



Louisiana Department of Public Safety  
Office of Motor Vehicles

**Policy 38.01 Credit for Transfer of License Registration from  
Deceased Owner to Surviving Spouse (R.S. 47:509.1)**

**Section:** 5. Motor Vehicle License Plate Classifications & Requirements

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**General:**

- R.S. 47:509.1 provides that when the ownership of a motor vehicle is transferred from a deceased spouse to a surviving spouse and the surviving spouse applies for registration of that motor vehicle, the surviving spouse shall receive credit for the unused portion of the vehicle registration license tax which was paid for registration of the motor vehicle in the name of the deceased spouse.
- Therefore, \*a license plate fee credit, applicable to any type motor vehicle, will be given to a surviving spouse at the time of transfer of ownership. A new plate will be issued on a TT25 or TT35 with license credit given for the unused portion of the previous license plate. This license credit must be calculated manually and entered in the LICR field. All documents/procedures for the transfer of surviving spouse will remain the same with the exception of the license fee credit.
- A new plate will be issued with credit given on the TT25 or TT35 for the unused portion of the license plate. The remaining license credit must be calculated manually and entered in the LICR field.