

SCDMV Dealer Connection

Updates from SCDMV to You



New Road Use Fee (56-3-645)

Effective January 1, 2018, hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles will be assessed a road use fee when initially registered and at renewal.

For hybrid vehicles — vehicles operating partially on motor fuel and partially on an alternative fuel source — the Road Use fee will be \$60 in addition to registration fees. For alternative vehicles — vehicles operating solely on an alternative fuel source, exclusively by electricity, hydrogen or any other fuel other than motor fuel— the Road Use fee will be \$120 in addition to registration fees.

When titling and registering vehicles for customers, dealers must be sure to add these fees to the titling and registration fees. EVR dealerships will be assessed these fees through the EVR systems.

Fuel types are recognized via the vehicle's identification number. SCDMV's titling system utilizes VIN decoding software which returns the vehicle fuel type from the VIN.

Registration Fee Increase (56-3-620)

Also, effective January 1, 2018, there will be an increase in vehicle registrations. The new base registration fee has increased from \$24 to \$40 for biennial registrations. This fee increase affects passenger vehicles and property carrying vehicles up to 11,000 lbs. Discounts still apply for disabled persons and individuals 64 years old or older to include property carrying vehicles less than 6,000 lbs. GVW.

The registration fee increase is reflected in the chart below. For hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles, include the additional road use fees indicated above.

	Current Fee	New Fee
Passenger Vehicle	\$24.00	\$40.00
65 yrs old and older and disabled persons discount on passenger vehicles	\$20.00	\$36.00
64 yrs old Discount on passenger vehicles	\$22.00	\$38.00
65 Yrs old or older and disabled persons Truck GVW up to 6000 lbs	\$30.00	\$46.00
GVW Fee 1000-4000 lbs	\$30.00	\$46.00
GVW Fee 4001-5000 lbs	\$40.00	\$56.00
GVW Fee 5001-6000 lbs	\$60.00	\$76.00
GVW Fee 6001 –7000 lbs	\$70.00	\$86.00
GVW Fee 7001-8000 lbs	\$80.00	\$96.00
GVW 8001-9000 lbs	\$90.00	\$106.00
9001-10000 lbs	\$100.00	\$116.00
10001-11000 lbs	\$110.00	\$126.00
Over 11,000 lbs	Based on GVW	No increase — Existing fees as listed in SC Code of Laws 56-3-660(B)

Travel Trailer Dealers

Effective November 19th, 2017, any Travel Trailer dealer (1) applying as a dealer for the first time, (2) canceling their license and reapplying, or (3) renewing their license is required to provide a new, original surety bond and Power of Attorney in the amount of \$30,000 or a bond rider increasing the existing bond from \$15,000 to \$30,000.

Qualifying Sales Volume for Dealer Plates

SC Code Section 56-3-2320(A)(1)(2) was amended to allow the issuance of dealer plates after 15 vehicle sales, instead of 20, and 1 plate for each additional 15 sales beyond the initial 15.

Franchise dealers participating in the manufacturer loaner program will qualify for 2 plates for each additional 15 sales beyond the initial 15. Qualifying dealers must apply with the Dealer License and Audit Unit.

Upcoming Titling Classes

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Hilton Garden Inn, 1500 Queen Street, Beaufort

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

Blythewood DMV, 10311 Wilson Blvd., Blythewood

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Country Inn & Suites, 3516 Waccamaw Blvd., Myrtle Beach

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Blythewood DMV, 10311 Wilson Blvd., Blythewood

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Wingate by Wyndam, 9280 University Blvd., North Charleston

To Schedule:

Call (803) 896-4870

Email: tcmscheduling@scdmv.net

Let us know immediately of any cancellations because there is often a wait list of individuals wishing to attend.

Infrastructure Maintenance Fee

We continue to receive questions and issues from dealers (and our staff) regarding the new Infrastructure Maintenance Fee (IMF) that was effective July 1, 2017. Please be patient with SCDMV as we continue to work through these issues.

It is the dealership's responsibility to collect the IMF on sale transactions. In the event that your customer completes their own transaction at SCDMV, the customer will need evidence of the IMF paid to the dealer or will have to pay the IMF at the time of the transaction. If the dealer collects the IMF from a customer completing their own transaction, please complete the form TI-002 for the customer to submit along with the transaction. Otherwise, the customer may be responsible for paying the fee at SCDMV.

Dealers should report any fees **not** paid with the title and registration transaction to SCDMV within 45 days of the date of sale. The TI-002T tracks IMF fees that were paid on a vehicle when the IMF was not paid at the time of the title and registration transaction.

If the dealer is processing the paperwork for the customer at SCDMV, the IMF **MUST** be paid at the time of the transaction or charged via an SCDMV account.

To prevent being over-charged (or under-charged) applicable IMF fees, please be sure to indicate the sales price minus trade-in value clearly on the title application. SCDMV staff sometimes have difficulty ascertaining applicable sales prices on invoices as they are in different formats and charges vary from dealership to dealership.

SLED CATCH Criminal Report Replaced By S2Verify Instant National Criminal Search

Beginning January 1, SCDMV will be replacing its use of SLED CATCH Criminal Records Check to a new vendor database, **S2Verify Instant National Criminal Search**. This replacement was found necessary by the Office of Inspector General for the purpose of more accurately determining a dealer's qualification for a motor vehicle dealer license, including a criminal background check.

The current SLED CATCH online database *only* provides a person's criminal history from the state of South Carolina. **S2Verify Instant National Criminal Search's** online database, however, provides a person's criminal history nationally, from over 500 million records (across all 50 states from local, state, and federal government sources).

The S2Verify Instant National Criminal Search will be a required document for applying for any kind of dealer license upon its expiration date. Dealers can obtain this report online, at [S2Verify Instant National Criminal Search](#) or on the SCDMV website (under the [Dealer Licenses tab](#) >> Quick Links).

From December 18—January 31, 2018, provide a South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) Criminal History (CATCH) on any individual who owns or controls 10% or more of the business. **The report cannot be more than 90 days old.** This report must be obtained from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) and is available online at their website located at www.sled.sc.gov or contact SLED at Records Department, P.O. Box 21398, Columbia, SC 29221. The criminal history report is \$25.00 and you may contact SLED at (803) 896-1443 if you have any questions regarding obtaining the criminal history report.

Beginning February 1, 2018, provide an S2Verify Instant National Criminal Search document to any Branch Office if a dealer **renewing** its license—on any individual who owns or controls 10% or more of the business. **The report cannot be more than 90 days old** and can be obtained online at S2Verify Instant National Criminal Search or on the SCDMV website. Please contact (855) 671-1933 with any questions regarding obtaining an S2Verify Report.

Title Applications

SCDMV is still finalizing the new Form 400. You will be notified when the new form is available. Please refrain from requesting the "new" Form 400 until its availability is announced.

ELT SERVICE PROVIDERS

We would like to thank all our Service Providers for your steadfast efforts with the changes to the ELT program within the past year. The teamwork has been phenomenal.

Please continue to be sure all your participating ELT lenders are utilizing their correct ELT customer number on their SCDMV title applications. There are still many participating ELT lenders using non-ELT customer numbers.

As you continue to sign on new lenders, please be sure they are aware of their SCDMV ELT customer number and the importance of using that number on their SCDMV applications.

Your diligence in this matter is greatly appreciated.

If you need further assistance, please contact Ms. Deloris Harriman, SCDMV ELT Coordinator at (803)896-4577 or email Deloris.harriman@scdmv.net.

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