



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 112.00 Motor Vehicle Inspection

Section: 4. Motor Vehicle Registration Requirements

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[R.S. 32:1](#)

[R.S. 32:707](#)

[R.S. 32:1301](#) - [1314](#)

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

Objective: The Motor Vehicle Inspection law states that every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer registered in this state shall bear a valid safety inspection certificate issued in the state of Louisiana, except as otherwise provided by R.S. 32:1311.¹

Definitions:

- **Motor Vehicle-** Every vehicle that is self-propelled and every vehicle that is propelled by electric power.²
 - Motor vehicle shall also include a low-speed vehicle that is a four-wheeled, electric-powered vehicle with a maximum speed of not less than twenty (20) miles per hour, but not more than twenty-five (25) miles per hour **and** is equipped with the minimum motor vehicle equipment appropriate for vehicle safety.²
- **Semitrailer-** Every single vehicle without motive power, designed for carrying property and passengers **and** so designed in conjunction and used with a motor vehicle that some part of its own weight and that of its own load rests or is carried by another vehicle and having one or more load-carrying axles.²
- **Trailer-** Every single vehicle without motive power designed for carrying property or passengers wholly on its own structure, drawn by a motor vehicle, which carries no part of the weight and load of the trailer on its own wheels and having two or more load carrying axles.²

Eligibility:

- **Vehicle Type Exemptions -** The following vehicles are exempt from obtaining a motor vehicle inspection:
 - Farm tractors, self-propelled farm equipment, rubber-tired farm wagons and carts, drawn rubber-tired farm equipment, and implements of husbandry designed primarily for field use
 - Single-axle, two-wheel trailers
 - Boat trailers
 - Motor vehicles that are 25 years old or older, used primarily for exhibition in shows, parades, and tours and not for general transportation and that are registered and licensed as antique as provided for by R.S. 32:707(L).³

- Vehicles designed to transport more than fifteen (15) passengers, as these types of vehicles require a commercial MVI sticker.
- Mini Trucks
- **Commercial Inspection Stickers-** The following vehicle types require a commercial inspection sticker:
 - Vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 10,000 pounds or more, which are used in the transportation of hazardous materials
 - Vehicles with a GVWR of 26,000 pounds or more
- **Sticker/Insert Issuance Eligibility** - A Motor Vehicle Inspection station must possess a current license issued by the Louisiana State Police Weights and Standards/MVI Unit to be eligible to purchase inspection stickers and monthly and yearly insert stickers.

General:

- **Term of MVI Sticker** - Vehicle owners shall have the option to purchase a certificate of inspection that is valid for a duration of one year (12 months) or two years (24 months) from a licensed motor vehicle inspection station if:
 - The vehicle is domiciled in a parish that does not require emissions testing
 - The vehicle is domiciled in a non-attainment area and does not require emissions testing
- **Emission Testing Exemption** - Vehicles exempt from emissions testing include:
 - Vehicles manufactured prior to 1980
 - Any vehicle that are not gasoline-fueled vehicles, such as diesel vehicles
 - Trailers that do not fall under the commercial inspection guidelines
 - Vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating (G.V.W.R.) over 10,000 pounds
- **Monthly/Yearly Inserts:**
 - Monthly and yearly insert stickers will be issued for each book purchased.
 - Stations must specify to the office which monthly inserts are needed.
 - If a Motor Vehicle office runs out of monthly inserts, the station may use the stamp kit.
 - If a station has lost or damaged yearly inserts, the Towing and Recovery Section of State Police must be contacted for assistance.
- **Emissions Control Stickers:**
 - Vehicles domiciled in one of the five parishes designated as ozone non-attainment areas, that require emissions testing, shall only be eligible to receive a certificate of inspection that is valid for the duration of one year (12 months).
 - Emissions Control stickers are issued to Motor Vehicle Inspection stations in the following parishes:
 - East Baton Rouge
 - West Baton Rouge
 - Ascension
 - Livingston
 - Iberville parishes.
 - These parishes are required to perform additional emissions testing due to environmental concerns.
 - A special emissions insert is issued in addition to the MVI sticker and inserts.

Motor Vehicle Offices that Provide MVI Issuance

Abbeville	Coushatta	Jena	Monroe	Ruston
Alexandria	Crowley	Jennings	Morgan City	Shreveport
Amite	Dequincy	Jonesboro	Napoleonville	Slidell
Arcadia	Deridder	Jonesville	Natchitoches	St. Francisville
Bastrop	Donaldsonville	Kinder	New Iberia	Sulphur
Baton Rouge	Eunice	Lafayette	New Roads	Tallulah
Bogalusa	Farmerville	Lake Charles	Oak Grove	Thibodaux
Bossier City	Golden Meadow	Leesville	Oakdale	Veterans
Breaux Bridge	Gonzales	Livingston	Opelousas	Vidalia
Bunkie	Gramercy	Mandeville	Pineville	Ville Platte
Chalmette	Greensburg	Mansfield	Plaquemine	Vivian
Clinton	Harvey	Many	Port Allen	West Monroe
Colfax	Homer	Marksville	Rayville	Winnfield
Columbia	Houma	Minden	Reserve	Winnsboro

- Select Public Tag Agencies can issue MVI stickers.
- **Note:** For information concerning MVI classes, signs, etc., or for reports of stolen stickers, stations can contact LSP Weights and Standards/MVI Unit at (225) 925-6113, Ext. 205.

Required Documentation:

- A copy of the current license issued by the Louisiana State Police Weights and Standards/ MVI Unit to purchase inspection stickers and inserts must be submitted.
- A Request for Inspection/Rejection Certificates ([DPSMV1018](#)) must be completed and submitted by the station representative.

Fees:

- **MVI Stickers** - Each book contains twenty-five (25) stickers and are sold at the following rates:
 - \$131.25 - 1-year regular MVI book
 - \$262.50 - 2-year MVI book
 - \$156.25 - Commercial book
 - \$ 8.00 - Handling Fee, which is collected on each sale regardless of the number of items purchased
 - No charge for Rejections
 - If no other items are purchased, the \$8.00 handling fee is collected
- **Emission Control Stickers** - The emission inserts are sold in sets of twenty-five (25).
 - \$50.00 - Per set
 - \$8.00 - Handling fee, per order

Related Policies:

Section 4, Policy 1.00, [Vehicles Exempt from Registration](#)

Section 4, Policy 2.00, [Basic Requirements for Obtaining a Certificate of Title](#)

Section 4, Policy 113.00, [Low Speed Vehicle](#)

References:

- ¹ – Louisiana State Legislature, *Exemptions* (R.S. 32:1311), retrieved from <https://legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=88058>.
- ² – Louisiana State Legislature, *Definitions* (R.S. 32:1), retrieved from <https://legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=88016>.
- ³ – Louisiana State Legislature, *Application for Certificates of Title; Exception; Salvage Title; Antique Vehicles; Reconstructed Title* (R.S. 32:707), retrieved from <https://legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=88520>.