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SB2035 OVERVIEW

What is Senate Bill 2035?

SB2035, also known as the Mason Treat Act, 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 2024 during a routine traffic stop. Canadian County Deputy Jose Tayahua-Mendoza was also seriously hurt.

Under this law, a temporary paper tag will only be good for ten days after the purchase of a vehicle in Oklahoma. Within that time frame, buyers must get a metal license plate and two temporary decals through a new pre-registration process.

After the pre-registration is completed, buyers will still have two months from the date of purchase to fully register their vehicles. Only then will they be required to pay the tag, title and tax.

What is the new vehicle registration process?

When the law takes effect on Sept. 1, 2024:

- ▶ Dealers and those participating in private vehicle sales will have two business days from the date of sale to submit pre-registration information. Business days are defined as Mondays through Fridays excluding [state holidays](#).
- ▶ A Service Oklahoma licensed operator (selected during pre-registration) will then send a metal license plate and two pre-registration decals to the customer so they can affix it to their vehicle within ten days of the sale.
 - ▶ If the customer is transferring an existing metal license plate onto their newly purchased vehicle, the licensed operator will only mail the decals.
- ▶ The customer must affix the metal plate and pre-registration decals onto their vehicle within ten days of purchase.
- ▶ The customer will then have two months from the date of purchase to fully register their vehicle.



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- ▶ The pre-registration process applies to all vehicles (new or used) purchased in the state of Oklahoma on or after Sept. 1, 2024, regardless of whether the vehicle will be fully registered in another state, jurisdiction or with a tribe.
- ▶ Vehicles purchased in Oklahoma prior to Sept. 1 do not have to be pre-registered and their temporary paper tags will remain valid for two months rather than ten days. The buyers of those vehicles must still complete full registration within two months of purchase.

What vehicles are exempt from pre-registration?

The following vehicle registration types are not subject to pre-registration under SB2035:

- ▶ ATV / UTV
- ▶ Boat and outboard motor
- ▶ Commercial trailer
- ▶ Commercial rental trailer
- ▶ Construction machinery
- ▶ Farm trailer
- ▶ Forest trailer
- ▶ Manufactured home
- ▶ Mobile chapel
- ▶ Off-road motorcycle
- ▶ Private trailer
- ▶ Special mobilized trailer
- ▶ Trailer exempt



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PRE-REGISTRATION: PLATES AND DECALS

What are pre-registration decals?

Pre-registration decals indicate that vehicle sale information has been sent to the state, but the vehicle is not fully registered. Drivers must get a metal license plate and pre-registration decals on their vehicle within ten days of the date of purchase and will then have two months from the date of purchase to complete full registration.

What pre-registration decals will drivers receive?

Drivers will receive two pre-registration decals: one that shows the month the decals expire (two months from the date of vehicle purchase) and another decal that says, "TEMPORARY."

Where should drivers put the pre-registration decals?

The month decal should be placed on the top left corner of the metal license plate (where the standard month decal typically goes) while the "TEMPORARY" decal should be placed on the top right corner of the plate (where the year decal typically goes).

Once the driver completes full registration, they will receive the standard month and year decals to place over the pre-registration decals on the metal license plate.

