

## Part 2 Registration

### ***Superseded 1/1/2025***

#### **41-1a-201 Function of registration -- Registration required -- Penalty.**

- (1) Unless exempted, a person or automated driving system may not operate and an owner may not engage an automated driving system, give another person permission to engage an automated driving system, or give another person permission to operate a motor vehicle, combination of vehicles, trailer, semitrailer, vintage vehicle, restored-modified vehicle, off-highway vehicle, vessel, or park model recreational vehicle in this state unless it has been registered in accordance with this chapter, Title 41, Chapter 22, Off-highway Vehicles, or Title 73, Chapter 18, State Boating Act.
- (2) Subject to Subsection 53-8-209(3), a violation of this section is an infraction.
- (3)
  - (a) In the event that materials are temporarily unavailable for registration items required under Section 41-1a-402, the commission may delay initial vehicle registration or renewal of vehicle registrations.
  - (b) In a circumstance described in Subsection (3)(a), a person does not violate Subsection (1) for failure to register a vehicle during a delay period described in Subsection (3)(a).

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### ***Effective 1/1/2025***

#### **41-1a-201 Function of registration -- Registration required -- Penalty.**

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- (2) Subject to Subsection 53-8-209(3), a violation of this section is an infraction.
- (3)
  - (a) In the event that materials are temporarily unavailable for registration items required under Section 41-1a-402, the commission may delay initial vehicle registration or renewal of vehicle registrations.
  - (b) In a circumstance described in Subsection (3)(a), a person does not violate Subsection (1) for failure to register a vehicle during a delay period described in Subsection (3)(a).

Amended by Chapter 459, 2024 General Session

#### **41-1a-202 Definitions -- Vehicles exempt from registration -- Registration of vehicles after establishing residency.**

- (1) In this section:
  - (a) "Domicile" means the place:
    - (i) where an individual has a fixed permanent home and principal establishment;
    - (ii) to which the individual if absent, intends to return; and

(iii) in which the individual and his family voluntarily reside, not for a special or temporary purpose, but with the intention of making a permanent home.

(b)

(i) "Resident" means any of the following:

(A) an individual who:

(I) has established a domicile in this state;

(II) regardless of domicile, remains in this state for an aggregate period of six months or more during any calendar year;

(III) engages in a trade, profession, or occupation in this state or who accepts employment in other than seasonal work in this state and who does not commute into the state;

(IV) declares himself to be a resident of this state for the purpose of obtaining a driver license or motor vehicle registration; or

(V) declares himself a resident of Utah to obtain privileges not ordinarily extended to nonresidents, including going to school, or placing children in school without paying nonresident tuition or fees; or

(B) any individual, partnership, limited liability company, firm, corporation, association, or other entity that:

(I) maintains a main office, branch office, or warehouse facility in this state and that bases and operates a motor vehicle in this state; or

(II) operates a motor vehicle in intrastate transportation for other than seasonal work.

(ii) "Resident" does not include any of the following:

(A) a member of the military temporarily stationed in Utah;

(B) an out-of-state student, as classified by the institution of higher education, enrolled with the equivalent of seven or more quarter hours, regardless of whether the student engages in a trade, profession, or occupation in this state or accepts employment in this state; and

(C) an individual domiciled in another state or a foreign country that:

(I) is engaged in public, charitable, educational, or religious services for a government agency or an organization that qualifies for tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3);

(II) is not compensated for services rendered other than expense reimbursements; and

(III) is temporarily in Utah for a period not to exceed 24 months.

(iii) Notwithstanding Subsections (1)(b)(i) and (ii), "resident" includes the owner of a vehicle equipped with an automated driving system as defined in Section 41-26-102.1 if the vehicle is physically present in the state for more than 30 consecutive days in a calendar year.

(2)

(a) Registration under this chapter is not required for any:

(i) vehicle registered in another state and owned by a nonresident of the state or operating under a temporary registration permit issued by the division or a dealer authorized by this chapter, driven or moved upon a highway in conformance with the provisions of this chapter relating to manufacturers, transporters, dealers, lien holders, or interstate vehicles;

(ii) vehicle driven or moved upon a highway only for the purpose of crossing the highway from one property to another;

(iii) implement of husbandry, whether of a type otherwise subject to registration or not, that is only incidentally operated or moved upon a highway;

(iv) special mobile equipment;

(v) vehicle owned or leased by the federal government;

- (vi) motor vehicle not designed, used, or maintained for the transportation of passengers for hire or for the transportation of property if the motor vehicle is registered in another state and is owned and operated by a nonresident of this state;
  - (vii) vehicle or combination of vehicles designed, used, or maintained for the transportation of persons for hire or for the transportation of property if the vehicle or combination of vehicles is registered in another state and is owned and operated by a nonresident of this state and if the vehicle or combination of vehicles has a gross laden weight of 26,000 pounds or less;
  - (viii) trailer of 750 pounds or less unladen weight and not designed, used, and maintained for hire for the transportation of property or person;
  - (ix) single-axle trailer unless that trailer is:
    - (A) a commercial vehicle;
    - (B) a trailer designed, used, and maintained for hire for the transportation of property or person; or
    - (C) a travel trailer, camping trailer, or fifth wheel trailer of 750 pounds or more laden weight;
  - (x) manufactured home or mobile home;
  - (xi) off-highway vehicle currently registered under Section 41-22-3 if the off-highway vehicle is:
    - (A) being towed;
    - (B) operated on a street or highway designated as open to off-highway vehicle use; or
    - (C) operated in the manner prescribed in Subsections 41-22-10.3(1) through (3);
  - (xii) off-highway implement of husbandry operated in the manner prescribed in Subsections 41-22-5.5(3) through (5);
  - (xiii) modular and prebuilt homes conforming to the uniform building code and presently regulated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development that are not constructed on a permanent chassis;
  - (xiv) electric assisted bicycle defined under Section 41-6a-102;
  - (xv) motor assisted scooter defined under Section 41-6a-102; or
  - (xvi) electric personal assistive mobility device defined under Section 41-6a-102.
- (b) For purposes of an implement of husbandry as described in Subsection (2)(a)(iii), incidental operation on a highway includes operation that is:
- (i) transportation of raw agricultural materials or other agricultural related operations; and
  - (ii) limited to 100 miles round trip on a highway.
- (3) Unless otherwise exempted under Subsection (2), registration under this chapter is required for any motor vehicle, combination of vehicles, trailer, semitrailer, vintage vehicle, or restored-modified vehicle within 60 days of the owner establishing residency in this state.
- (4) A motor vehicle that is registered under Section 41-3-306 is exempt from the registration requirements of this part for the time period that the registration under Section 41-3-306 is valid.
- (5) A vehicle that has been issued a nonrepairable certificate may not be registered under this chapter.

