

SERVICE OKLAHOMA & THE MASON TREAT ACT

A transformative law will soon take effect that will overhaul the vehicle registration process in Oklahoma. Service Oklahoma wants to keep you updated on the changes coming Sept. 1, 2024.

WHO WE ARE

Service Oklahoma was created by the Legislature in May 2022 to provide driver and motor vehicle services previously handled by the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety and the Oklahoma Tax Commission. Our mission is to ease the stress of navigating government services while providing a best-in-class customer experience.

One of the ways we do that is by leveraging digital technology to make services more accessible to Oklahomans across the state.

Our website allows for the application of:

- driver license renewals, replacements and reinstatements
- disability parking placards
- motor vehicle registration renewals and numerous other online services.

When the Legislature passes bills impacting driver license and motor vehicle services, Service Oklahoma is responsible for the implementation. We are sharing an overview of one such bill, Senate Bill 2035, to ensure you're prepared for the changes to the vehicle registration process

NEW VEHICLE REGISTRATION PROCESS

Also known as the Mason Treat Act, SB2035 signifies a fundamental shift in the way license plates are issued in the state. Starting on Sept. 1, 2024, this new legislation will limit the amount of time temporary paper tags are on vehicles, with the goal of improving road safety and compliance.

The law is named after Senate Pro Tempore Greg Treat's son, who was critically injured in January during a routine traffic stop. Canadian County Deputy Jose Tayahua-Mendoza was also seriously hurt.

Starting Sept. 1, 2024, all recently purchased vehicles must be pre-registered with the state. Dealers will be responsible for submitting vehicle owner information to Service Oklahoma at the time of purchase. We are working to make this process simple and easy for dealers across the state.

HOW THE PROCESS WORKS

Oklahomans will have ten days from the date of sale to get a metal license plate with pre-registration decals on their vehicle and two months from the date of sale to fully register their vehicles.

- After a vehicle sale is made, dealers or those participating in private sales will have two business days to submit pre-registration information online. Customers in private sales can also pre-register their vehicles in person at a licensed operator.
- In Oklahoma, license plates are assigned to people, not vehicles. Buyers often transfer their existing plates to new vehicles, and dealers should ensure these plates are affixed to the newly purchased vehicles.
- The selected Service Oklahoma licensed operator will send pre-registration decals to the buyer. If the customer does not have an existing metal license plate, a new one will be sent with the decals.
- The buyer must affix a metal license plate with pre-registration decals on their vehicle within ten days of the purchase.
- After the pre-registration is completed, Oklahomans will still have two months from the date of purchase to fully register their vehicles. They will then replace their pre-registration decals with the standard month and year decals.

As we move closer to Sept. 1, 2024, we'll be sharing much more information as well as technical and training information. If you have questions about Service Oklahoma or the implementation of the Mason Treat Act, please contact the Service Oklahoma team at DealerSupport@service.ok.gov.

