

Vehicle Registration

27-14-601. Fees for registration and licensing of motor vehicles.

(a) Fees Generally. The fee for the registration and licensing of all motor vehicles shall be as follows:

(1) Pleasure Vehicles. For all automobiles equipped with pneumatic tires, used for the transportation of persons, there shall be charged and collected the following fees based upon the unladen weight of such automobiles:

(A) Class One Automobiles of 3,000 lbs. or less \$17.00;

(B) Class Two Automobiles of 3,001 lbs. to and including 4,500 lbs. 25.00; and

(C) Class Three Automobiles of 4,501 lbs. and over 30.00;

(2) Automobiles for Hire. For all automobiles for hire which are equipped with pneumatic tires and used for the transportation of persons, there shall be charged and collected the fee applicable thereto as set for pleasure vehicles in subdivision (a)(1) of this section;

(3) Trucks and Trailers. For all motor trucks, trailers, and semi-trailers including pipe and pole dollies, equipped with pneumatic tires, the license fee shall be charged on the basis of the gross loaded weight of the vehicle as follows:

(A) Class One All trucks and vans that are rated by the manufacturer as having a nominal tonnage of one (1) ton that are used exclusively for personal transportation and are not used for commercial or business purposes and all trucks and vans that are rated by the manufacturer as having a nominal tonnage of three-quarter (3/4) ton or less shall be assessed a license fee of twenty-one dollars (\$21.00) without regard to weight. All one-ton trucks and vans that are used for commercial or business purposes shall be registered in the appropriate class according to gross laden weight;

(B) Class Two On all such vehicles with a gross loaded weight between six thousand one pounds (6,001 lbs.) and twenty thousand pounds (20,000 lbs.), the fee to be charged shall be at the rate of six dollars and fifty cents (\$6.50) per thousand pounds of gross loaded weight of the vehicles;

(C) Class Three On all such vehicles with a gross loaded weight between twenty thousand one pounds (20,001 lbs.) and forty thousand pounds (40,000 lbs.), the fee to be charged shall be at the rate of eight dollars and forty-five cents (\$8.45) per thousand pounds of the gross loaded weight of the vehicles;

(D) Class Four On all such vehicles with a gross weight between forty thousand one pounds (40,001 lbs.) and fifty-six thousand pounds (56,000 lbs.), the fee to be charged shall be at the rate of eleven dollars and five cents (\$11.05) per thousand pounds of gross loaded weight of the vehicles;

(E) Class Five On all such vehicles with a gross loaded weight between fifty-six thousand one pounds (56,001 lbs.) and sixty thousand pounds (60,000 lbs.), the fee to be charged shall be at the rate of twelve dollars and thirty-five cents (\$12.35) per thousand pounds of gross loaded weight of the vehicles;

(F) Class Six On all such vehicles with a gross loaded weight between sixty thousand one pounds (60,001 lbs.) and sixty-eight thousand pounds (68,000 lbs.), the fee to be charged shall be at the rate of thirteen dollars and sixty-five cents (\$13.65) per thousand pounds of gross loaded weight of the vehicles;

(G)(i) Class Seven On all such vehicles with a gross loaded weight between sixty-eight thousand one pounds (68,001 lbs.) and seventy-three thousand two hundred eighty pounds (73,280 lbs.), the fee to be charged shall be at the rate of fourteen dollars and thirty cents (\$14.30) per thousand pounds of gross loaded weight of the vehicles.

(ii) On all such vehicles with a gross loaded weight between seventy-three thousand, two hundred eighty-one pounds (73,281 lbs.) and eighty thousand pounds (80,000 lbs.), the fee to be charged shall be one thousand three hundred fifty dollars (\$1,350);

(H) Class Eight.

(i) In order to aid in the development of the natural resources and to promote agriculture, timber harvesting, and forestry in Arkansas and in order to eliminate apparent inequities in license charges for vehicles using only improved roads and those used primarily on the farm, for timber harvesting or forestry, in the wooded areas, and off the main highway system of this state, a special classification is created to provide a different and more equitable rate for those vehicles used exclusively for the noncommercial hauling of farm or timber products produced in this state and for the hauling of feed, seed, fertilizer, poultry litter, and other products commonly produced or used in agricultural operations or the hauling of animal feed by owners of livestock or poultry for consumption in this state by livestock or poultry owned by them and for those vehicles used in the hauling of unfinished and unprocessed forest products and clay minerals and ores originating in Arkansas from the point of severance to a point in the state at which they first undergo any processing, preparation for processing, conversion, or transformation from their natural or severed state. Notwithstanding any provision of this subdivision (a)(3)(H) to the contrary, farmers may transport cotton seed from the gin or warehouse to the first point of sale under this special classification. Rock or stone or crushed rock or crushed stone, except rock or stone which is to undergo further processing into a finished or semifinished product other than crushed rock or crushed stone, shall not be construed as clay minerals or ores under the provisions of this classification. Notwithstanding any provision of this subdivision (a)(3)(H) or any other law to the contrary, persons in the timber harvesting or forestry industries who transport wood waste, wood chips, or wood dust from a mill or a temporary location may transport the wood waste, wood chips, or wood dust from the mill or the temporary location to a destination for further processing under this special classification.

