

Welcome to the SCDMV

Dealer Connection Special Update

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Temporary License Plate Updates

The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV) has received reports of law enforcement officers questioning the validity of the 30-day, non-traceable temporary license plates. Dealers may provide customers who qualify for this plate the attached memo in case they receive questions.

The agency has also distributed it to law enforcement officers to remind them of the circumstances under which they may see a 30-day, non-traceable license plate. These 30-day, non-traceable temporary license plates must only be used on vehicles that will be registered out-of-state.



“Prior to Act #208 of 2018, the SCDMV had two types of temporary license plates: the non-traceable 45-day one for those registering the vehicle in South Carolina and the non-traceable 30-day version for those registrants out-of-state. Act #208 of 2018 established that the 45-day temporary license plate for in-state registrants was transitioning to a traceable temporary license plates, but it did not direct the SCDMV to make the 30-day license plates for out-of-state-registrants traceable. Currently, the SCDMV issues a traceable, 45-day plate for in-state registrants and a non-traceable, 30-day plate for out-of-state registrants. The 30-day temporary license

plates are covered in Article 29, of Title 56.”

The full version of this memo is can be found at this link:[Issuing 30-day Temporary License Plates to Customers Registering Out-of-State - November 2020](#)

EVR & In-Person Transactions for Dealer Customers

Electronic Vehicle Registration, or EVR, eliminates the need for dealers to visit a branch office to process customer titling and registration actions. It is the most timely, efficient, and accurate method for processing these dealer transactions. Dealers who are enrolled with an EVR service provider simply submit the first EVR update to generate the temporary tag and temporary registration. Once all financing and paperwork requirements are met, the dealer can submit the second EVR update to finalize the titling, registration, and plate processes. Finally, the dealer mails the paperwork to the SCDMV Headquarters in Blythewood. Once verified by SCDMV officials, the license plate and registration are mailed to the customer, creating a contactless, seamless customer experience where neither the customer nor a dealer employee must visit an SCDMV branch office.

Although EVR is the simplest way to complete motor vehicle transactions for dealers, the SCDMV still allows dealers to process customer vehicle titling and registration paperwork at our branch office locations. Dealers do not require an appointment to process these transactions and can utilize the walk-in line at any branch office to process one transaction on Mondays and Fridays, and up to three transactions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Dealers can also avoid all lines by dropping off their transactions in packets of up to 15 dealer transactions at any branch office location. Again, no appointment is required to drop off packets of dealer transactions and these transactions will be returned in three business days if brought to an SCDMV Dealer Central location (Irmo/Ballentine, Fort Mill, Chester, Greer, Charleston-Leeds Avenue, Columbia - Shop Road, and Ridgeland) or processed and returned in five business days at all other locations.



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