



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 28.04 Apportioned License Plates

Section: 5. Motor Vehicle License Plate Classifications & Requirements

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[R.S. 47:511](#)

R.S.47:462(B)(3)(a)

To view Louisiana Statutes: <http://www.legis.state.la.us/>

Definitions:

- **Base Jurisdiction** - The jurisdiction where the registrant has an established place of business and operational records of the fleet are maintained.
- **International Registration Plan (IRP)** – An agreement that allows for the registration of vehicles that travel into multiple jurisdictions to be registered with one, single license plate. Louisiana is a member of IRP.

Eligibility:

- In order for a vehicle to be apportioned, the vehicle must meet **one** of the following criteria:
 - Is a power unit having two axles and a gross vehicle weight or registered gross vehicle weight in excess of 26,000 pounds
 - Is a power unit having three or more axles, regardless of weight
 - Is used in combination, when the weight of such combination exceeds 26,000 pounds' gross vehicle weight
 - Vehicles, or combinations thereof, having a gross weight of 26,000 pounds or less and two-axle vehicles and buses used in transportation of chartered parties may be proportionally registered at the option of the registrant.

Fees:

- License fees are based on the percentage of fleet miles operated and are collected by the base jurisdiction and distributed to various jurisdictions.
- Fees are calculated according to each jurisdictions specific registration schedules and are based on:
 - Percentage of mileage traveled in each jurisdiction
 - Vehicle identification information
 - Maximum weight
 - Value, age, unladen weight, etc.
- A \$15.00 surcharge shall be imposed and levied at initial registration and each subsequent renewal for all vehicles with a GVWR in excess of 23,999 lbs., as required by the Louisiana Trucking Research and Education Council.

Requirements:

- Each license plate must be accompanied by a cab card which indicates the states in which the vehicle is authorized to travel (without obtaining trip permits).
- All vehicles must be titled in Louisiana in order to be eligible for Louisiana based apportioned license plates.
- Interstate carriers must file applications with the jurisdiction in which they are based.
- Once the IRP account has been established, additional vehicles may be added or deleted, and weight changes (supplemental applications) may be submitted. Applicants may be issued temporary authority to operate the vehicle until the application is processed, fees are paid, and the metal license plate is received.
- Trailers are not required to be apportioned, but may be issued a Louisiana identification trailer plate.
- Apportioned license plates are available through the Office of Motor Vehicles in the following offices:
 - Alexandria
 - Baton Rouge
 - Houma
 - Lafayette
 - Lake Charles
 - Mandeville
 - Monroe
 - Shreveport
- Office addresses and additional information regarding the IRP program may be found on OMV's website at www.expresslane.org or the Office of Motor Vehicles at (225) 925-7022.

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 4, Policy 95.01 [Tax Exemption For Vehicles Used In Interstate Commerce](#)

Section 4, Policy 105.01 [Required Proof Of Liability Insurance Prior To Registration Of Vehicles](#)

Section 5, Policy 28.00 [Truck And Tractor License Plates](#)

Section 5, Policy 28.03 [Renewal And Change Of Class From Apportioned To Regular Plate](#)