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
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Definitions:

- **Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV)** - A recreational motor vehicle designed for and capable of travel over designated roads, with a minimum width of 50 inches (but not exceeding 74 inches) and a minimum weight of at least 700 pounds (but not exceeding 3,500 pounds).
    - UTV shall:
        - Include those vehicles not equipped with a certification label as required by 49 CFR Part 567.4
        - Does not include golf carts, vehicles specially designed to carry a disabled person, or vehicles otherwise registered under R.S. 32:299
    - UTV also includes a recreational off-highway vehicle (ROV).

Requirements:

- The use of UTVs on public roads or streets are prohibited except as follows:
    - A UTV 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 UTV.
        - Upon a designation that a UTV may be operated on a designated road or street, the responsible governmental entity shall post appropriate signage indicating that the operation is authorized.
    - A UTV may cross any divided highway, highway, roadway, or street with a posted speed limit in excess of 35 miles per hour at an intersection.
    - A person operating a UTV shall be at least 21 years of age and possess a valid driver's license
- **Required Equipment**
    - Any UTV 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 (VIN) or serial number
- **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.
        - The owner is aware that the vehicles shall be operated only by a licensed driver at least 21 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 35 miles per hour at an intersection.
    - Applicable fees (title, handling, recordation fee)
    - Applicable sales/use tax
- **Requirements for Reclassifying a Qualifying Vehicle as a Utility Terrain Vehicle**
    - A completed *Vehicle Application Form* (DPSMV1799), 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.
        - The owner is aware that the vehicle shall be operated only by a licensed driver at least 21 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 35 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