

Titling Tips

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LEGISLATION CHANGES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008

SB 82 PROVISIONS

➤ CHANGES TO DEALER LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

- The bona fide place of business law enforcement certification will be required every other year after the dealer's first three years in business.
 - Franchise dealers remain exempt from this requirement at the time of license renewal.
- Boat dealers will be required to have a lot in addition to a building and sign.
- Wholesale dealers will be required to have a sign and lot in addition to a building.
- Dealer lots must be able to display multiple units for sale.
- Photographs of the building, lot, and sign must be no less than 5" x 7" and not exceed 8" x 10".
- A copy of the garage liability policy is required.

➤ USE OF DEALER PLATES DEFINED

- Motor vehicle dealers may display their dealer plates on any motor vehicle or trailer owned or held for resale by a motor vehicle manufacturer or dealer for use by a customer who is test driving the vehicle or by an employee or officer, and now also for use and display in parades, private events, and charitable events.
- Trailer dealers may display their dealer license plates only on trailers owned and held for resale.
- Boat dealers and boat manufacturers may display their certificate of number on vessels or vessel trailers owned and held for resale by the boat manufacturer/dealer and used by a customer who is test driving the unit or by an employee or officer, or when transporting a vessel(s) to an exhibit or show. Boat dealer and boat manufacturers may not display their certificate of number on any motor vehicles they own or trailers other than vessel trailers.

➤ CHANGES TO DEALER NUMBERS AND PLATE PURCHASES TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN 2009

The following changes will be implemented in the **2009 license year**. New dealer number configurations as follows:

New (Franchise) MV Dealers: D-0 to D-999

New (Franchise) Power Sport & Motorcycle dealers: D-1000 to D-1999

Used MV, Power Sport & Motorcycle dealers:

D-2000 to D-9999

Wholesale MV Dealers: W-0 to W-1999

Wholesale MV Auctions: WA-0 to WA-999

New and Used Trailer dealers: T-0 to T-9999

MV, Trailer, & Boat Manufacturers: DM-0 to DM-999

Public Auctions: A-0 to A-1999

Boat Dealers: M-0 to M-9999

New & Used RV Dealers: RV-0 to RV-999

➤ 2008 CHANGES THAT WILL AFFECT DEALERS IN THE 2009 LICENSE YEAR:

- The number of plates a dealer may obtain will be based on the number of sales from July 1st of the previous year through June 30 of the current year that the license is being renewed.
- Dealers may purchase one plate per every 10 sales, except for RV dealers who may purchase two plates for every 10 sales for the first 50 sales and then one plate for every additional 10 sales over 50.
- Manufacturers may purchase up to 350 plates.
- The department will compare the number of plates obtained by the dealer in 2008 with the 2009 figures:
 - If the number of sales reduces the number of plates for 2009, the plate order for the 2009 license year will be reduced to the number allowed by statute.
 - If the number of sales increases the number of plates a dealer may purchase, the number of plates ordered for 2009 will be the same as 2008 with the option for the dealer to purchase additional plates on the renewal notice.
- The renewal notices sent out in September 2008 will reflect the new plate information.
- Dealers who primarily sell recreational vehicles will receive RV dealer plates. These plates will allow the RV dealer to demonstrate motor vehicles and trailers taken as trade-ins.

➤ CHANGES IN RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DISABLED PERSON LICENSE PLATES AND PLACARDS – EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008

Senate Bill 82, passed this last session, changes the renewal period for disabled placards from 2 years to 4 years beginning January 1, 2008.

In addition, applicants 75 years and older are no longer required to submit a physician's statement ([DOR-1776](#)) for all future renewals, after they submit one of the following as proof of their age:

- DOR-1776 containing birthdate;
- Signed placard application containing birthdate;
- Driver/nondriver license; **or**
- General Affidavit ([DOR-768](#)) (retain with shipment audit copies).

Important points:

1. Applicants 75 years and older must present a physician's statement for the **initial issuance** of a disabled plate or placard.
2. New applicants 75 years and older who already have a disabled person plate or placard must submit proof of their age/birthdate as noted above **in lieu of** a physician's statement.