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**41-1a-203 Prerequisites for registration, transfer of ownership, or registration renewal.**

- (1)
  - (a)

- (i) Except as provided in Subsections (1)(b) and (1)(c), the division shall mail a notification to the owner of a vehicle at least 30 days before the date the vehicle's registration is due to expire.
- (ii) The division shall ensure that mailing of notifications described in Section (1)(a)(i) begins as soon as practicable.
- (b)
  - (i) The division shall provide a process for a vehicle owner to choose to receive electronic notification of the pending expiration of a vehicle's registration.
  - (ii) If a vehicle owner chooses electronic notification, the division shall notify by email the owner of a vehicle at least 30 days before the date the vehicle's registration is due to expire.
- (c) If at the time the owner renews the vehicle registration, the previous registration period has been expired at least 270 days, the division is not required to comply with the notification requirement described in Subsection (1) for the next registration period.
- (2) Except as otherwise provided, before registration of a vehicle, an owner shall:
  - (a) obtain an identification number inspection under Section 41-1a-204;
  - (b) obtain a certificate of emissions inspection, if required in the current year, as provided under Section 41-6a-1642;
  - (c) pay property taxes, the in lieu fee, or receive a property tax clearance under Section 41-1a-206 or 41-1a-207;
  - (d) pay the automobile driver education tax required by Section 41-1a-208;
  - (e) pay the applicable registration fee under Part 12, Fee and Tax Requirements;
  - (f) pay the uninsured motorist identification fee under Section 41-1a-1218, if applicable;
  - (g) pay the motor carrier fee under Section 41-1a-1219, if applicable;
  - (h) pay any applicable local emissions compliance fee under Section 41-1a-1223; and
  - (i) pay the taxes applicable under Title 59, Chapter 12, Sales and Use Tax Act.
- (3) In addition to the requirements in Subsection (1), an owner of a vehicle that has not been previously registered or that is currently registered under a previous owner's name shall apply for a valid certificate of title in the owner's name before registration.
- (4) The division may not issue a new registration, transfer of ownership, or registration renewal under Section 73-18-7 for a vessel or outboard motor that is subject to this chapter unless a certificate of title has been or is in the process of being issued in the same owner's name.
- (5) The division may not issue a new registration, transfer of ownership, or registration renewal under Section 41-22-3 for an off-highway vehicle that is subject to this chapter unless a certificate of title has been or is in the process of being issued in the same owner's name.
- (6) The division may not issue a registration renewal for a motor vehicle if the division has received a hold request for the motor vehicle for which a registration renewal has been requested as described in:
  - (a) Section 72-1-213.1; or
  - (b) Section 72-6-118.

Amended by Chapter 302, 2024 General Session

**Effective 1/1/2025**

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- (i) Except as provided in Subsections (1)(b) and (1)(c), the division shall mail a notification to the owner of a vehicle at least 30 days before the date the vehicle's registration is due to expire.
- (ii) The division shall ensure that mailing of notifications described in Section (1)(a)(i) begins as soon as practicable.
- (b)
  - (i) The division shall provide a process for a vehicle owner to choose to receive electronic notification of the pending expiration of a vehicle's registration.
  - (ii) If a vehicle owner chooses electronic notification, the division shall notify by email the owner of a vehicle at least 30 days before the date the vehicle's registration is due to expire.
- (c) If at the time the owner renews the vehicle registration, the previous registration period has been expired at least 270 days, the division is not required to comply with the notification requirement described in Subsection (1) for the next registration period.
- (2) Except as otherwise provided, before registration of a vehicle, an owner shall:
  - (a) obtain an identification number inspection under Section 41-1a-204;
  - (b) obtain a certificate of emissions inspection, if required in the current year, as provided under Section 41-6a-1642;
  - (c) pay property taxes, the in lieu fee, or receive a property tax clearance under Section 41-1a-206 or 41-1a-207;
  - (d) pay the automobile driver education tax required by Section 41-1a-208;
  - (e) pay the applicable registration fee under Part 12, Fee and Tax Requirements;
  - (f) pay the uninsured motorist identification fee under Section 41-1a-1218, if applicable;
  - (g) pay the motor carrier fee under Section 41-1a-1219, if applicable;
  - (h) pay any applicable local emissions compliance fee under Section 41-1a-1223;
  - (i) pay the taxes applicable under Title 59, Chapter 12, Sales and Use Tax Act; and
  - (j) for a roadable aircraft, provide proof of registration of the roadable aircraft as an aircraft under Section 72-10-109.
- (3) In addition to the requirements in Subsection (1), an owner of a vehicle that has not been previously registered or that is currently registered under a previous owner's name shall apply for a valid certificate of title in the owner's name before registration.
- (4) The division may not issue a new registration, transfer of ownership, or registration renewal under Section 73-18-7 for a vessel or outboard motor that is subject to this chapter unless a certificate of title has been or is in the process of being issued in the same owner's name.
- (5) The division may not issue a new registration, transfer of ownership, or registration renewal under Section 41-22-3 for an off-highway vehicle that is subject to this chapter unless a certificate of title has been or is in the process of being issued in the same owner's name.
- (6) The division may not issue a registration renewal for a motor vehicle if the division has received a hold request for the motor vehicle for which a registration renewal has been requested as described in:
  - (a) Section 72-1-213.1; or
  - (b) Section 72-6-118.

