INDIANA BMV TITLE AND REGISTRATION CHANGES TAKING EFFECT 1-1-17*

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Nonresident Registration

As of 1-1-17 people no longer have to be an Indiana resident to title and register a vehicle in Indiana. Non-residents may, but are not required to, obtain an Indiana Certificate of Title and registration for their vehicles. An example would be an out-of-state resident who owns a vehicle that is primarily operated by a family member in Indiana.

If the non-resident does not have a physical address or business in Indiana, the out-of-state address may be used. The non-resident however must declare the county, township and municipality in Indiana where the vehicle will be primarily operated.

Operating Prior to Registration Time Increased

On 1-1-17 the length of time one can drive a newly purchased vehicle on Indiana roadways without registering the vehicle is increased from 30 to 45 days. Details are below.

- For not more than 45 days after the date on which the person acquires the vehicle, a person who purchases a vehicle may display on the newly acquired vehicle a valid and unexpired license plate transferred from another vehicle that the person disposes of by sale or other means. While operating the newly acquired vehicle, the person must have in their possession a manufacturer’s certificate of origin, certificate of title, or a bill of sale.
- For not more than 45 days after the date on which the person acquires the vehicle from a licensed dealer, the person may display on the newly acquired vehicle a valid and unexpired temporary license plate that was issued by the licensed dealer.

The law differs when a vehicle is purchased from a private citizen instead of a dealership.

- A person who purchases a vehicle from a non-dealer may operate the vehicle for not more than 72 hours after the date of acquisition, but only for the sole purpose of transporting the vehicle by the most direct route from the place of acquisition to:
  - A place of storage, including the person’s residence or place of business;
  - An inspection station for purposes of emissions testing; or
  - A BMV license branch or full or partial service provider to register the vehicle.
While operating the vehicle, the person must have in their possession a certificate of title indicating that the person owns the vehicle.

**Affidavit of Nonuse**

Beginning on 1-1-17 a new form at BMV Branches called the Affidavit of Nonuse will be available for customers who do not wish to register or renew a vehicle because it will not be used on an Indiana road for a least 90 consecutive days. If the vehicle will be operated on an Indiana road at any time after completing the affidavit, the owner must apply for a certificate of registration.

**Eliminate Farm Truck 11,000 Plate**

The Farm Truck Plate 11,000 pounds will no longer be issued by BMV as of 1-1-17. Customers will be required to go to a branch and select a greater weight farm plate or change the plate to a non-farm, standard truck plate. The current Farm Truck 11,000 plates will remain valid until their expiration date.

Farm Truck 11,000 pound registrations carry an expiration date that is based on the customer’s last name. Therefore, there could still be plates that are valid until December of 2017.

**Historic Vehicles**

The term “Antique” will now be referred to as “Historic.” If a person is registered with a Historic license plate, “Historic” will print in the Registration License Type field on the certificate of registration.

All vehicle types and weight classifications may be registered as a Historic vehicle.

**New definition for Collector Vehicle**

A Collector Vehicle is a vehicle that meets the definition of Historic above (25 years old or older) and is owned, operated, restored, maintained, or used as a collector’s item, a leisure pursuit, or an investment, and not used primarily for transportation.

- Since the definition of Collector only permits limited use of the vehicle, only a reduced registration fee is charged upon registration, regardless of the vehicle type and registered plate weight.
The term “Year of Manufacture (YOM)” will be referred to as “Authentic Model Year.” Customers who currently have registered a Historic vehicle and display a YOM license plate will only be able to continue to display their current YOM license plate as an Authentic Model Year license plate if the vehicle also meets the new definition of a Collector vehicle.

There are four (4) different ways to register a Historic vehicle:

1. **Collector**: The customer displays a Historic license plate.

2. **Collector – Authentic Model Year**: The customer is issued a Historic license plate that must be carried in the vehicle at all times during operation. The Authentic Model Year license plate is displayed on the vehicle.

3. **Military Vehicle (registered with a permanent military vehicle registration number)**: The customer is issued a Historic license plate that must be carried in the vehicle at all times during operation. The permanent military vehicle registration number must be stenciled onto the vehicle.

4. **Historic**: The vehicle has no special indication of collector or military, and the customer chooses to only display a Historic license plate.

If a Historic vehicle is registered with either an Authentic Model Year license plate or a permanent military vehicle registration number, the certificate of registration will display the following information:

- The license plate number for the Historic license plate that is issued to the vehicle will display in the License Plate Number field; and
- The Authentic Model Year license plate number or the permanent military vehicle registration number that the person is choosing to display on the Historic vehicle will display in the Registration License Type field.