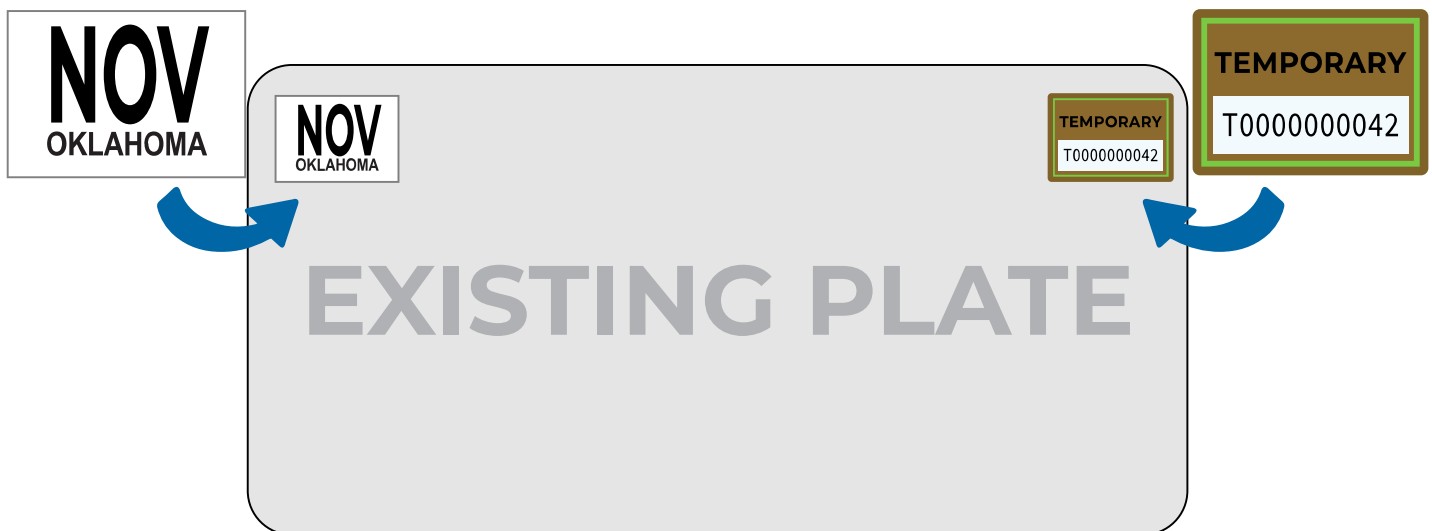


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Please note that starting Sept. 1, 2024, Oklahoma’s standard issue license plate will have a new design, the Iconic Oklahoma Plate (featured above). Unlike previous plate redesigns, Oklahomans will not automatically be reissued the new plate design. After Sept. 1, Oklahomans registering a recently purchased vehicle and not transferring an existing metal plate will be issued the new Iconic Oklahoma Plate. Anyone who would like to switch to the new Iconic Oklahoma Plate can choose to do so by paying a small fee.

What if a driver wants to keep their existing plate?

Instead of getting a new metal license plate during the pre-registration process, the driver can transfer their current plate to their newly purchased vehicle. The existing plate information will be submitted to Service Oklahoma and the buyer will only receive the two pre-registration decals, which must be affixed to the driver’s existing metal plate within ten days of the vehicle purchase.



For drivers who are not transferring a plate, will they have temporary paper tags on their vehicles?

Drivers who are not transferring an existing plate must have temporary paper tags on their vehicles until their new metal plates and pre-registration decals arrive. Because they must replace their paper tags with their metal plates and pre-registration decals within ten days of vehicle purchase, the date on the paper tag will be the date that the paper tag expires: ten days from the date of purchase.



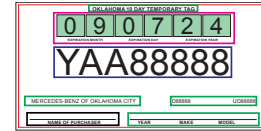
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If the driver made a purchase from a **dealership**:

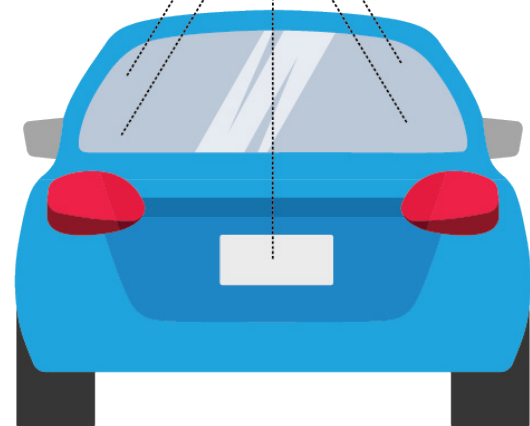
- ▶ The dealer must affix a temporary paper tag to the vehicle.
- ▶ The driver must replace the paper tag with a metal license plate and pre-registration decals within ten days of vehicle purchase.

