

ACT 37 Property Carrying Plate (Commercial/Non-Commercial) FAQ

Q: Letter says that I must complete by 1 May, can't that be extended?

A: Yes, the deadline has been extended. We request that the plate exchange be completed by 1 July if possible. If the vehicle is commercial, the letter can be mailed to:

MAILING ADDRESS

SCDMV

Attn: Vehicle Services – ACT 37

PO Box 1498

Blythewood, SC 29016

Q: How do I know if my vehicle is or is not commercial?

A: Basically, vehicles whose sole or primary purpose is to execute commercial business either in the transport of goods or services are considered commercial for the purposes of this distinction. This does not change how FMCSA defines commercial motor vehicles for the purposes of interstate commerce or commercial drivers licensing requirements.

Q: I use my vehicle in support of my business and have commercial insurance on it, does that make my vehicle a commercial vehicle.

A: Yes, in this case, the vehicle would be considered a commercial vehicle.

Q: I am unclear on what I need to do, I believe that my vehicle is not commercial as it is my personal car?

A: If you are not operating as a commercial entity for this vehicle, then you would need to exchange the plate at a local branch office. We request that the plate exchange be completed by 1 July if possible. Please bring the plate and the letter. If you are due to renew the registration on the vehicle within the next 90 days, please wait to receive and pay that tax notice first. Then come into a branch office to complete the exchange.

Q: All my company's vehicles are commercial use, what do I need to do? The letter was very confusing.

A: If you are operating as a commercial entity (vehicles whose sole or primary purpose is to execute commercial business either in the transport of goods or services) for these vehicles, then you can retain the property carrying tags that you currently have and do not need to exchange the plates.

Please mail your notice into the DMV declaring that the vehicles are for commercial use.

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Q: What are the additional fees that I need to pay?

A: The only additional fee would be if the new plate issued increased the expiration date, there was an increase in the declared GVW, or a specialty plate was requested.

Q: Will this require my drivers to get a CDL?

A: The declaration that a vehicle is being used for commercial use does not affect the requirements to have a Commercial Drivers License (CDL) or not. Please visit this page for more information on Commercial Drivers Licenses: <https://www.scdmvonline.com/Driver-Services/Commercial-Licenses>

Q: If I declare a vehicle as commercial, am I required to have a commercial insurance policy?

A: You should contact your insurance carrier to help determine the coverage you need for your specific insurance coverage requirements.

Q: Can I have someone bring the plate in for me?

A: No, only individuals listed on the vehicle registration, or individuals with a Power of Attorney, can complete this exchange.

Q: I am currently not living in South Carolina and cannot visit a branch office to exchange my Property Carrying plate for a non-commercial plate, what am I supposed to do?

A: Email ACT37Help@scdmv.net and we will work with your situation to ensure you are compliant with the requirements.

Q: The letters cite House Bill 3689/ Act 37 and suggest using the SC Statehouse website to do further reading. However, following those directions leads me to legislation for ACT 39 in regard to use of air boats.

A: The bill referenced in this letter is House Bill 3689 of ACT 37 of 2021.

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