



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 14.00 Proration / Credit Given on Truck License Plates

Section: 4. Motor Vehicle Registration Requirements

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General:

- The proration of truck license plates must be calculated in accordance with the statutory provisions under R.S. 47:504(B). Proration begins September 1st each year. Minimum proration amount allowed is \$10.00 on any prorated plate.
 - **Example:** If a truck is either purchased or brought into the state during the months of May, June, July, or August, a full year license fee will be charged.
- There are two basic situations when credit may be allowed for the unused portion of a truck license plate.
 - An individual may wish to increase the weight of his plate or he may wish to change classes (private to CC, etc.). In this case we will allow credit for the unused portion of the plate and apply that credit toward the prorated price of the plate which is being purchased.
 - **Example:** A person has a 50,000 POT plate and wished to increase his registration to a 64,000 POT. Credit will be allowed for the unused portion of the 50,000 pound plate and that credit will be applied against the prorated cost of the 64,000 pound plate.
 - An individual sells a truck to someone who needs a higher weight or higher class plate.
 - **Example:** A person purchases a truck which has a valid 64,000 POT plate. He needs to purchase a 64,000 CC plate. Credit will be given for the unused portion of the POT plate and that credit will be applied against the prorated cost of the CC plate.
- There is a third situation, but it does not fall into the category in which credit is given. If a plate of higher value is being exchanged for a plate of lower value, there is no credit allowed - an even exchange takes place and there is NO refund due.
- These regulations apply only to voluntary conversions. When a citation is issued, the *proper penalty will be charged. *See Section IV, Policy/Procedure Statement #12.0 for procedures for handling violation tickets.