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Auto and LTK plates now expire at the end of the month

The 2021 Wisconsin Act 154, signed into law on March 4, 2022, updated "registration periods for certain motor vehicles and reuse of registration plates" (see Wis. Stats. 341).

As a result, the following registration types will have their expiration date changed to the end of the month:

- Autocycle – (ACY)
- Automobile – (AUT)
- Dual Purpose Farm 8,000 pounds and less– (DPF)
- Dual Purpose Vehicle 8,000 pounds and less – (DPV)
- Light truck – (LTK)



As part of a renewal or new plate issued, the expiration date for the above registration types will be determined as follows:

- Date of operation entered may be any valid day (1st – 31st) within the month
- Expiration month will **always** be the same as the initial first date-of-operation month
- Expiration date will **always** be the last day of the expiration month

No action is necessary when processing a vehicle registration of this type as the system will automatically make the adjustments.

An example of the new expiration date rules

Date of Operation	October 2, 2022
Expiration Month	October
(Initial) Expiration Date	October 31, 2023
Expiration date upon next renewal	October 31, 2024

Older license plates are being reissued



To meet compliance with 2021 Wisconsin Act 163, WisDOT will automatically be replacing license plates that are at least 10 years old. This is in an effort to replace any plate that has lost, or will lose, their exterior sheeting and will no longer be legible.

The plate replacement will happen when renewing or transferring and renewing an Automobile or Light Truck license plate that is eligible. An informational message will appear in the system if the plate is eligible for replacement. Unless a new license plate can be issued by a processing agent on site, no renewal stickers will be issued. Instead, stickers will be included with the new license plate from DOT.

This license plate replacement program will be implemented in phases to both provide customers with their products in a timely manner, while managing nationwide material shortages.

The customer should be given a copy of the following notice. [Please download a printable copy of this notice](#) to provide to your customers.



Verifying VIN Accuracy

Prior to processing a title and registration application, it is important to verify the VIN of the vehicle being transferred. The VIN entered in the electronic processing system must match exactly with the VIN plate physically on the vehicle. If a VIN discrepancy is discovered on the title (including WI and Out of State titles) or application material, it must be corrected prior to processing.

Remember: all over-the-road-vehicles sold contain a 17-character VIN that does not include the letters I (i), O (o), or Q (q). This has been the format for VINs since 1981, when the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration updated VIN standards to avoid confusion with the numerals 1 and 0.



Failure to verify the VIN creates a false record within the WisDOT database. This may/will have a negative impact to both your customer and any organizations that have an interest in the vehicle. The correction

effort will require time for research and processing, leaving all parties involved at risk until the correct VIN can be entered into the system.

The goal for all transactions is to have them completed correctly the first time. This helps create a positive experience for the most important person—the vehicle buyer—and translates into repeat business for you and your organization.

If you have questions about a VIN discrepancy or an error message received using a VIN when processing, contact our Agent Partnership Unit (APU) at 608.266.3566 or agentpartnershipunit@dot.wi.gov.

Stand-alone temporary plates and leased vehicles



When issuing a stand-alone temporary plate to a customer who has leased a vehicle, you must indicate that the vehicle is leased when adding the owner and lessee(s). This step ensures the temporary plate is correctly associated to the lessee.

With leased vehicles, the lessee is the owner of the registration and license plates. If done incorrectly, the owner will be associated to the registration/plate of the vehicle and leaves the lessee (your customer) open to an encounter with law enforcement as the record will show the plate does not belong to them.

If the customer is eligible for and wants to apply for a Special Plate, the eligible person must be a future owner of the vehicle. For example, we cannot title and register the vehicle in the wife's name only when the husband is an eligible firefighter.

Quarterly Report

The following numbers have been generated from the Dealer and Agent Section (DAS) Quarterly Report. This data is from the **second quarter** of the fiscal year beginning July 2022 (October through December 2022).

Dealers and agents processing titles and/or registration electronically.

Activity	Second Quarter
Renewal agents	1,408
Title and lien agents (includes dealerships)	4,591

Electronic Title Delivery

Lenders receiving electronic title records.

Activity	Second Quarter
Lenders	1,194

Emission Testing Facilities

Third parties participating in the Wisconsin Vehicle Inspection program (WIVIP).

Activity	Second Quarter
Emission Facilities	505

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