Amended by Chapter 483, 2024 General Session

**41-1a-204 Identification number inspection.**

- (1) An application for first registration in this state of any vehicle may not be accepted by the division unless the identification number of that vehicle, other than new vehicles sold by

dealers licensed in this state, has been inspected by a qualified identification number inspector under Part 8, Identification Numbers.

(2) A park model recreational vehicle is exempt from this section.

Amended by Chapter 237, 2014 General Session

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**41-1a-205 Safety inspection certificate required for commercial motor vehicles and initial registration of street-legal ATVs and salvage vehicles.**

- (1) A street-legal all-terrain vehicle registered in accordance with Section 41-6a-1509 is subject to a safety inspection the first time that a person registers an off-highway vehicle as a street-legal all-terrain vehicle.
- (2) A salvage vehicle as defined in Section 41-1a-1001 is subject to a safety inspection when the owner makes the initial application to register the vehicle as a salvage vehicle.
- (3) A safety inspection certificate shall be displayed on:
  - (a) all registered commercial vehicles as defined in Section 72-9-102;
  - (b) a motor vehicle with three or more axles, pulling a trailer, or pulling a trailer with multiple axles;
  - (c) a combination unit;
  - (d) a bus or van for hire;
  - (e) a taxicab; and
  - (f) a motor vehicle operated by a ground transportation service provider as defined in Section 72-10-601.
- (4) Subject to Subsection 53-8-209(3), a violation of this section is an infraction.

Amended by Chapter 149, 2017 General Session

Amended by Chapter 406, 2017 General Session

***Effective 1/1/2025***

**41-1a-205 Safety inspection certificate required for commercial motor vehicles and initial registration of street-legal ATVs, street-legal novel vehicles, and salvage vehicles.**

- (1) A street-legal all-terrain vehicle registered in accordance with Section 41-6a-1509 is subject to a safety inspection the first time that a person registers an off-highway vehicle as a street-legal all-terrain vehicle.
- (2) A street-legal novel vehicle registered in accordance with Section 41-27-201 is subject to a safety inspection the first time that a person registers a novel vehicle as a street-legal novel vehicle.
- (3) A salvage vehicle as defined in Section 41-1a-1001 is subject to a safety inspection when the owner makes the initial application to register the vehicle as a salvage vehicle.
- (4) A roadable aircraft is subject to a safety inspection when the owner makes the initial application to register the roadable aircraft.
- (5) A safety inspection certificate shall be displayed on:
  - (a) all registered commercial vehicles as defined in Section 72-9-102;
  - (b) a motor vehicle with three or more axles, pulling a trailer, or pulling a trailer with multiple axles;
  - (c) a combination unit;
  - (d) a bus or van for hire;
  - (e) a taxicab; and

(f) a motor vehicle operated by a ground transportation service provider as defined in Section 72-10-601.

(6) Subject to Subsection 53-8-209(3), a violation of this section is an infraction.

Amended by Chapter 459, 2024 General Session

Amended by Chapter 483, 2024 General Session

**41-1a-206 Payment of property taxes or in lieu fees before registration.**

(1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), the division before issuing any registration shall require from every applicant for the registration a certificate from the county assessor in which the vehicle has situs for taxation that:

- (a) the property tax or in lieu fee on the vehicle for the current registration period has been paid;
- (b) in the assessor's opinion the tax or in lieu fee is a lien on real property sufficient to secure the payment of the tax; or
- (c) the vehicle is exempt by law from payment of property tax or the in lieu fee for the current registration period.

(2) The requirements of Subsection (1) do not apply to the registration of ambulances, peace officer patrol vehicles, fire engines, passenger cars and trucks owned and used by the United States government or by the state of Utah or by any of its political subdivisions, and motor vehicles assessed by the commission under Section 59-2-201.

Amended by Chapter 164, 2006 General Session

**41-1a-207 Vehicles assessed by commission.**

If the vehicle is assessed by the commission under Section 59-2-201, the commission before issuing a registration shall be satisfied that the:

- (1) property tax or in lieu fee on the vehicle has been paid;
- (2) vehicle is exempt from the payment of the tax or in lieu fee; or
- (3) tax or in lieu fee is secured by a lien on real estate or by a bond.

Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 1, 1992 General Session

**41-1a-208 Payment of automobile driver education tax prerequisite to registration of motor vehicle.**

- (1) The collection and payment of the automobile driver education tax is a prerequisite to the registration of any motor vehicle.
- (2) Except as provided under Subsection (3), the automobile driver education tax accrues and is collectible upon each motor vehicle, subject to the same exemptions, and payable in the same manner and time as motor vehicle registration fees under Section 41-1a-1206.
- (3) The automobile driver education tax:
  - (a) shall be paid in full at the time the motor vehicle is registered; and
  - (b) is not collectible or payable upon the transfers of registration, issuance, reissuance of certificates of registration, titles, or plates contemplated by Sections 41-1a-301, 41-1a-1207, 41-1a-1210, and 41-1a-1211.

Amended by Chapter 164, 2006 General Session

**41-1a-209 Application for registration -- Contents.**

- (1) An owner of a vehicle subject to registration under this part shall apply to the division for registration on forms furnished by the division.
- (2) The application for registration shall include:
  - (a) the signature of an owner of the vehicle to be registered;
  - (b) the name, bona fide residence and mailing address of the owner, or business address of the owner if the owner is a firm, association, or corporation;
  - (c) a description of the vehicle including the make, model, type of body, the model year as specified by the manufacturer, the number of cylinders, and the identification number of the vehicle;
  - (d) other information required by the division to enable it to determine whether the owner is lawfully entitled to register the vehicle; and
  - (e) an indication if the applicant is applying for automatic registration renewal as described in Section 41-1a-216.

