

Section: 4. Motor Vehicle Registration Requirements

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Definition:

• Foreign Title - A title issued for a financed vehicle that is titled in a state where the lienholder holds the title until the lien is satisfied

Requirements:

- Louisiana law requires new residents of this state to register their vehicle within thirty (30) days
 of establishing residency. Louisiana issues titles on all vehicles registered in the state, with the
 exception of vehicles titled in a state that requires the lienholder retain possession of the title
 until the lien is satisfied.¹
- In order to register a vehicle as a foreign title held by the lienholder, one of the following is required:
 - A non-negotiable copy of the out-of-state title showing a lien. This can be either the owner's copy or a photocopy furnished by the lienholder
 - o A valid registration certificate indicating owner and lien information
 - A letter from the Motor Vehicle authority of the state that issued the title confirming the name of the owner, lien information, and description of the vehicle
 - A copy of the "title application" filed in another state, indicating that there is a lien. Copy must be validated by a Motor Vehicle or Revenue employee of that state.
 - Exclusions:
 - Mississippi title applications are excluded, as these are prepared by a dealer and have not necessarily been filed with the Mississippi Motor Vehicle Department.
 - Arizona title applications are excluded.
- In addition to the documents indicated above, the following must be provided prior to a vehicle being registered:
 - A completed Vehicle Application (DPSMV1799) form
 - Proof of current liability insurance, if applicable
 - Applicable fees

Refer to Section 4, Policy 48.00, <u>Out-of-State Transfers and Reciprocity With Other States</u>, for information concerning assessment of tax and credit for sales and/or use tax paid in another jurisdiction

• Exceptions:

- If an original out-of-state title with a lien is provided, the application must be processed in accordance with Section 4, Policy 48.00, <u>Out-of-State Transfers and Reciprocity</u> Agreements with Other States.
- o If no lien is indicated on the out-of-state paperwork, the original out-of-state title is required in order to register the vehicle.

Fees:

- Title fee
- Applicable sales/use tax

Related Policies:

Section 4, Policy 2.00 Basic Requirements For Obtaining A Certificate Of Title

Section 4, Policy 2.03 Completion Of Vehicle Application

Section 4, Policy 48.00 Out Of State Transfers And Reciprocity With Other States

Section 4, Policy 49.01 Exempt From Sales Tax- Lease/Rental Vehicles

References:

¹ – Louisiana State Legislature. *New Residents; Registration; Inspection* (R.S. 47:513.2), retrieved from https://legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=1017802.