FORMS UPDATES

**FORMS /CHARTS UPDATED:
TAXABLE HORSEPOWER MADE EASIER**

A new chart has been created to assist offices in determining taxable horsepower. To utilize this form, go to the department's [Dealer/ Lienholder website](#), Manuals & Forms, [Taxable Horsepower Chart](#).

TITLING AND OTHER ISSUES

NOTICE OF SALE URL HAS CHANGED

The website address for the Notice of Sale System has changed. The new website address is: <https://dors.mo.gov/dmv/nos/index.jsp>. Please start using this website address immediately, as the old address will soon expire.

Note: If you have the old Notice of Sale website address saved in your Favorites, make sure you replace it with the new address.



**CREDIT CARD TRANSACTION FEE CHANGES
JANUARY 1, 2008**

Dealers who order Temporary Permits by e-mail or fax will notice a change in the transaction fee charged by the credit card company. The fee is currently \$1.49, but will reduce to \$1 when the amount of the charge is \$33.00 or less. For charges that exceeds \$33.00, the fee will range between 2.6 to 3 percent based on the dollar amount charged.

NO INSPECTION REQUIREMENT FOR TEMPORARY PERMITS ISSUED TO OUT OF STATE RESIDENTS

Out of state residents purchasing a temporary permit are not required to obtain a safety inspection prior to purchasing the temporary permit.



OFF-ROAD UTILITY VEHICLES/MOTORIZED BICYCLES (SCOOTERS)

On new purchases, dealers are responsible for collecting and remitting all applicable state and local taxes on off-road utility vehicles and motorized bicycles (scooters). Even though these types of vehicles are not required to be titled or registered, the customer is still required to pay sales tax. Notice of liens should not be submitted to the department on these units.

- **Off-road utility vehicles** can be identified as having a steering wheel and a seat that you slide into (in contrast to an ATV that has handlebars and a seat that you straddle). Examples of off-road utility vehicles are as follows: Minicabs, John Deer Gator, Yamaha Rhino, Kawasaki Mule, etc.
- **Motorized bicycles (scooters)** are any two or three-wheel device (i.e., mopeds, Electric Personal Assistance Mobility Devices (EPAMD), etc.) that meet ALL four of the following criteria*:
 1. Has an automatic transmission;
 2. Has a motor with a cylinder capacity of not more than fifty cubic centimeters (50cc) (this does not apply if it is electric);
 3. Produces less than three gross brake horsepower (or produces no more than 2,237.1 watts if it is electric); and
 4. Is not capable of going more than 30 miles-per-hour on level ground.*If the motorized bicycle/scooter does not meet **all four** of the above, it will be considered a motorcycle/motortricycle for the purpose of titling and registration.

Note: *The department is not responsible for making any determinations whether or not a certain machine or device qualifies as a motorized bicycle. Refer all inquiries of this nature to the local law enforcement agency or the Missouri State Highway Patrol.*



RIDER FORMS

A Reassignment of Ownership by Registered Dealer (DOR-2447) or "rider form":

- Provides Missouri dealers one additional assignment as an extension of the ownership document;

- May be attached to: **
 - Any vehicle title (except salvage titles/junking certificates) **OR**
 - Manufacturer's Statement of Origin (MSO) even if the MSO is two pages
- ****All assignments on the title/MSO must be full/completed and only one rider may be attached;**
- May be attached to an MSO only if the selling dealer listed is franchised to sell that vehicle make.
 - If not franchised, the dealer must apply for title and sell the vehicle as used;
- May be attached to an out-of-state title that does not allow a rider if the last assignment on the out-of-state title was made to a Missouri dealer; and
- Cannot be attached to an out-of-state rider.
 - If an out-of-state dealer transfers ownership of a vehicle on an out-of-state title to a Missouri dealer on a rider acceptable to that state, the Missouri dealer must obtain a title in the dealerships name or, if there is another assignment space open on the rider, the Missouri dealer can make an assignment in that space.