



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 122.01 Utility Terrain Vehicles

Section: 4. Motor Vehicle Registration Requirements

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[R.S. 32:299.3](#)

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

Definitions:

- **Utility Terrain Vehicle** - a recreational motor vehicle designed for and capable of travel over designated roads, traveling on four or more tires with a maximum tire width of twenty-seven inches, a maximum wheel cleat or lug of three-fourths of an inch, a minimum width of fifty inches but not exceeding seventy-four inches, a minimum weight of at least seven hundred pounds but not exceeding two thousand pounds, and a minimum wheelbase of sixty-one inches but not exceeding one hundred ten inches. "Utility Terrain Vehicle" shall include those vehicles not equipped with a certification label as required by 49 CFR Part 567.4. 'Utility Terrain Vehicle' does not include golf carts, vehicles specially designed to carry a disabled person, or vehicles otherwise registered under R.S. 32:299. A "Utility Terrain Vehicle" or "UTV" also means a recreational off-highway vehicle or ROV.

Requirements and Exceptions:

- The use of Utility Terrain Vehicles on public roads or streets are prohibited except as follows:
 - A Utility Terrain Vehicle may be operated only upon a parish road that has been designated by a parish, or a municipal street that has been designated by a municipality, for use by a Utility Terrain Vehicle. Upon a designation that a Utility Terrain Vehicle may be operated on a designated road or street, the responsible governmental entity shall post appropriate signage indicating that the operation is authorized.
 - A Utility Terrain Vehicle may cross any divided highway, highway, roadway, or street with a posted speed limit in excess of thirty-five miles per hour at an intersection.
 - A person operating a Utility Terrain Vehicle shall be at least twenty-one (21) and possess a valid driver's license
- Requirements for Titling - The documentation required to register a utility terrain vehicle is the same as the basic titling requirements:
 - A completed vehicle application form ([DPSMV 1799](#))
 - Manufacturer's Statement of Origin (new/unregistered vehicle) or title

- Itemized invoice from dealer to purchaser or original notarized bill of sale or invoice (new/unregistered) or current certificate of title assigned before a notary by seller to purchaser, with the properly released lien, if applicable
- Properly completed and signed odometer disclosure statement
- Original or copy of properly completed UCC-1 form, or other security agreement, if a lien is to be recorded
- Proof of liability insurance
- A statement of Utility Terrain Vehicle ([DPSMV1810](#)) from the owner indicating:
 - That the utility terrain vehicle contains all equipment required for use as indicated above and has a minimum wheelbase of sixty-one inches but not exceed one hundred and ten inches.
 - The owner is aware that the vehicles shall be operated only by a licensed driver at least twenty-one years of age.
 - That the utility terrain vehicle may only be used upon a parish road that has been designated by a parish, or a municipal street that has been designated by a municipality, for use by a utility terrain vehicle or cross any divided highway, highway, roadway, or street with a posted speed limit in excess of thirty-five miles per hour at an intersection.
- Applicable fees (title, handling, recordation fee)
- Applicable sales/use tax
- **Required Equipment - Utility Terrain Vehicle**
 - Any Utility Terrain Vehicle operated on any roadway or street shall be equipped with the minimum motor vehicle equipment appropriate for motor vehicle safety including:
 - head lamps
 - front and rear turn signal lamps
 - tail lamps
 - stop lamps
 - reflex reflectors - including one on each side as far to the rear as practicable and one red reflector on the rear of the vehicle
 - an exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side of the vehicle and either an exterior mirror mounted on the passenger's side of the vehicle or an interior mirror
 - parking brake
 - an adequate windshield
 - windshield wiper
 - speedometer
 - odometer
 - braking for each wheel
 - seat belt assembly installed at each designated seating position
 - vehicle identification number or serial number
- **Requirements for Reclassifying a Qualifying Vehicle as a Utility Terrain Vehicle**
 - A completed vehicle application form (DPSMV 1799), including section D on the reverse side of the form
 - Original Title
 - A statement of Utility Terrain Vehicle ([DPSMV1810](#)) from the owner indicating:
 - that the utility terrain vehicle contains all equipment required for use as indicated above and has a minimum wheelbase of sixty-one inches but not exceed one hundred and ten inches.
 - the owner is aware that the vehicle shall be operated only by a licensed driver at least twenty-one years of age.

- that the utility terrain vehicle may only be used upon a parish road that has been designated by a parish, or a municipal street that has been designated by a municipality, for use by a utility terrain vehicle or cross any divided highway, highway, roadway, or street with a posted speed limit in excess of thirty-five miles per hour at an intersection.
- Applicable fees (title and handling)

Notes:

- A utility terrain vehicle will be issued an off road decal.
- Utility terrain vehicles are subject to the compulsory insurance requirements. If liability insurance is cancelled it will result in a revocation of the registration and the driver's license. To prevent insurance cancellations, the title must be surrendered and a title correction processed to re-classify the vehicle as an off road vehicle. A title fee will be assessed.

Related Policies:

Section 4, Policy 2.00 [Basic Requirements For Obtaining A Certificate Of Title](#)

Section 4, Policy 2.01 [Title Corrections](#)

Section 4, Policy 2.03 [Completion Of Vehicle Application](#)

Section 5, Policy 55.00 [Off Road Vehicle Decals](#)