

SCDMV Dealer Connection

Updates from SCDMV to You



SCDMV Discontinues Expedite Fees for Mail-Ins

SCDMV has been successful in reducing the processing time for mail-in title transactions. Therefore, effective, Monday, January 5, 2015, no expedite fee (\$20) will be required for mail-in transactions at the headquarters level. If titles are printed and issued over the counter in local branch offices, the \$20 expedite fee still applies.

For all applications received after the January 5th implementation date, the \$20 expedite fee will be refunded. When mailing in applications, customers can expect the applications will be processed in 7 days or less and will be mailed the next business day from a central location.

Do you have a topic for this publication? Email sharon.madison@scdmv.net for coverage in the next edition.

New Procedures

NEW FORM 5047 — revised 7/14 — title of the form changed to “Power of Attorney for Odometer Disclosure”. Order a supply of the revised form by faxing your request to (803) 896-8140.

MICHIGAN TITLE NUMBERS — when entering Michigan title numbers during an EVR transaction, do not enter the preceding letters. This will prevent titles being placed in suspense for NMVTIS. Michigan only sends the title number to NMVTIS and not the preceding letters.

UNSECURED POA's — Earlier guidance did not require unsecured POA's to be dated. To make the form less challengeable, please add a date with the signature on unsecured POA's submitted to SCDMV.

Titling Classes

Watch for new titling classes to be announced on SCDMV's website.

Contact SCDMV — www.scdmvonline.com
Dealer Licensing — (803) 896-2611
Customer Assistance — (803) 896-5000
EVR Dealerships — (803) 896-0566, Option 8

10311 Wilson Boulevard—Post Office Box 1498
Blythewood, SC 29016
Please do not mail paperwork to your local branch office.

Gross Vehicle Weight

In accordance with S. C. Code of Law §56-3-660, the determination of gross vehicle weight (GVW) to register a property carrying vehicle is the empty weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles and the heaviest load to be carried by the vehicle or combination of vehicles as declared by the registered owner.

For example, if a truck has an empty weight of 4,348, the minimum GVW that can be applied to this truck is 5,000 (all determinations of weight must be made in units of 1,000 lbs.). The same applies if a truck with an empty weight of 4,901 must have a GVW of at least 5,000 lbs.

The Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (G.V.W.R.) should NOT be used in determining the minimum GVW. In the example above, the vehicle with the empty weight of 4,348 has a G.V.W.R. listed as 6,400. This does not mean the customer will have to apply at least 7,000 GVW to this vehicle. The minimum is still 5,000 GVW. The G.V.W.R. is how much weight a vehicle is designed to carry as designated by the manufacturer. The G.V.W.R. includes the empty weight of the vehicle plus the weight of passengers, fuel, cargo and any additional accessories. The G.V.W.R. is a safety standard used to prevent overloading.

The law does not require that a trailer or semi-trailer be included in the GVW when it is operated with a property carrying vehicle licensed for 6,000 lbs. or less, and the GVW of the combination does not exceed 9,000 lbs. Therefore, a truck with an empty weight of 4,348 lbs. and a GVW of 5,000 lbs. can carry a boat and trailer up to 4,000 lbs. legally ($5,000 + 4,000 = 9,000$). Owners should consider the towing capacity (how much the truck can pull) of the vehicle before carrying a boat and trailer. The vehicle used in this example has a towing capacity of 10,500 lbs.

NOTE: The GVW can only be determined by the customer since s/he will know how the vehicle will be used.

Quick Hits

Sales Taxes vs. Property Taxes

Do your customers know the difference?

First time car buyers are very excited to drive off in their new vehicles. Sometimes, they aren't even listening when vehicle specifics are being explained or paying attention when signing documents. Three months later when the county property tax bill arrives in the mail, their first response might be — "I've already paid my taxes!"

SCDMV and county tax offices ask that automobile dealership employees explain the difference between sales taxes, which is paid at the time of sale, and property taxes, which will be billed 120 days later. This will help to alleviate customer confusion at the county level and at SCDMV.

Current EVR Service Providers

- ◆ **Computerized Vehicle Registrations (CVR)**
www.cvrweb.com



- ◆ **Decision Dynamics, Inc.**
www.dditechnology.com



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