(ii) The annual license fees for vehicles classified as either farm or natural resources vehicles shall be as follows:

(a) For a vehicle with two (2) axles, including mini-trucks, a fee of three dollars and ninety cents (\$3.90) per one thousand pounds (1,000 lbs.) of gross loaded weight of the vehicle, with a minimum fee of thirty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$32.50) and a maximum fee of sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) for each vehicle;

(b) For a vehicle with three (3) axles, a fee of ninety-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$97.50);

(c) For a vehicle with four (4) axles, a fee of one hundred thirty dollars (\$130);

(d) For a vehicle with five (5) axles, a fee of one hundred sixty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$162.50);

(e) For a vehicle with five (5) axles used exclusively by the owner of livestock or poultry in hauling animal feed for consumption in this state by the owner's livestock or poultry, a fee of six hundred fifty dollars (\$650); and

(f) Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this subdivision (a)(3)(H) to the contrary, for a vehicle to be operated separately or in combination with other vehicles, which vehicle or combination has a total outside width in excess of one hundred two inches (102) but not exceeding one hundred eight inches (108) and is utilized or intended to be utilized to transport compacted seed cotton, the annual license fee shall be six hundred fifty dollars (\$650). Provided, any full trailer or semitrailer used in combination with such registered vehicle shall also be registered in accordance with and pursuant to the applicable fees set out in subdivision (a)(3)(I) of this section. That portion of the annual license fee established by this subdivision (a)(3)(H)(ii)(f) which equals four hundred eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$487.50) is declared to be a permit fee for the use of the public roads and streets of this state by such vehicles while operated separately or in combination with other vehicles due to the unusual design and size of such vehicles or combinations of vehicles.

(iii)(a) The foregoing vehicles shall not exceed the maximum axle load permitted by law.

(b) Five-axle vehicles may haul maximum gross loaded weights of up to eighty thousand pounds (80,000 lbs.) without the purchase of any additional or different type license.

(iv) The Director of the Department of Finance and Administration shall cause to be issued special and distinctive license plates for vehicles in this classification, with separate farm license plates to be established for those vehicles used in the noncommercial hauling of farm products produced in this state, and for the hauling of feed, seed, fertilizer, poultry litter, and other products commonly produced or used in agricultural operations or compacted seed cotton and separate natural resources license plates to be established for those vehicles hauling timber products, clay minerals, or ores.

(v)(a) Before any license may be issued for a vehicle designated as either a farm vehicle or a natural resources vehicle, the applicant shall, by affidavit, state that he or she is familiar with the purposes for which such licenses may be used as authorized under this classification and that he or she will not use such vehicle for which application for license is made for any purpose not authorized under this classification. The applicant shall indicate on his or her affidavit whether the vehicle is to be used for the hauling of farm products,

animal feed, compacted seed, or cotton or for the hauling of forest products, clay minerals, or ores.

(b) If the applicant is the owner of a mini-truck, then the affidavit shall state that the vehicle is being used exclusively for farm purposes and that the mini-truck meets the other requirements of 27-14-726.

(vi)(a) Upon submitting an affidavit, any person entitled to obtain a farm license for a motor vehicle used for hauling farm products as authorized under this classification, if the vehicle is required for only seasonal or occasional use, may be issued a farm license for the vehicle for the first six (6) months of the annual licensing period at a rate equal to one-half () of the annual fee but in no event less than sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) or for the last month of the current annual licensing period and the first six (6) months of the subsequent annual licensing period at a rate equal to seven-twelfths (7/12) of the annual fee but in no event less than seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).

(b) The director shall issue special distinctive license plates or license plate validation decals for the vehicles, including the indication thereon of the expiration date, so as to identify them from annual plates.

(vii) The owner of any motor vehicle who is entitled to obtain a farm license for such motor vehicle for use in hauling farm products as authorized in this subdivision (a)(3)(H) may use such motor vehicle for the hauling of baled cotton from the cotton gin to a cotton compress without the necessity of the payment of additional license fees or the obtaining of additional license plates for such motor vehicle.