If the driver bought a vehicle in a **private sale**:

- ▶ They should download a paper tag online. It must be printed with black ink using white 8.5"x11" paper that's non-reflective.
- ▶ The driver must affix the temporary paper tag to the rear of the vehicle in the license plate area or on a corner of the back windshield. Refer to the image below for the proper locations.
- ▶ If affixing the paper tag to the back windshield, the driver can:
 - ▶ place it inside the vehicle if the view is not obstructed by tint.
 - ▶ place it outside using clear packing tape.
- ▶ The driver must affix the temporary paper tag within five days of vehicle purchase.
- ▶ The driver must replace the paper tag with a metal license plate and pre-registration decals within ten days of vehicle purchase.



Dealership Sale Sample Temporary Paper Tag



Private Sale Sample Temporary Paper Tag with Placement Options



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Will a temporary paper tag allow law enforcement to obtain driver information?

Yes. Under the new law, temporary paper tags are all registered with the state, allowing law enforcement to obtain driver information using plate readers. This means even before a driver receives a metal license plate and pre-registration decals for their newly purchased vehicle, law enforcement will be able to run temporary paper tags to access driver details.

Because dealers and those involved in private sales have two business days to submit pre-registration information, the driver details associated with each temporary paper tag may not show up on a plate reader immediately after a vehicle is purchased (but should be in the system within two days).

STEPS AFTER PRE-REGISTRATION

How long will a driver have to complete full registration after they pre-register their vehicle?

Oklahomans will still have two months from the date of purchase to complete their vehicle registrations and will then replace the pre-registration decals with the standard month and year decals. Only during full registration will drivers be required to pay the tag, title and tax.

Can a driver skip pre-registration and complete full registration immediately after they buy a vehicle?

If a customer purchased their vehicle in a private sale, they could skip pre-registration and immediately register their vehicle by visiting a licensed operator or Service Oklahoma's headquarters at 6015 N. Classen Blvd. in Oklahoma City.

Oklahomans who purchased their vehicle at a dealership cannot skip pre-registration because the dealer completes the pre-registration process.

WHEN PRE-REGISTRATION IS NOT NEEDED

Is pre-registration required if a driver bought a car in Oklahoma but does not intend to ever fully register their vehicle in the state?

Yes. The pre-registration process applies to all vehicles (new or used) purchased in the state of Oklahoma on or after Sept. 1, 2024, regardless of whether the vehicle will be fully registered in another state, jurisdiction or with a tribe.



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Vehicles purchased in Oklahoma prior to Sept. 1 do not have to be pre-registered and their temporary paper tags will remain valid for two months rather than ten days.

What if a driver purchased a vehicle prior to Sept. 1, 2024?

All vehicles purchased in Oklahoma before Sept. 1, 2024, will not have to be pre-registered because their temporary paper tags will still be valid for two months rather than ten days. This means that someone who bought a car in Oklahoma on Aug. 31 will not have to get a metal license plate and pre-registration decals in ten days. However, that person must still complete full registration within two months of purchase.

What if a driver lives in Oklahoma and bought a vehicle from out of state?

Out-of-state sales are not required to undergo the pre-registration process.

PENALTY

What is the penalty if a driver does not pre-register their vehicle?

Once the law takes effect on Sept. 1, 2024, failure to affix a metal plate and pre-registration decals within ten days of the vehicle purchase may result in citations, fines, and/or penalties at the discretion of law enforcement.

Vehicles purchased in Oklahoma prior to Sept. 1 do not have to be pre-registered and their temporary paper tags will remain valid for two months rather than ten days. The buyers of those vehicles must still complete full registration within two months of purchase.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

How will Oklahomans know about the new pre-registration process?

Service Oklahoma has implemented the Ready, Set, Tag! statewide public awareness campaign to ensure Oklahomans understand the new, quick and secure vehicle registration process and how it will improve road safety for drivers and law enforcement officers. Oklahomans can visit ReadySetTag.com to learn more.

