

WAC 308-56A-420 Delivery of vehicle on dealer temporary license plate. How does a Washington licensed vehicle dealer deliver a vehicle using a dealer temporary license plate?

(1) Washington licensed vehicle dealers may deliver a vehicle that is not currently registered, or that does not have valid Washington license plates, tabs, decals, or gross weight, or the current tabs will expire within 45 days of the date of delivery, by using a dealer temporary license plate.

(2) The application for title part of the dealer temporary license plate form must be properly and completely filled out by the selling or leasing dealer, including the dealer's report of sale and the date on which the vehicle is physically delivered to the purchaser or lessee. If license based on gross weight is required, the amount of gross weight purchased must be clearly shown. The application must be signed by the registered owner(s) or lessee.

(3) The Washington licensed vehicle dealer must collect all fees required for titling and registration of a vehicle.

(4) All temporary license plates must be printed through the e-permitting system. The date of expiration is 45 calendar days from the date the vehicle is physically delivered to the purchaser or lessee.

(5) A dealer may preprint and hold up to 10 temporary license plates purchased through the e-permitting system for off-line use, with the expiration date to be manually recorded in dark, bold letters and numbers upon use. The date of expiration for preprinted temporary license plates is 45-calendar days from the date the vehicle is physically delivered to the purchaser or lessee. A dealer may not have more than 10 preprinted temporary license plates at one time unless an exception is approved by the department. The e-permitting system will not allow a dealer to preprint additional temporary license plates, beyond the 10 allowed, until the previously issued temporary license plates are properly filed in the e-permitting system and all required information is recorded with the department.

(6) The application copies must be used by the Washington licensed dealer to apply for title and to complete licensing of the vehicle. Except as provided in RCW 46.70.180(8), when a second temporary license plate is authorized; the selling dealer must submit the application and all titling and licensing fees to the department of licensing or an authorized licensing agent within 45 calendar days from the date the vehicle is physically delivered to the purchaser or lessee. The date that the selling or leasing dealer physically delivers the vehicle to the purchaser or lessee will start the 45-day interval of an application for a certificate of title in the purchaser's or lessee's name. Additionally, the director may excuse late applications only in situations where applications are delayed, for reasons beyond the control of the dealer.

(7) The, temporary vehicle registration and a purchase order identifying the vehicle and the date that the vehicle was physically delivered to the purchaser or lessee must be carried in the vehicle or the towing vehicle at all times the vehicle is operated on the dealer temporary permit.

(8) The dealer temporary license plate must be displayed in a manner consistent with the requirements in RCW 46.16A.200 (5)(a) for a permanent license plate, in the same location or locations where permanent license plates are displayed for vehicles. The dealer temporary license plate must be secured so as to remain stable and readable during movement or in windy conditions.

(9) The dealer temporary license plate is valid for not more than 45 calendar days starting with the date that the vehicle is physically delivered to the purchaser or lessee.

(10) The dealer temporary license plate will not be issued:

(a) For a dealer inventoried vehicle that has not been sold or a dealer or dealer-employee operated vehicle;

(b) As a demonstration permit;

(c) For a vehicle processed as a courtesy delivery;

(d) For out-of-state residents unless Washington registration is intentionally being obtained.

(11) Fees for dealer temporary license plate application forms are not refundable unless the dealer ceases doing business as a vehicle dealer.

(12) Washington licensed dealers must maintain a record of each dealer temporary license plate acquisition and distribution including the following:

(a) Date and location of purchase of each temporary license plate and the plate number;

(b) Identification of vehicles delivered on temporary license plates;

(c) Dates of vehicle sales, leases, and deliveries;

(d) Customer's complete name.

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