(viii) The director shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this classification and prevent abuse thereof. However, before any such rules or regulations shall be effective, they shall be approved by majority action of the members of the State Highway Commission acting for and in behalf of the Arkansas Highway Police Division of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, which is the agency charged with the principal responsibility of enforcing the motor vehicle license laws of this state.

(ix) Vehicles licensed under this classification for the hauling of farm products only shall be permitted, without payment of additional fees, to transport return loads to the farm or domicile of the owner of such vehicles where such return load contents are the property of, and to be used or consumed by, the owner of the vehicle or his or her family.

(x) If a violation of the natural resources classification as authorized in this subdivision (a)(3)(H) is discovered, a license must immediately be purchased for such vehicle in accordance with the rate of license that should lawfully be required for such vehicle for so moving on the roads and highways of this state. No credit shall be given on the purchase price of such license for any amount or amounts paid for license hitherto purchased for use on such vehicle. This requirement of license purchase shall not be in lieu of any criminal prosecution.

(xi) All affidavits required under the provisions of this subdivision (a)(3)(H) shall be acknowledged by the director, his or her authorized agent, or some other person authorized by the laws of this state to administer oaths.

(xii) The owner of a mini-truck under 27-14-726 may license and register the mini-truck as a Class Eight farm vehicle if the vehicle is used for farm purposes;

(I) Class Nine.

(i)(a) For the purpose of evidencing registration of trailers, semitrailers, and full trailers, there shall be issued special license plates and annual registration fees charged and collected according to the following schedule:

(1) All trailers drawn by automobiles and Class One trucks, and all boat trailers and travel trailers drawn by any truck, which truck has a load capacity of one (1) ton or less, a triennial fee of twenty-one dollars (\$21.00). Provided, however, every owner of a trailer drawn by automobiles and Class One trucks, and all boat trailers and travel trailers drawn by any truck, purchased or otherwise acquired on or after January 1, 2002 shall pay thirty-six dollars (\$36.00) for the issuance of a permanent registration that shall remain valid, without renewal, until the owner of the trailer sells or otherwise disposes of the trailer for which the registration is issued. Permanent registration issued under this subdivision (a)(3)(I)(i)(a)(1) shall not be transferred to other owners or other vehicles, and shall not be replaced under 27-14-602(b)(6). Any owner of a trailer registered under the provisions of this subdivision before January 1, 2002 may, at his or her option, upon expiration of such registration, pay thirty-six dollars (\$36.00) for the issuance of a permanent registration as authorized in this subdivision (a)(3)(I)(i)(a)(1);

(2) All semitrailers used in combination with Class Two Class Eight trucks, with the exception of those for which a fee is set out in subdivision (a)(3)(I)(i)(a)(1) of this section, a fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00). Provided, however, the owner of any semitrailer used in combination with Class Two Class Eight trucks may, at his or her option, pay a fee of sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) for issuance of a permanent registration that shall remain valid, without annual renewal, until he or she sells or otherwise disposes of the semitrailer for which the registration is issued. Permanent registrations issued under this subdivision (a)(3)(I)(i)(a)(2) shall not be transferred to other owners or other vehicles and shall not be replaced under 27-14-602(b)(6);

(3) Full trailers operated in the transportation of farm products and other natural resources described as Class Eight, a fee of eight dollars (\$8.00); and

(4) For all other full trailers there shall be charged an annual license fee computed on the gross loaded weight of the vehicle at the appropriate rate provided by Class Two Class Seven of subdivision (a)(3) of this section.

(b) For the purpose of evidencing registration of a combination of truck-trailer and semitrailer classified by subdivision (a)(3)(I)(i)(a)(2), the license fee for the gross weight of the combination shall be computed at the appropriate rate provided by Class Two Class Eight of subdivision (a)(3) of this section and shall be applied to the registration of the truck tractor.

(ii)(a) Gross loaded weight as used in this section means the weight of the vehicle or vehicles plus the load to be hauled.

(b)(1) If any truck, trailer, or semitrailer, as provided in this section, is at any time found to be operating on the highways of Arkansas with a gross loaded weight in excess of the weight permitted by the license registration thereon, the owner or his or her agent must then and there, before proceeding, pay an additional license fee on the truck, trailer, or semitrailer, or

combination, on the basis of one dollar and thirty cents (\$1.30) per one hundred pounds (100 lbs.), or fraction thereof, for the excess weight. For the purpose of ascertaining excess loaded weight on any truck, trailer, semitrailer, or combination thereof, a tolerance of one thousand pounds (1,000 lbs.) over and above the permitted weight, as indicated by the license registration certificate thereof, shall be allowed before the additional license fee required in this subdivision (a)(3)(I)(ii)(b)(1) shall be charged.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any truck to operate on the highways of Arkansas without the license registration card being, at all times, in the possession of the operator thereof. This card shall, at all times, be subject to inspection.

