



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles

**Policy 12.01 Headquarters Procedures for Processing
DOTD Violation Tickets Involving Overweight, No
Plates, and/or Expired Plates and Improper Plates**

Section: 4. Motor Vehicle Registration Requirements

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[R.S. 32:380 - 387](#)

[R.S. 32:389](#)

[R.S. 47:501](#)

[R.S. 47:516](#)

General: When a law enforcement official stops a commercial vehicle and determines that the vehicle is improperly licensed, expired, or is otherwise unlawful, the enforcement officer will issue a violation ticket, confiscate the driver's license, and may remove the license plate or impound the vehicle.

Requirements:

- Purchasing a proper license for the vehicle is required to place the vehicle in compliance.
- If the vehicle is in violation, the driver's license will be seized and the license plate may be seized based on the type of violation. If the violation is not cleared within 30 days, DOTD will forward the ticket to OMV/HQ for further action.

Related Policies:

Section 2, Policy 1.00 [In Lieu Of Affidavits](#)