Amended by Chapter 135, 2021 General Session

**41-1a-210 Examination of registration records and indices of stolen and recovered vehicles.**

The division upon receiving application for original registration of a vehicle shall first check the identification number shown in the application against the indices of registered vehicles and against indices of stolen and recovered vehicles.

Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 1, 1992 General Session

**41-1a-210.5 Government-issued identification required on new registrations.**

Subject to Section 63G-15-201, the division, before issuing any new registration on a vehicle, shall require that the applicant provide valid government-issued identification.

Amended by Chapter 178, 2022 General Session

**41-1a-211 Temporary permits -- Other laws applied.**

- (1)
  - (a) The division may grant a temporary permit to operate a vehicle for which:
    - (i) application for registration has been made, or, in the case of a newly purchased vehicle, will be made;
    - (ii) evidence of ownership is provided; and
    - (iii) the proper fees have been paid.
  - (b) The temporary permit allows the vehicle to be operated pending complete registration by displaying:
    - (i) the temporary permit; or
    - (ii) other evidence of the application under rules made by the commission.
- (2) If a vehicle is operated on a temporary permit issued under this section or Section 41-3-302, that vehicle is subject to all other statutes, rules, and regulations intended to control the use and operation of vehicles on the highways.
- (3) For purposes of Subsection (1), evidence of ownership includes a document demonstrating that:
  - (a) in exchange for consideration, the vehicle's lessee agreed to transfer the vehicle to the applicant upon receipt of the vehicle's certificate of title from the vehicle's lessor; and
  - (b) the lessee is the current registered owner of the vehicle.



Amended by Chapter 213, 2023 General Session

**41-1a-212 Division to issue registration card.**

The division upon registering a vehicle shall issue a registration card.

Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 1, 1992 General Session

**41-1a-213 Contents of registration cards.**

- (1) As used in this section:
  - (a) "Health care professional" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53-3-207.
  - (b) "Invisible condition" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53-3-207.
  - (c) "Invisible condition identification decal" means the decal created by the division that incorporates the invisible condition identification symbol.
  - (d) "Invisible condition identification symbol" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53-3-207.
- (2) The registration card shall be delivered to the owner and shall contain:
  - (a) the date issued;
  - (b) the name of the owner;
  - (c) a description of the vehicle registered including the year, the make, the identification number, and the license plate assigned to the vehicle;
  - (d) the expiration date; and
  - (e) other information as determined by the commission.
- (3) If a vehicle is leased for a period in excess of 45 days, the registration shall contain:
  - (a) the owner's name; and
  - (b) the name of the lessee.
- (4) On all vehicles registered under Subsections 41-1a-1206(1)(d) and (1)(e), the registration card shall also contain the gross laden weight as given in the application for registration.
- (5)
  - (a) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(b), a new registration card issued by the commission on or after November 1, 2013, may not display the address of the owner or the lessee on the registration card.
  - (b) A new registration card issued by the commission under one of the following provisions shall display the address of the owner or the lessee on the registration card:
    - (i) Section 41-1a-301 for a vehicle; or
    - (ii) Section 73-18-7 for a vessel.
- (6)
  - (a) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(d)(ii), the division shall include on a vehicle owner's vehicle registration database record in the division's vehicle registration database an invisible condition identification symbol if:
    - (i)
      - (A) the vehicle owner or an individual who is a regular driver of or passenger in the vehicle owner's vehicle has an invisible condition; or
      - (B) an individual with an invisible condition resides at the vehicle driver's residence; and
    - (ii) the vehicle owner submits to the commission a request on a form prescribed by the commission.
  - (b) A vehicle owner shall include in a request described in Subsection (6)(a):

- (i) if the request is for an individual other than the vehicle owner, a declaration that the individual is:
    - (A) a regular driver of or passenger in the vehicle; or
    - (B) a resident at the vehicle driver's residence;
  - (ii) written verification from a health care professional that the vehicle owner or other individual described in Subsection (6)(a)(i) has an invisible condition; and
  - (iii) a waiver of liability signed by the individual with the invisible condition or the individual's legal representative for the release of any medical information to:
    - (A) the commission;
    - (B) any person who has access to the individual's medical information as recorded on the vehicle owner's vehicle registration database record or the Utah Criminal Justice Information System; and
    - (C) any other person who may view or receive notice of the individual's medical information by seeing the vehicle owner's vehicle registration database record or the individual's information in the Utah Criminal Justice Information System.
  - (c) As part of the form described in Subsection (6)(a) and (b), the commission shall advise the individual signing the waiver of liability that by submitting the signed waiver, the individual consents to the release of the individual with an invisible condition's medical information to any person described in Subsections (6)(b)(iii)(A) through (C), even if the person is otherwise ineligible to access the individual with an invisible condition's medical information under state or federal law.
  - (d)
    - (i) The division:
      - (A) may not charge a fee to include an invisible condition identification symbol on a vehicle owner's vehicle registration database record; and
      - (B) shall confirm with the Division of Professional Licensing that the health care professional described in Subsection (6)(b)(ii) holds a current state license.
    - (ii) If the division is unable to confirm that the health care professional described in Subsection (6)(b)(ii) holds a current state license, the division shall deny the request described in Subsection (6)(a).
  - (e) The inclusion of an invisible condition identification symbol on a vehicle owner's vehicle registration database record in accordance with this section does not confer any legal rights or privileges on the vehicle owner or the individual with an invisible condition, including parking privileges for individuals with disabilities under Section 41-1a-414.
- (7)
- (a) For each individual who qualifies under this section to include an invisible condition identification symbol in a vehicle owner's vehicle registration database record, the division shall:
    - (i) include in the division's vehicle registration database a brief description of the nature of the individual's invisible condition linked to the vehicle owner's vehicle registration database record; and
    - (ii) provide an invisible condition identification decal that may be affixed to the vehicle owner's vehicle, and instructions on where the invisible condition identification decal may be placed on the vehicle, which the vehicle owner may affix to the vehicle at the vehicle owner's discretion.
  - (b) The division shall provide the brief description described in Subsection (7)(a)(i) to the Utah Criminal Justice Information System.