(3) Any truck, trailer, or semitrailer, or combination thereof, on which an additional license fee is paid because of excess weight, as provided in this subdivision (a)(3)(I)(ii)(b), shall be permitted for the remaining portion of the regular license year to operate at the newly established weight limit.

(4) In no event shall any license be issued for a greater weight than that permitted by law governing axle loads; and

(J)(i) The director shall cause to be issued special and distinctive license plates for vehicles licensed under Class Two Class Seven in this section, which are utilized as wreckers or tow vehicles and that hold a permit issued by the Arkansas Towing and Recovery Board under [27-50-1203](#) and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

(ii) Before any license may be issued for a vehicle designated as a wrecker or tow vehicle, the applicant shall furnish to the director a certification from the board that the wrecker or tow vehicle has been permitted as a wrecker or tow vehicle by the board.

(iii) Beginning January 1, 2008, every wrecker or tow vehicle permitted by the board shall obtain upon initial registration or at the time of next renewal a distinctive wrecker or tow vehicle license plate.

(iv) In addition to the fee for the respective Class Two Class Seven license, the director may assess a handling and administrative fee in the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each distinctive wrecker or tow vehicle license plate.

(v) A wrecker or tow vehicle licensed pursuant to the International Registration Plan may obtain the distinctive wrecker or tow vehicle license plate to be displayed in addition to any license plate held pursuant to the International Registration Plan;

27-14-701. Requirements Exception.

(a) It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to drive or move, or for an owner knowingly to permit to be driven or moved, upon any highway, any vehicle of a type required to be registered under this chapter which is not registered within the time period prescribed by law, or for which

a certificate of title has not been issued or applied for within the time period prescribed by law, or for which the appropriate fee has not been paid when and as required under this chapter.

(b) When application accompanied by proper fee has been made for registration and certificate of title for a vehicle, it may be operated temporarily pending complete registration upon displaying a duplicate application, duly verified, or other evidence of such application or otherwise under rules and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

(c) The purchaser of any new or used motor vehicle may operate the vehicle upon the public highways prior to making application for or obtaining registration thereof, if the person carries in the vehicle at all such times a title to the vehicle which is assigned to such purchaser or a notarized bill of sale evidencing the transfer of the vehicle to the purchaser.

27-14-702. No other license required.

(a) No owner of a motor vehicle who shall have obtained a certificate from the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration as provided in this subchapter shall be required to obtain any other license or permits to use and operate the motor vehicle; nor shall the owner be required to display upon his motor vehicle any other number than the number of the registration issued by the director, or excluded, or prohibited, or limited in the free use of the motor vehicle upon any public street, avenue, road, turnpike, driveway, parkway, or any other public place, at any time when it is open to the use of persons having or using other vehicles; nor shall the owner be required to comply with other provisions or conditions as to the use of motor vehicles, except as provided in this chapter.

(b) Motor vehicles may be excluded from any cemetery or grounds used for the burial of the dead by the authorities having jurisdiction over the cemetery or grounds.

(c) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to affect the power of municipal corporations to make and enforce ordinances, rules, and regulations affecting motor vehicles which are used within their limits for public hire.

27-14-703. Vehicles subject to registration Exceptions.

Every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer when driven or moved upon a highway and every mobile home shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter except:

(1) Any vehicle driven or moved upon a highway in conformance with the provisions of this chapter relating to manufacturers, transporters, dealers, lienholders, or nonresidents or under a temporary registration permit issued by the Office of Motor Vehicle as authorized in [27-14-708](#);

(2) Any vehicle which is driven or moved upon a highway only for the purpose of crossing such highway from one (1) property to another;

(3)(A) Any implement of husbandry that is only incidentally operated or moved upon a highway whether or not it is subject to registration under this chapter.

(B) Incidental use may be established by an affidavit of the owner of the implement of husbandry submitted to the Department of Finance and Administration along with payment of the gross receipts or use tax imposed on the implement of husbandry when the owner applies for and receives a certificate of title to the implement of husbandry.

(C) The transportation of logs or timber upon a highway from the point of severance to a point in this state at which the logs or timber first undergo any processing, preparation for processing, conversion, or transformation from their natural or severed state shall not be incidental operation of the implement of husbandry upon a highway.

(D) An affidavit to establish incidental use is not required if the implement of husbandry was originally manufactured as an implement of husbandry;

(4) Any special mobile equipment as defined in [27-14-211](#);

(5) Any vehicle which is propelled exclusively by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires, though not operated upon rails;

(6) Manufactured homes or mobile homes for which the certificate of title has been cancelled under [27-14-1603](#); and

(7) No certificates of title need be obtained for any vehicle of a type subject to registration owned by the federal government.