



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 122.02 Golf Carts

Section: 4. Motor Vehicle Registration Requirements

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[R.S. 32:299.4](#)

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

Objective:

This policy outlines the documents and fees needed to title and register a golf cart for limited on-road use, where applicable.

Definitions:

- **Golf Cart** - An electric four-wheeled vehicle originally intended for use off-road on golf courses and other green spaces and whose maximum speed is twenty-five miles per hour.¹

Eligibility:

N/A

General:

- **On-Road Use Guidelines:**
 - The use of golf carts on public roads or streets is prohibited except as follows:¹
 - A golf cart 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 golf cart.¹
 - The responsible governmental entity must post signs on roadways where golf cart usage is permitted.¹
 - A golf cart may be used to cross a part of a state highway where a golf course is constructed on both sides of the state highway if the Department of Transportation and Development has issued a permit for the crossing.¹
 - No person shall operate a golf cart upon a parish road or municipal street, where permitted, without a valid driver's license.¹
- **Titling/Registration Requirements**
 - Golf carts to be used on-road in a manner permitted by law are to be titled/registered with the Office of Motor Vehicles.
 - A dealer is required to remit documents necessary to title/register a golf cart to the Office of Motor Vehicles **only** when the purchaser desires to utilize the golf cart in a permissible on-road manner.

- An individual must make application to the Office of Motor Vehicles for issuance of title/registration if the golf cart is to be used on-road and one of the following:
 - The individual purchased the golf cart from a dealer but decided after the fact to register the golf cart for on road use.
 - The individual purchased the golf cart through a private sale and wishes to use the golf cart on-road as permitted by law.
 - The individual, after initial purchase, chooses to reclassify the vehicle for on-road use.
 - A golf cart being titled/registered for limited on-road use will be issued an off-road decal.
 - Golf carts registered for limited on-road use are subject to compulsory insurance requirements.¹ If liability insurance is cancelled and the decal remains valid on the registration, it will result in a revocation of the registration and the driver's license.
 - **Required Equipment**
 - Any golf cart operated upon any roadway or municipal street shall be equipped with the minimum motor vehicle equipment appropriate for motor vehicle safety including:¹
 - Efficient brakes
 - Reliable steering apparatus
 - Safe tires
 - Rear view mirror
 - Red reflective warning devices in both the front and rear of the vehicle
 - Front and rear turn signal lamps
 - Tail lamps
 - Brake lamps
 - Headlamps
 - Vehicle identification number or serial number
 - A parish or municipal government may enact an ordinance relating to golf cart operation and may require equipment more extensive than indicated above; however, the list indicated above will be the only equipment required to title the vehicle.¹

Required Documentation:

- **New Golf Carts Sold by a Licensed Dealer**
 - A completed [Vehicle Application form \(DPSMV1799\)](#)
 - One of the following ownership documents:
 - Manufacturer's Statement of Origin, properly assigned and notarized, if applicable
 - If the golf cart manufacturer does not issue manufacturer's statement of origin, proof to that effect along with an Affidavit of Physical Inspection may be provided.
 - Physical inspections must be performed by a full-time Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) certified law enforcement officer, who has been certified by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, to inspect motor vehicles.
 - Itemized invoice from dealer to purchaser or original notarized bill of sale
 - A statement of Golf Carts ([DPSMV1809](#)) form completed by the purchaser/owner
 - Original or copy of properly completed UCC-1 form, or other security agreement, if a lien is to be recorded
 - Proof of liability insurance
 - Applicable fees, along with sales/use tax