- (c) Except as provided in Subsection (7)(b), the division may not release the information described in Subsection (7)(a)(i).
- (8) Within 30 days after the day on which the division receives a vehicle owner's written request, the division shall:
  - (a) remove the invisible condition identification symbol and brief description described in Subsection (7) from a vehicle owner's vehicle registration database record in the division's vehicle registration database; and
  - (b) provide the updated vehicle registration database record to the Utah Criminal Justice Information System.
- (9) As provided in Section 63G-2-302, the information described in Subsection (6)(a) is a private record for purposes of Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act.

Amended by Chapter 456, 2023 General Session

**41-1a-214 Registration card to be exhibited.**

- (1) For the convenience of a peace officer or any officer or employee of the division, the owner or operator of a vehicle is encouraged to carry the registration card in the vehicle for which the registration card was issued and display the registration card upon request.
- (2) An individual may display a registration card by displaying a photograph of the registration card on a mobile electronic device.
- (3) For a vehicle owned by a rental company, as defined in Section 31A-22-311, a person driving or in control of the vehicle may display the vehicle's rental agreement, as defined in Section 31A-22-311, in place of a registration card.

Amended by Chapter 91, 2022 General Session

**41-1a-215 Staggered registration dates -- Exceptions.**

- (1)
  - (a) Except as provided under Subsections (2) and (3), every vehicle registration, every registration card, and every registration plate issued under this chapter for the first registration of the vehicle in this state, continues in effect for a period of 12 months beginning with the first day of the calendar month of registration and does not expire until the last day of the same month in the following year.
  - (b) If the last day of the registration period falls on a day in which the appropriate state or county offices are not open for business, the registration of the vehicle is extended to midnight of the next business day.
- (2) The provisions of Subsection (1) do not apply to the following:
  - (a) registration issued to government vehicles under Section 41-1a-221;
  - (b) registration issued to apportioned vehicles under Section 41-1a-301;
  - (c) multiyear registration issued under Section 41-1a-222;
  - (d) lifetime trailer registration issued under Section 41-1a-1206;
  - (e) partial year registration issued under Section 41-1a-1207;
  - (f) a six-month registration issued under Section 41-1a-215.5; or
  - (g) plates issued to a dealer, dismantler, manufacturer, remanufacturer, and transporter under Title 41, Chapter 3, Part 5, Special Dealer License Plates.
- (3)

- (a) Upon application of the owner or lessee of a fleet of commercial vehicles not apportioned under Section 41-1a-301 and required to be registered in this state, the State Tax Commission may permit the vehicles to be registered for a registration period commencing on the first day of March, June, September, or December of any year and expiring on the last day of March, June, September, or December in the following year.
- (b) Upon application of the owner or lessee of a fleet of commercial vehicles apportioned under Section 41-1a-301 and required to be registered in this state, the State Tax Commission may permit the vehicles to be registered for a registration period commencing on the first day of January, April, July, or October of any year and expiring on the last day of March, June, September, or December in the following year.
- (4) When the expiration of a registration plate is extended by affixing a registration decal to it, the expiration of the decal governs the expiration date of the plate.

Amended by Chapter 397, 2012 General Session

#### **41-1a-215.5 Six-month registration.**

- (1)
  - (a) Subject to the requirements of this section, a person may register a motorcycle or motor vehicle of 12,000 pounds or less gross laden weight for a six-month period that begins on the first day of the calendar month of registration and expires on the last day of the sixth month of registration.
  - (b) If the last day of the registration period falls on a day in which the appropriate state or county offices are not open for business, the registration of the vehicle is extended to midnight of the next business day.
- (2) A registration under this section is subject to this chapter.
- (3) The option to register a motorcycle or motor vehicle under this section shall be available to a person when the division:
  - (a) has implemented the division's GenTax system; and
  - (b) at least 30 days before implementing the division's GenTax system as described in Subsection (3)(a), has provided notice in a conspicuous place on the division's website stating:
    - (i) the date the commission will implement the GenTax system; and
    - (ii) that, at the time the commission implements the GenTax system, the option to register a motorcycle or motor vehicle for a six-month registration period will be available.

Amended by Chapter 397, 2012 General Session

#### **41-1a-216 Renewal of registration.**

- (1) The division may receive applications for registration renewal and issue new registration cards at any time prior to the expiration of the registration, subject to the availability of renewal materials.
- (2)
  - (a) Except as provided in Subsections (2)(c) and (3), the new registration shall retain the same expiration month as recorded on the original registration even if the registration has expired.
  - (b) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(c), the year of registration expiration shall be changed to reflect the renewed registration period.
  - (c) If the application for renewal of registration is for a six-month registration period under Section 41-1a-215.5, the new registration shall be for a six-month registration period that begins

with the first day of the calendar month following the last day of the expiration month of the previous registration period as recorded on the original registration even if the registration has expired.

- (3) Subsection (2) does not apply if the owner can verify to the satisfaction of the division that the vehicle registration was not renewed prior to its expiration due to the fact that the vehicle was in storage, inoperable, or otherwise out of service.
- (4) If the registration renewal application is an application generated by the division through its automated system, the owner need not surrender the last registration card or duplicate.
- (5) A vehicle with an "EX" or "UHP" license plate, owned by an entity described in Section 41-1a-407, is exempt from registration renewal requirements.
- (6) The division shall establish a process by which an individual may request automatic renewal of registration.
- (7) An individual may request automatic renewal of registration as provided by the division.
- (8) If the vehicle is subject to an emissions inspection as described in Section 41-6a-1642 for the year for which a vehicle automatic registration is requested, the automatic renewal is not effective until the vehicle has passed an emissions inspection as required in Section 41-6a-1642.
- (9) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the commission may make rules establishing procedures for an individual to apply for and the division to administer automatic renewal of registration and automatic payment of fees as required in this chapter and relevant taxes.

