

Dealer Plate Issuance Guidelines

The following information outlines which types of license plates should be issued by dealers based on the transaction type and vehicle use, providing clear direction on when to issue General Issue Plates, Buyer Provisional Plates, Out-of-State Buyer Plates, Temporary Registration Plates, and Dealer Plates (standard and temporary).

Plate Type	When to Use	Important Notes	Plate Image
General Issue Plate* (e.g., Passenger car or truck, motorcycle, farm truck, farm truck tractor, farm trailer, regular trailer, token trailer, travel trailer, combination, tow truck, private bus, and motorbus.	<i>Most Common Sales</i> - Customer's permanent plate given at time of sale - Replaces Buyer's Tag - Rental and Leasing dealers use Passenger General Issue	- Will be used for applicable vehicle you sell - Ensure all vehicle information (including empty weight, carrying capacity, and registration class) is entered correctly in ePLATE - Plate status will be temporary until the registration sticker is issued, at which point the plate status becomes permanent.	           

(Purple) Buyer Provisional Plate*	<i>Limited Use</i> - When applicable General Issue plates are not in your inventory - Customers needing Apportioned or Forestry plates, or other fleet related registration issued to motor carriers obtained through TxFleet - Customers receiving exempt registration***	- Temporary use only - Expires 7 days after permanent plates are issued by the county or RSC - Should not be used if the appropriate General Issue plates are available in your inventory - Not used for test drives	 A purple Texas Buyer Provisional Plate with the text 'TEXAS BUYER PROVISIONAL' at the top, 'BYR1BBBB' in the center, and 'LIMITED USE PLATE' at the bottom. The plate has a white background with purple borders and a small Texas state logo in the top left corner.
(Green) Out-of-State Buyer Plate*	<i>For Out-of-State Buyers</i> - When buyer will title/register the vehicle in another state	- If not in your inventory, you must obtain a Red Temporary Registration Plate for customers leaving the state to title/register - Expires 60-days after issuance	 A green Texas Out-of-State Buyer Plate with the text 'TEXAS OUT OF STATE BUYER' at the top, 'OSB1BBBB' in the center, and 'LIMITED USE PLATE' at the bottom. The plate has a white background with green borders and a small Texas state logo in the top left corner.
(Red) Temporary Registration Plate	<i>Short-Term Use</i> - Replaces 30-day or One-trip permit - Can be used for Export Vehicles	- Only plate allowed for exports - Issued by RSC or County Tax Office - Export sales are only eligible for One-Trip usage - Export use vehicles need to be processed into ePLATE	 A red Texas Temporary Registration Plate with the text 'TEXAS TEMPORARY REGISTRATION' at the top, 'TMP1BBBB' in the center, and 'LIMITED USE PLATE' at the bottom. The plate has a white background with red borders and a small Texas state logo in the top left corner. A 'MO DY' sticker is visible in the top right corner.

Standard Dealer Plate**	<i>Business and Personal Use</i> - For test drives - Loaner vehicles - Transporting inventory: moving from one dealer location to another, moving a vehicle to a repair facility, moving from another dealership or to transport it from the point of purchase.	- Never to be used in a retail sale transaction	
(Blue) Dealer Temporary Plate**	<i>Business Use</i> - For test drives - Loaner vehicles - Transporting inventory: moving from one dealer location to another, moving a vehicle to a repair facility, moving from another dealership or to transport it from the point of purchase.	- No personal use permitted - Never to be used in a retail sale transaction	
No Plate Issued	<i>Plates Will Not be Assigned by the Dealer if One of the Following Applies:</i> - Title-Only transactions - Off-Highway vehicles	- Title-Only transactions will need to be processed into ePLATE - Off-Highway vehicles are not processed in ePLATE	

* You must provide the customer with the Buyer's Plate Receipt.

** An ePLATE assignment is required anytime you provide a loaner vehicle, move inventory between locations, or transport a vehicle to a repair facility, another dealership, or from the point of purchase.

*** Guidance on the proper process for obtaining exempt license plates for vehicles sold to qualifying exempt entities, such as governmental agencies or other organizations eligible for exempt registration under Texas law. Step-by-Step Process:

1. [Confirm Exempt Status](#) - Prior to initiating the title transaction, confirm that the buyer is eligible for exempt status. This includes governmental agencies (state, federal, city, county), public schools, and certain nonprofit organizations, as defined by statute.
2. Submit the license plate assignment in ePLATE using a Buyer's Provisional Plate.
3. Title and Registration Application Submission - Submit the title paperwork through the County Tax Office outside of webDEALER, ensuring that: The buyer's name matches the exempt entity's official name and all applicable documents verifying exempt status, to include the appropriate application for exempt plates.
4. County Tax Office Coordination - Exempt plates are not issued directly to dealers by the department. Once the exempt plate request is submitted: The county tax Office will review the application and issue the exempt plates.
5. Delivery to the Exempt Entity - Dealers must ensure the exempt plates are either: Delivered directly to the exempt entity upon issuance, or coordinated for pickup with the county tax office, depending on local procedures.

PLEASE NOTE: *This document will be updated accordingly and does not encompass all possible transaction and plate types.*