

IC 9-32-6

Chapter 6. Dealer License Plates

IC 9-32-6-1

Applications; registration numbers; certificates of registration; plates

Sec. 1. A person licensed under IC 9-32-11 may apply for a dealer license plate. The application must include any information the secretary reasonably requires. Upon application, a distinctive registration number shall be assigned to each applicant. Two (2) certificates of registration and two (2) metal license plates bearing the registration number of the applicant shall then be issued to the applicant. A dealer may apply for and receive additional dealer plates as set forth in section 5 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78. Amended by P.L.62-2014, SEC.11.

IC 9-32-6-2

Classifications of dealer license plates

Sec. 2. (a) The secretary shall issue dealer license plates under this chapter according to the following classifications:

- (1) Dealer-new.
- (2) Dealer-used.
- (3) Manufacturer.
- (4) Dealer-wholesale.

The secretary may not issue a license plate described in subdivision (4) after June 30, 2015.

(b) The secretary may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to establish additional classifications of dealer license plates, and may prescribe the general conditions for usage of an additional classification. The secretary shall establish the classifications of antique car museum dealer license plates and dealer promotional license plates.

As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78. Amended by P.L.62-2014, SEC.12.

IC 9-32-6-3

Research and development license plates; issuance; rules; fees; display

Sec. 3. (a) The secretary shall:

- (1) issue a research and development license plate under this chapter to a manufacturer of a vehicle subcomponent system; and
- (2) adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to prescribe the general conditions for the:
 - (A) application;
 - (B) issuance; and
 - (C) use;

of research and development license plates for manufacturers of vehicle component systems.

(b) The fee for a research and development license plate for a

manufacturer of a vehicle subcomponent system is the fee under IC 9-29-17-2.

(c) A research and development license plate for a manufacturer of a vehicle subcomponent system shall be displayed in accordance with subsection (a)(2).

As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78.

IC 9-32-6-4

Design of dealer license plates

Sec. 4. The secretary shall determine the color, dimension, and style of the letters and the information required on a dealer license plate issued under this chapter.

As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78.

IC 9-32-6-5

Additional dealer license plates

Sec. 5. Upon payment of the fee under IC 9-29-17-1(b), an applicant may obtain additional dealer license plates of the same category. The applicant must demonstrate the applicant's need for additional plates by stating the applicant's number of employees, annual sales, and other supporting factors. The secretary shall determine whether the applicant may receive additional plates.

As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78. Amended by P.L.62-2014, SEC.13.

IC 9-32-6-6

Expiration of dealer license plates

Sec. 6. (a) This section applies to dealer license plates (other than dealer-wholesale license plates) issued before January 1, 2015.

(b) Dealer license plates issued to licensed dealers under this article are valid from the issue date through the expiration date as follows:

- (1) Dealer license plates of a person whose business name begins with the letters A through B expire March 1, 2015.
- (2) Dealer license plates of a person whose business name begins with the letters C through D expire April 1, 2015.
- (3) Dealer license plates of a person whose business name begins with the letters E through G expire May 1, 2015.
- (4) Dealer license plates of a person whose business name begins with the letters H through I expire June 1, 2015.
- (5) Dealer license plates of a person whose business name begins with the letters J through L expire July 1, 2015.
- (6) Dealer license plates of a person whose business name begins with the letters M through O expire August 1, 2015.
- (7) Dealer license plates of a person whose business name begins with the letters P through R expire September 1, 2015.
- (8) Dealer license plates of a person whose business name begins with the letters S through T expire October 1, 2015.
- (9) Dealer license plates of a person whose business name begins with the letters U through Z expire November 1, 2015.

Dealer license plates issued to a sole proprietor expire based upon the name of the sole proprietorship.

(c) This section expires January 1, 2017.

As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78. Amended by P.L.62-2014, SEC.14.

IC 9-32-6-6.3

Validity of dealer-wholesale license plates

Sec. 6.3. (a) This section applies only to dealer-wholesale license plates.

(b) A dealer-wholesale license plate issued before July 1, 2014, is valid from the issue date through the applicable expiration date set forth in section 6(b) of this chapter.

(c) A dealer-wholesale license plate issued after June 30, 2014, and before July 1, 2015, expires June 30, 2015.

(d) This section expires January 1, 2016.

As added by P.L.62-2014, SEC.15.

IC 9-32-6-6.5

Expiration of dealer license plates issued after December 31, 2014

Sec. 6.5. (a) This section applies to dealer license plates (other than dealer-wholesale license plates) issued after December 31, 2014.

(b) Dealer license plates issued to licensed dealers under this article are valid from the issue date through the expiration date as follows:

(1) Dealer license plates of a person whose business name begins with the letters A through B expire February 1 of each year.

(2) Dealer license plates of a person whose business name begins with the letters C through D expire March 1 of each year.

(3) Dealer license plates of a person whose business name begins with the letters E through F expire April 1 of each year.

(4) Dealer license plates of a person whose business name begins with the letters G through H expire May 1 of each year.

(5) Dealer license plates of a person whose business name begins with the letters I through J expire June 1 of each year.

(6) Dealer license plates of a person whose business name begins with the letters K through L expire July 1 of each year.

(7) Dealer license plates of a person whose business name begins with the letters M through N expire August 1 of each year.