Amended by Chapter 135, 2021 General Session

#### **41-1a-217 Application for renewal of registration.**

- (1)
  - (a) An applicant may renew a vehicle registration by:
    - (i) filing an application for registration renewal; and
    - (ii) paying the fees or taxes required under Section 41-1a-203.
  - (b) If an applicant is applying for automatic registration renewal as described in Section 41-1a-216, the applicant shall provide payment information and other required information as described in Section 41-1a-216 and relevant administrative rules made in accordance with Subsection 41-1a-216(9).
- (2) The applicant shall ensure that the application for registration renewal and the payment for applicable fees or taxes is accompanied by a certificate of emissions inspection if required under Section 41-6a-1642.
- (3) The division shall issue a new registration card that contains:
  - (a) the identical information with respect to the owner and the vehicle description required by Section 41-1a-213; and
  - (b) the new expiration date.

Amended by Chapter 59, 2021 General Session

Amended by Chapter 135, 2021 General Session

#### **41-1a-218 Notice of change of address.**

- (1) If a person after making application for or obtaining a vehicle registration moves from the address named in the application, the person shall within 10 days of moving notify the division of his old and new addresses.

(2) A violation of this section is an infraction.

Amended by Chapter 412, 2015 General Session

**41-1a-219 Change of name -- New registration.**

- (1) If the name of any person who has applied for or obtained the registration of a vehicle is changed the person shall surrender the last registration card and file an application for a new registration card.
- (2) The division upon receipt of the required fees shall issue a new registration card.

Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 1, 1992 General Session

**41-1a-220 Lost or damaged registration card.**

- (1) If a registration card is lost, mutilated, or becomes illegible the owner of the vehicle for which the registration card was issued, as shown by the records of the division, shall immediately:
  - (a) apply for a duplicate;
  - (b) furnish the information satisfactory to the division; and
  - (c) pay the proper fees.
- (2) A violation of this section is an infraction.

Amended by Chapter 412, 2015 General Session

***Superseded 1/1/2025***

**41-1a-221 Registration of vehicles of political subdivisions or state -- Expiration of registration -- Certification of information -- Failure to comply.**

- (1)
  - (a) An entity referred to in Subsection 41-1a-407(1) shall register each vehicle that it owns, operates, or leases.
  - (b) This section does not apply to unmarked vehicles referred to in Section 41-1a-407.
- (2) A registration card and license plate issued to an entity under this section or Subsection 41-1a-407(1) are in full force and effect until the vehicle is no longer owned or operated by that entity.
- (3)
  - (a) If the owner of a vehicle subject to the provisions of this section transfers or assigns title or interest in the vehicle, the registration of that vehicle expires.
  - (b) The transferor shall remove the license plates and within 20 days from the date of transfer:
    - (i) destroy the license plates; or
    - (ii) forward the license plates to the division to be destroyed.
- (4) A violation of this section is an infraction.

Amended by Chapter 20, 2018 General Session

***Effective 1/1/2025***

**41-1a-221 Registration of vehicles of political subdivisions or state -- Expiration of registration -- Certification of information -- Failure to comply.**

- (1)
  - (a) An entity referred to in Subsection 41-1a-407(1) shall register each vehicle that it owns, operates, or leases.

- (b) This section does not apply to unmarked vehicles referred to in Section 41-1a-407.
- (2) A registration card and license plate issued to an entity under this section or Subsection 41-1a-407(1) are in full force and effect until the vehicle is no longer owned or operated by that entity.
- (3)
  - (a) If the owner of a vehicle subject to the provisions of this section transfers or assigns title or interest in the vehicle, the registration of that vehicle expires.
  - (b) The transferor shall remove the license plate or plates and within 20 days from the date of transfer:
    - (i) destroy the license plate or plates; or
    - (ii) forward the license plate or plates to the division to be destroyed.
- (4) A violation of this section is an infraction.

Amended by Chapter 251, 2024 General Session

**41-1a-222 Application for multiyear registration -- Payment of taxes -- Penalties.**

- (1) The owner of any intrastate fleet of commercial vehicles which is based in the state may apply to the commission for registration in accordance with this section.
  - (a) The application shall be made on a form prescribed by the commission.
  - (b) Upon payment of required fees and meeting other requirements prescribed by the commission, the division shall issue, to each vehicle for which application has been made, a multiyear license plate and registration card.
    - (i) The registration decal and the registration card shall bear an expiration date fixed by the division and are valid until ownership of the vehicle to which they are issued is transferred by the applicant or until the expiration date, whichever comes first.
    - (ii) An annual renewal application must be made by the owner if registration identification has been issued on an annual installment fee basis and the required fees must be paid on an annual basis.
    - (iii) License plates and registration cards issued pursuant to this section are valid for an eight-year period, commencing with the year of initial application in this state.
  - (c) When application for registration or renewal is made on an installment payment basis, the applicant shall submit acceptable evidence of a surety bond in a form, and with a surety, approved by the commission and in an amount equal to the total annual fees required for all vehicles registered to the applicant in accordance with this section.
- (2) Each vehicle registered as part of a fleet of commercial vehicles must be titled in the name of the fleet.
- (3) Each owner who registers fleets pursuant to this section shall pay the taxes or in lieu fees otherwise due pursuant to:
  - (a) Section 41-1a-206;
  - (b) Section 41-1a-207;
  - (c) Subsection 41-1a-301(12);
  - (d) Section 59-2-405.1;
  - (e) Section 59-2-405.2; or
  - (f) Section 59-2-405.3.
- (4) An owner who fails to comply with the provisions of this section is subject to the penalties in Section 41-1a-1301 and, if the commission so determines, will result in the loss of the privileges granted in this section.

