

Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory Procedures

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PROCEDURE STATEMENT

The Texas Transportation Code, which sets out vehicle registration requirements, requires that all state-owned motor vehicles be registered by obtaining a certificate of title and exempt license plates. These regulations also require that each year in which a vehicle is used or to be used on a public highway, it must pass a state inspection.

REASON FOR PROCEDURE

This procedure provides guidance to units for obtaining vehicle certificates of title, exempt license plates, and guidelines on vehicle conversions.

PROCEDURES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1.0 CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND EXEMPT LICENSE PLATES

- 1.1 When a vehicle is purchased or received by transfer of title, the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) Finance Office will be responsible for acquiring the titles and license plates in accordance with the following procedures:
 - A. Obtain a certificate of title (not required for trailers less than 4,000 lbs. loaded weight) by submitting a Texas Department of Transportation Form 130U, *Application for Certificate of Title Only* (available from the County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office), signed by the Assistant Director or agency designee, along with the manufacturer's certificate of origin or other evidence of transfer of ownership, to the county tax office.
 - B. Complete a Texas Department of Transportation Form 62A, *Application for the Registration of Exempt Vehicles* (available from the County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office), have it signed by the Assistant Director or agency designee, and submit to the county tax office.
- 1.2 Upon receipt of the license plates and title, the TVMDL Finance Office creates a vehicle folder, and files the title and vehicle information. A copy of the title will be placed in Laserfiche section 5.6.3.
- 1.3 Following the initial registration, vehicles with exempt license plates do not need to be re-registered annually in accordance with the Texas Transportation Code.
- 1.4 Retain the exempt plates for as long as the vehicle is owned and operated by TVMDL. Upon the sale or disposal of the vehicle, the exempt license plate along with the receipt issued will be collected by the TVMDL Finance Office and submitted to the county tax office.
- 1.5 There is no requirement to re-register a motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer which is not used on the public highways as defined by the Texas Transportation Code.

2.0 CONVERSION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

- 2.1 When a vehicle is junked, dismantled, destroyed, or altered in such a manner that it loses its identity as a vehicle, or is not the vehicle described on the certificate of title, the TVMDL Finance Office will surrender the title and license plates as outlined in section 1.0 above.
- 2.2 When a vehicle is rebuilt or assembled so that it is a vehicle without proper certificate of title, a new certificate of title should be obtained. To obtain the certificate of title, a county tax assessor–collector requires an applicant for registration for the rebuilt vehicle provide a statement that the vehicle is rebuilt, a photo of the vehicle, a weight slip, and the old title. Additionally, follow the procedures in paragraph 1.0 above before using the vehicle.
- 2.3 Notify the TVMDL Finance Office of any motor vehicle conversions.

RELATED STATUTES, POLICIES, OR REQUIREMENTS

[System Policy 21.01](#), *Financial Policies, Systems, and Procedures*

[System Regulation 21.01.08](#), *Vehicle Fleet Management*

DEFINITIONS

Vehicle—all devices in or by which a person or property is or may be transported or drawn on a public highway.

Trailer—a vehicle that is used to carry a load on itself and is drawn by a motor vehicle.

Semi-trailer—a vehicle that is designed to be used with a motor vehicle so that part of the load is carried on another vehicle.

CONTACT OFFICE

Questions concerning this procedure should be referred to the TVMDL Finance Office at 979-845-0881.