**Sample Certificate of Registration**
The new terms and/or Historic indicators will not display on a person’s certificate of registration until the registration has been renewed in 2017 (to expire in 2018).

Below is an example of the Historic Plate.

![Historic Plate Image]

**Buses**

The term “Commercial Bus” will now be referred to as a “For-Hire Bus.” There is a new definition for For-Hire in IC 9-13-2-66.7.

There is a new definition for Not-for-Hire Bus in IC 9-13-2-113.5.

A bus registered as a City Bus (or Intracity Bus) will no longer be available for Bus registrations. Existing customers who have a City Bus license plate will be required, upon renewal, to change to a For-Hire or Not-for-Hire Bus license plate, whichever is appropriate for the bus being registered.

- All City Bus registrations expire on 2/28/2017 and will change to For-Hire or Not-for-Hire upon renewal (to expire 2/28/2018).
Special Purpose Bus (School Bus) Inspection

The Indiana State Police (ISP) already require that a Special Purpose Bus must pass a safety inspection that is completed by ISP. Beginning 1/1/2017, the BMV will require proof of the passed inspection for all new issuances and renewals of a Special Purpose Bus inspection.

Proof of the inspection could be verified by the BMV using ISP’s inspection website or by the customer presenting a Certificate of School Bus Inspection showing that the bus has passed the inspection.

Eliminate 1-Year (Annual) and 5-Year Semitrailer License Plates

Annual and Five-Year Semitrailer plates will be eliminated. Upon renewal, customers are required to change to a Permanent Semitrailer Plate. Only Permanent Semitrailer Plates will be issued as of 1-1-17. Existing Annual and Five-Year Semitrailer plates will remain valid until their expiration date.

All 1-Year Semitrailer registrations expire on 2/28/2017 and will change to Permanent Semitrailer upon renewal (to expire 2/28/2018).

All 5-Year Semitrailer registrations expire on 2/28/2019, and these customers will not be able to change to a Permanent Semitrailer until they are eligible for renewal. All 5-Year Semitrailer license plates will remain valid until their scheduled expiration date of 2/28/2019.

This is how the Permanent Semitrailer Plate looks.

![Permanent Semitrailer Plate](image)

A semi-tractor that is not used with a semitrailer must be registered as a truck.
New and Changed Weight Classifications

Heavy Trucks, Semi-tractors, and For-Hire Buses will all have the same available weight classifications (*registered plate weights*). The registration fees for each weight will be the same regardless of vehicle type. The following are the new and changed weights:

- Semi-tractor 11,000 pounds *(new)*
- Semi-tractor (including Farm) 16,000 pounds *(new)*
- Semi-tractor (including Farm) 78,000+ pounds changed to > 78,000 pounds
- Truck (including Farm) 66,000+ pounds changed to Truck 78,000 pounds
- Truck (including Farm) > 78,000 pounds *(new)*
- Farm Truck 11,000 pounds *(eliminated)*
- Trailer (including Farm) 22,000+ pounds changed to > 22,000 pounds
- City Buses of all weights *(eliminated)*
- Commercial Bus 60,000+ pounds changed to For-Hire Bus 66,000 pounds
- For-Hire Bus 78,000 and > 78,000 pounds *(new)*
- Recovery Vehicle 16,000+ pounds change to > 16,000 pounds

Customers impacted by the eliminated and changed weight classifications will be notified by letter of the changes and provided a new plate and/or weight indicator sticker at time of registration renewal.

New Specialty License Plates that will be Offered on 1-1-17

Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police Re-instated with a new Design
Coal Mining Institute

Lupus Foundation of America

Pacers Foundation
A new license plate, the Covered Bridge Plate, will be issued beginning on 1-1-17. It will replace the outgoing Bicentennial Plate as a standard-issue plate. The Covered Bridge Plate will be issued for all new passenger, personalized, amateur radio, and state official registrations. A person who currently has the Bicentennial plate will not receive the new Covered Bridge plate until the end of their normal seven-year life cycle or if a customer buys it early. The other standard issue plate, “In God We Trust” continues unchanged.
Below is a sample of the new Covered Bridge Plate.

The Following Eight (8) Existing Specialty License Plates will have New Designs Seen Below

1. Ball State University
2. Hanover College

INDIANA
Hanover College
AAA9999
www.hanover.edu

3. Indiana University Purdue University of Ft. Wayne

INDIANA
IPFW Mastodons
AAA9999

4. Juvenile Diabetes

INDIANA
JDRF
AAA9999
Improving lives. Curing Type 1 diabetes.
5. Kids First Trust

INDIANA

Kids First
AA9999
PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE

6. Purdue University

INDIANA

Purdue University
AA9999

7. Tony Stewart Foundation

INDIANA

Tony Stewart Foundation
AA9999
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