Amended by Chapter 33, 2023 General Session

**41-1a-223 Registration without Utah title.**

- (1)
  - (a) If the owner of a vehicle operating interstate and registered in another state desires to retain registration of the vehicle in the other state, the applicant need not surrender but shall submit for inspection evidences of out-of-state registration.
  - (b) The division upon a proper showing shall register the vehicle in this state.
- (2)
  - (a) If a person is relocating from another jurisdiction and establishing residence in this state, whether temporary or permanent, and that person has a vehicle registered and titled in another jurisdiction and is not able to surrender title to the vehicle being registered in Utah because title is physically held by a lienholder, the division may register the vehicle without issuing a Utah title.
  - (b) Notwithstanding Section 70A-9a-316, the registration of a vehicle under this section does not alter or affect the rights or security interest of any lienholder in another jurisdiction.

Amended by Chapter 252, 2000 General Session

**41-1a-224 Registration of specially constructed, reconstructed, or foreign vehicles -- Surrender of foreign registration.**

- (1) If the vehicle to be registered is a specially constructed, reconstructed, or foreign vehicle, that fact shall be stated in the application.
- (2) The owner of a foreign vehicle that has been registered outside of this state shall surrender to the division all registration cards, certificates of title, or other evidence of foreign registration in his possession or under his control, except as provided in Section 41-1a-223.

Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 1, 1992 General Session

**41-1a-225 Foreign vehicle compliance with federal law -- English translation -- Temporary permit.**

- (1) Before a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of less than 6,000 pounds that was not originally manufactured for sale in the United States may be registered in this state, the applicant shall provide at the time of registration, a signed statement certifying that the vehicle complies with all federal laws and regulations applicable to the vehicle.
- (2) If the certificate of title, manufacturer's certificate of origin, or other document purported to evidence ownership is not printed in the English language, the applicant shall obtain a certified translation of that document in the English language and provide it to the division at the time of registration.
- (3) The division may issue the applicant a temporary permit, not to exceed 120 days, as provided in Section 41-1a-211, pending compliance with federal emission and safety standards.

Amended by Chapter 217, 1999 General Session

**41-1a-226 Vintage vehicle -- Signed statement -- Restored-modified vehicle -- Registration.**

- (1) The owner of a vintage vehicle who applies for registration under this part shall provide a signed statement that the vintage vehicle:
  - (a) is owned and operated for the purposes described in Section 41-21-1; and



- (b) is safe to operate on the highways of this state as described in Section 41-21-4.
- (2) For a vintage vehicle with a model year of 1982 or older, the signed statement described in Subsection (1) and in Subsection 41-6a-1642(15) is in lieu of an emissions inspection, from which a vintage vehicle is exempt under Subsection 41-6a-1642(4).
- (3) Before registration of a vintage vehicle that has a model year of 1983 or newer, an owner shall:
  - (a) obtain a certificate of emissions inspection as provided in Section 41-6a-1642; or
  - (b) provide proof of vehicle insurance coverage for the vintage vehicle that is a type specific to a vehicle collector.
- (4)
  - (a) If an owner of a restored-modified vehicle who applies for registration that wishes to have the notation on the registration certificate as described in Subsection (4)(b), the owner may provide a signed statement that the vehicle:
    - (i) meets the definition of a restored-modified vehicle, and has modern technology, including emission control technology and an on-board diagnostic system; and
    - (ii) is safe to operate on the highways of this state.
  - (b) If a vehicle qualifies as a restored-modified vehicle, the division shall notate the registration certificate indicating that the vehicle is a restored-modified vehicle.
  - (c) An owner of a restored-modified vehicle may elect to remove the restored-modified notation on the registration certificate at the time of a subsequent registration.

Amended by Chapter 22, 2023 General Session  
Amended by Chapter 33, 2023 General Session  
Amended by Chapter 532, 2023 General Session

**41-1a-228 Special lifetime trailer registration -- Property tax or in lieu fees.**

- (1) The owner of a trailer or semitrailer used as a commercial vehicle may obtain an alternative special registration and license plate valid for the life of the trailer while the trailer is possessed by the registrant.
- (2) The owner must file, on or before January 31 of each year after the year of issuance of the special registration and license plate, a certificate from the assessing authority to the effect that any property tax or in lieu fee due for the current year has been paid.
- (3) If property tax or the in lieu fee is not paid, registration is suspended or revoked.

Amended by Chapter 360, 1997 General Session

**41-1a-229 Display of gross laden weight.**

- (1) Each vehicle registered by gross laden weight and exceeding 12,000 pounds of gross laden weight shall have the gross laden weight for which it is registered painted, stenciled, or shown by decal upon both the left and right sides of the vehicle, in a conspicuous place, in letters of a reasonable size as determined by the commission.
- (2) If vehicles are registered in combination, the gross laden weight for which the combination of vehicles is registered shall be displayed upon the power unit.
- (3) An owner or operator of a vehicle or combination of vehicles may not display a gross laden weight other than that shown on the certificate of registration of the vehicle.
- (4) A park model recreational vehicle is exempt from this section.
- (5) A violation of this section is an infraction.

Amended by Chapter 412, 2015 General Session

**41-1a-230 Registration checkoff for vision screening.**

- (1) A person who applies for a motor vehicle registration or registration renewal may designate a voluntary contribution for vision screening of \$2.
- (2) This contribution shall be:
  - (a) collected by the division;
  - (b) treated as a voluntary contribution to Friends For Sight to provide blindness prevention education, screening, and treatment and not as a motor vehicle registration fee; and
  - (c) transferred to Friends For Sight at least monthly, less actual administrative costs associated with collecting and transferring the contributions.

