle that is owned by persons engaged in the business of actual farming and by them used primarily, but not exclusively, in carrying farm produce raised on their farms from such farms to market, or returning therefrom carrying goods and merchandise back to their farms, this individually or cooperatively, but not for hire. Farm produce shall include, but not be limited to, fruits, vegetables, livestock, fish, shellfish, bees, and chickens. Those vehicles owned by persons engaged exclusively in the business of hauling milk and milk products for dairy cooperatives or any other milk plant also shall be Class 5.
- Vehicles used for purposed defined within multiple classes shall be issued a Class 1 plate.

Requirements:

- Required documentation
  - Proof of ownership
    - A photocopy of the registration certificate of the vehicle on which the plate will be placed. OR
    - If the vehicle is not registered in the applicant's name, proper title documentation and fees must be submitted along with the request for the plate.
  - Acceptable proof of liability insurance
  - Proof of payment of Federal Heavy Vehicle Use tax, if applicable
  - Statement of Farm Use, if applicable (Section E)
  - Tow Truck License Application Affidavit, if applicable
- A truck must be registered at a weight equal to or greater than the GVWR of the vehicle.
- Trucks used in combination with another unit (i.e. trailer) must be registered based on the gross combined weight rating (GCWR).
- GVWR will be verified when a change of ownership occurs.
  - Trucks with a GVWR of 6,000 pounds or less will be valid for four years and will be assessed an annual fee of $10.00. Expiration will be staggered based on month of issuance.
  - Trucks with a GVWR over 6,000 pounds but less than 10,000 pounds will be valid for four years and will assessed an annual fee of $28.00. Expiration will be staggered based on month of issuance.
  - Trucks with a GVWR greater than 10,000 pounds will be valid for a maximum of one year and will expire on June 30th of each calendar year.
  - GVWR will be verified when a change of ownership occurs and will be registered with the weight appropriate plate.

Fees:

- Trucks will be registered in hundred pound increments. (e.g. 6100, 6200, 6300, etc.)
- The applicant must indicate the weight at which the vehicle is to be registered, if greater than the GVWR.
- Trucks owned by public entities may be issued a public plate or private plate, free of charge. Private plates on public vehicles will be valid for the regular term of the plate. The plates will be subject to normal renewal procedures.
- A fifteen dollar ($15.00) Louisiana Trucking Research and Education Council Surcharge shall be assessed at initial issuance and each subsequent renewal for all Class 1 and Class 2 vehicles with a GVWR in excess of 23,999 lbs.
- License plate fees are assessed according to the rate schedule indicated below.

Gross Weight (in lbs.)	Trucks Class 1 Annual Fee	Duration of Plate
6,000 lbs. or less	$10.00	4 Years (48 months)
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)

Gross Weight (in lbs.)	Forest Products Class 2 Annual Fee	Gravel Haul Class 3 Annual Fee	City Use Only Class 4 Annual Fee	Farm Trucks Class 5 Annual Fee	Duration of Plate
6,000 or less	$10.00	$10.00	$10.00	$3.00	4 Years (48 months)
6,001 to 10,000	0.25 per 100 lbs.	0.35 per 100 lbs.	0.25 per 100 lbs.	$3.00	4 Years (48 months)
10,001 to 23,999	0.25 per 100 lbs.	0.35 per 100 lbs.	0.25 per 100 lbs.	$10.00	1 Year (expire June 30th of each calendar year)
24,000 to 43,999	0.28 per 100 lbs.	0.60 per 100 lbs.	0.30 per 100 lbs.	$20.00	1 Year (expire June 30th of each calendar year)
44,000 to 65,999	0.28 per 100 lbs.	0.60 per 100 lbs.	0.30 per 100 lbs.	$30.00	1 Year (expire June 30th of each calendar year)
66,000 to 88,000	0.28 per 100 lbs.	0.60 per 100 lbs.	0.30 per 100 lbs.	$40.00	1 Year (expire June 30th of each calendar year)

- **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**
  - Non-staggered license plates may be prorated.
  - The minimum proration amount allowed is $10.00
  - The 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 28.05 Private Trucks Over 6000 Pounds-Class 1
Section 5, Policy 37.00 Tow Truck Plates