



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
DRIVER AND MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES  
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# GOVERNMENT VEHICLE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ORS 805.040 and ORS 805.200 provide for the issuance of government owned registration to vehicles operated under a lease or lease purchase agreement, or to vehicles owned and operated, by the state, cities, counties, or other political subdivisions of the state, cities or counties.

Oregon law provides for the issuance of this type of registration to the government of a federally recognized Indian tribe. A federally recognized Indian tribe is any Indian tribe, band, nation or other organized group or community of Indians recognized as eligible for services provided to Indians by the Secretary of the Interior because of their status as Indians.

Oregon Law requires the lease or ownership to be reflected on the title and registration for the vehicle. In the case of a lease or lease purchase agreement, the government agency must be the lessee.

Except as provided in ORS 805.045, and 805.060, such vehicles must be registered with plates that identify the vehicle as government-owned and operated.

Vehicles that use the enclosed plates must either be:

- both owned and operated by the State of Oregon, a county, city or political subdivision thereof, or the government of a federally recognized Indian tribe as defined by DMV administrative rule; or
- operated under a lease or lease purchase agreement by the State of Oregon, a county, city or political subdivision thereof, or the government of a federally recognized Indian tribe.

The vehicle must remain under government operation; if it should ever be used for any other purpose, the plate(s) must be surrendered and regular series plates must be obtained, or a trip permit obtained to cover any temporary operation.

If this vehicle is sold to an individual or business that does not qualify for government registration based on the above criteria, the plates must be removed from the vehicle.