Amended by Chapter 126, 2003 General Session

**41-1a-230.5 Registration checkoff for promoting and supporting organ donation.**

- (1) A person who applies for a motor vehicle registration or registration renewal may designate a voluntary contribution of \$2 for the purpose of promoting and supporting organ donation.
- (2) This contribution shall be:
  - (a) collected by the division;
  - (b) treated as a voluntary contribution to the Allyson Gamble Organ Donation Contribution Fund created in Section 26B-1-312 and not as a motor vehicle registration fee; and
  - (c) transferred to the Allyson Gamble Organ Donation Contribution Fund created in Section 26B-1-312 at least monthly, less actual administrative costs associated with collecting and transferring the contributions.

Amended by Chapter 328, 2023 General Session

**41-1a-230.7 Registration checkoff for supporting emergency medical services and search and rescue operations.**

- (1) A person who applies for a motor vehicle registration or registration renewal may designate a voluntary contribution of \$3 for the purpose of supporting:
  - (a) the Emergency Medical Services Grant Program; and
  - (b) the Search and Rescue Financial Assistance Program.
- (2) This contribution shall be:
  - (a) collected by the division;
  - (b) treated as a voluntary contribution and not as a motor vehicle or off-highway vehicle registration fee; and
  - (c) distributed equally to the Emergency Medical Services System Account created in Section 53-2d-108 and the Search and Rescue Financial Assistance Program created in Section 53-2a-1102 at least monthly, less actual administrative costs associated with collecting and transferring the contributions.
- (3) In addition to the administrative costs deducted under Subsection (2)(c), the division may deduct the first \$1,000 collected to cover costs incurred to change the registration form.

Amended by Chapter 310, 2023 General Session

Amended by Chapter 328, 2023 General Session

**41-1a-231 Special mobile equipment status.**

- (1) "Special mobile equipment" status as defined under Section 41-1a-102 shall be approved by the Department of Transportation in consultation with the Motor Carrier Advisory Board created under Section 72-9-201.
- (2) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the Department of Transportation in consultation with the State Tax Commission shall make rules establishing procedures for application, identification, approval, denial, and appeal of special mobile equipment status.

Amended by Chapter 382, 2008 General Session

***Superseded 1/1/2025***

**41-1a-232 Special fleet registration decals and license plates.**

- (1) As used in this section:
  - (a) "Rental agreement" has the same meaning as defined in Section 31A-22-311.
  - (b) "Rental company" has the same meaning as defined in Section 31A-22-311.
  - (c) "Rental fleet" means more than 25 motor vehicles that are:
    - (i) owned by a rental company;
    - (ii) offered for rental without a hired driver through a rental agreement; and
    - (iii) designated by the registered owner of the motor vehicle as a rental fleet vehicle at the time of registration.
- (2)
  - (a) An owner that registers a motor vehicle under Section 41-1a-215 or 41-1a-215.5 may obtain an alternative special registration card and registration decals for the license plates if the motor vehicle is:
    - (i)
      - (A) owned by a rental company; and
      - (B) maintained in the rental company's rental fleet; or
    - (ii) owned or leased as part of a commercial fleet and is not owned or leased by a rental company.
  - (b) The registration card and registration decals for the license plates issued under Subsection (2)(a) are valid for the life of the motor vehicle while the motor vehicle is maintained in the rental fleet or is part of a commercial fleet.
- (3)
  - (a) An owner that receives the alternative special registration card and registration decals for the license plates issued under this section shall:
    - (i) renew the registration in accordance with Section 41-1a-216; and
    - (ii) comply with all the prerequisites for registration or registration renewal under Section 41-1a-203.
  - (b) Notwithstanding the registration renewals requirement under Subsection 41-1a-216(2)(b), the alternative special registration card and registration decals issued under this section do not expire and are valid for the life of the motor vehicle while the motor vehicle is maintained in the rental fleet or is part of a commercial fleet.
- (4) If the registration renewal requirements under Subsection (3)(a) are not complied with, the registration is suspended or revoked.

Amended by Chapter 135, 2021 General Session

***Effective 1/1/2025***

**41-1a-232 Special fleet registration decals and license plates.**

- (1) As used in this section:
  - (a) "Rental agreement" has the same meaning as defined in Section 31A-22-311.
  - (b) "Rental company" has the same meaning as defined in Section 31A-22-311.
  - (c) "Rental fleet" means more than 25 motor vehicles that are:
    - (i) owned by a rental company;
    - (ii) offered for rental without a hired driver through a rental agreement; and
    - (iii) designated by the registered owner of the motor vehicle as a rental fleet vehicle at the time of registration.
- (2)
  - (a) An owner that registers a motor vehicle under Section 41-1a-215 or 41-1a-215.5 may obtain an alternative special registration card and registration decal for the license plate if the motor vehicle is:
    - (i)
      - (A) owned by a rental company; and
      - (B) maintained in the rental company's rental fleet; or
    - (ii) owned or leased as part of a commercial fleet and is not owned or leased by a rental company.
  - (b) The registration card and registration decal for the license plate issued under Subsection (2)
    - (a) are valid for the life of the motor vehicle while the motor vehicle is maintained in the rental fleet or is part of a commercial fleet.
- (3)
  - (a) An owner that receives the alternative special registration card and registration decal for the license plate issued under this section shall:
    - (i) renew the registration in accordance with Section 41-1a-216; and
    - (ii) comply with all the prerequisites for registration or registration renewal under Section 41-1a-203.
  - (b) Notwithstanding the registration renewals requirement under Subsection 41-1a-216(2)(b), the alternative special registration card and registration decal issued under this section do not expire and are valid for the life of the motor vehicle while the motor vehicle is maintained in the rental fleet or is part of a commercial fleet.
- (4) If the registration renewal requirements under Subsection (3)(a) are not complied with, the registration is suspended or revoked.

Amended by Chapter 251, 2024 General Session