- **Used Golf Carts Sold by a Licensed Dealer**
 - A completed [Vehicle Application form \(DPSMV1799\)](#)
 - One of the following ownership documents:
 - Title from this or another jurisdiction, properly assigned and notarized, if applicable
 - Affidavit of physical inspection must be presented if a current title from this or another jurisdiction cannot be provided at the time of sale.
 - Physical inspections must be performed by a full-time Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) certified law enforcement officer, who has been certified by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, to inspect motor vehicles.
 - Itemized invoice from dealer to purchaser or original notarized bill of sale
 - 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 Golf Carts ([DPSMV1809](#)) form completed by the purchaser/owner
 - Applicable fees, along with sales/use tax.
 - In the event taxes were collected by the dealer, but not remitted to OMV, proof of taxes collected by the dealer must be submitted in the form of an itemized invoice.
- **Used Golf Carts Sold by Private Sale**
 - A completed [Vehicle Application form \(DPSMV 1799\)](#)
 - One of the following ownership documents:
 - Title from this or another jurisdiction, properly assigned and notarized, if applicable
 - Affidavit of physical inspection must be presented if a current title from this or another jurisdiction cannot be provided at the time of sale.
 - Physical inspections must be performed by a full-time Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) certified law enforcement officer, who has been certified by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, to inspect motor vehicles.
 - Bill of sale from seller to purchaser, except when a title is provided which includes the sales price of the vehicle.
 - 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 Golf Carts ([DPSMV1809](#)) form completed by the purchaser/owner
 - Applicable fees, along with sales/use tax.
- All golf cart dealers are required to collect applicable sales tax at the time of sale. Sales tax on golf carts registered for limited on-road use shall be collected based on the purchaser's principal residence, and remitted to OMV with applicable titling paperwork.
- Sales tax collected on the sale of a golf cart not being used for limited on-road use shall be collected based on the dealership location at the time of sale.
 - Golf carts not being used for limited on-road use are not required to obtain a title/registration through OMV.
- In the event at the time of purchase, a customer chooses not to title/register for on-road use, then subsequently decides to obtain title/registration, a dealer invoice showing taxes were collected at the time of sale will be sufficient proof of taxes paid.

- **Reclassification** - The following documents shall be required to re-classify a golf cart for on road use after initial purchase date
 - A completed [Vehicle Application form \(DPSMV 1799\)](#)
 - One of the following ownership documents:
 - Title from this or another jurisdiction, properly assigned and notarized, if applicable.
 - Affidavit of physical inspection must be presented if a current title from this or another jurisdiction cannot be provided at the time of sale.
 - Physical inspections must be performed by a full-time Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) certified law enforcement officer, who has been certified by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, to inspect motor vehicles.
 - Proof of taxes collected by the dealer must be submitted or proof of taxes remitted at the time of purchase to the appropriate taxing authority. If neither can be provided, taxes will be assessed by the Office of Motor Vehicles.
 - Proof of liability insurance
 - A statement of Golf Carts ([DPSMV1809](#)) form completed by the purchaser/owner
 - Applicable fees, along with sales/use tax.
- **Removal of compulsory insurance requirements**
 - Golf cart used in an on-road permissible fashion are subject to compulsory liability insurance requirements.
 - Owners who no longer wish to use a golf cart on-road must cancel the off-road decal prior to cancelling liability insurance.
- **Tax Assessment:**
 - All golf cart dealers are required to collect applicable sales tax at the time of sale. Sales tax on golf carts registered for limited on-road use shall be collected based on the purchaser's principal residence, and remitted to OMV with applicable titling paperwork.
 - Sales tax collected on the sale of a golf cart not being used for limited on-road use shall be collected based on the dealership location at the time of sale and remitted to the appropriate taxing authority.
 - Golf carts not being used for limited on-road use are not required to obtain a title/registration through OMV.
 - In the event at the time of purchase, a customer chooses not to title/register for on-road use, but subsequently decides to obtain title/registration, a dealer invoice showing taxes were collected at the time of sale will be sufficient proof of taxes paid.

Fees:

- \$76.50 title fee
- \$8.00 handling fee
- \$10.00 lien fee, if submitting a security agreement.
- \$15.00 line fee, if submitting a UCC1
- \$12.00 decal fee, if applicable.
- Applicable sales/use tax.

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](#)

References:

¹ – Louisiana State Legislature. *Golf Carts; Safety Equipment Requirements; Exemptions; Registration* (R.S. 32:299.4), retrieved from <https://legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=962468>.