(8) Dealer license plates of a person whose business name begins with the letters O through P expire September 1 of each year.

(9) Dealer license plates of a person whose business name begins with the letters Q through R expire October 1 of each year.

(10) Dealer license plates of a person whose business name begins with the letters S through T expire November 1 of each year.

(11) Dealer license plates of a person whose business name begins with the letters U through V expire December 1 of each year.

(12) Dealer license plates of a person whose business name begins with the letters W through Z expire January 1 of each year.

Dealer license plates issued to a sole proprietor expire based upon the name of the sole proprietorship.

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), a dealer license plate issued in 2015 expires as follows:

Plate issued to a person with a business name beginning with:	Plate expiration date:
A through B	February 1, 2016
C through D	March 1, 2016
E through F	April 1, 2016
G through H	May 1, 2016
I through J	June 1, 2016
K through L	July 1, 2016
M through N	August 1, 2016
O through P	September 1, 2016
Q through R	October 1, 2016
S through T	November 1, 2016
U through V	December 1, 2016
W through Z	January 1, 2017

This subsection expires January 2, 2017.

(d) This subsection expires December 31, 2017. For a dealer license plate issued in 2015, the dealer services division shall impose a fee for the dealer license plate under IC 9-29-17 in the amount that bears the same proportion to the annual fee for the dealer license plate as the number of months the dealer license plate is valid bears to twelve (12).

As added by P.L.62-2014, SEC.16.

IC 9-32-6-7 Version a

Use restrictions of license plates

Note: This version of section amended by P.L.62-2014, SEC.17. See also following version of this section amended by P.L.217-2014, SEC.164, effective 1-1-2015.

Sec. 7. (a) Except as provided in sections 8 and 9 of this chapter, dealer-new, dealer-used, manufacturer, and dealer-wholesale license plates may be used only on motor vehicles in the:

- (1) dealer's inventory being held for sale;
- (2) usual operation of the manufacturer's or dealer's business;
- (3) movement of the manufacturer's or dealer's inventory; or
- (4) inventory of a manufacturer or dealer that is unattended by the manufacturer or dealer or the dealer's agent for a maximum of ten (10) days by a prospective buyer or a service customer.

(b) The license plates referenced in subsection (a) must be:

- (1) primarily used or stored at an address within Indiana; or

(2) displayed on a vehicle being transported for purposes of sale by a licensed Indiana dealer.

(c) This subsection expires January 1, 2016. A dealer-wholesale license plate may not be issued or displayed after June 30, 2015.
As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78. Amended by P.L.62-2014, SEC.17.

IC 9-32-6-7 Version b

Use restrictions of license plates

Note: This version of section amended by P.L.217-2014, SEC.164, effective 1-1-2015. See also preceding version of this section amended by P.L.62-2014, SEC.17.

Sec. 7. (a) Except as provided in sections 8 and 9 of this chapter, dealer-new, dealer-used, manufacturer, and wholesale license plates may be used only on motor vehicles in the:

- (1) dealer's inventory being held for sale;
- (2) usual operation of the manufacturer's or dealer's business;
- (3) movement of the manufacturer's or dealer's inventory; or
- (4) inventory of a manufacturer or dealer that is unattended by the manufacturer or dealer or the dealer's agent for a maximum of ten (10) days by a prospective buyer or a service customer.

(b) The license plates referenced in subsection (a) must be:

- (1) primarily used or stored at an address within Indiana; or
- (2) displayed on a vehicle being transported for purposes of sale by a licensed Indiana dealer.

(c) A person who violates this section commits a Class A infraction.

As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78. Amended by P.L.217-2014, SEC.164.

IC 9-32-6-8

Unrestricted use of license plates under rules prohibiting tax avoidance

Sec. 8. Dealer-new, dealer-used, manufacturer, and dealer-wholesale license plates may be used without restriction by a manufacturer, a dealer, or an employee of a manufacturer or a dealer in compliance with rules adopted by the secretary to prohibit use of the plates solely to avoid payment of applicable taxes. However, a dealer-wholesale license plate may not be used or displayed after June 30, 2015.

As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78. Amended by P.L.62-2014, SEC.18.

IC 9-32-6-9

Unrestricted use of license plates; rules

Sec. 9. Dealer-new, dealer-used, manufacturer, and dealer-wholesale license plates may be used without restriction by a designee of a dealer or a designee of a manufacturer under rules adopted by the secretary. The rules must provide the following:

- (1) The dealer or manufacturer is to be assessed and pay the

motor vehicle excise tax under IC 6-6-5 attributable to that part of the total year that the designee operates the motor vehicle.

(2) The dealer or manufacturer shall report to the secretary the date of assignment to a designee, the designee's name and address, and the date of termination of the assignment within ten (10) days after the assignment or termination.

(3) The tax calculated in subdivision (1) shall be paid within thirty (30) days after the termination of the assignment to the designee or at the time the dealer or manufacturer purchases license plates under this chapter.

However, a dealer-wholesale license plate may not be used or displayed after June 30, 2015.

As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78. Amended by P.L.62-2014, SEC.19.

IC 9-32-6-10 Version a

License plate use prohibited on leased vehicles

Note: This version of section amended by P.L.62-2014, SEC.20. See also following version of this section amended by P.L.217-2014, SEC.165, effective 1-1-2015.

Sec. 10. Dealer-new, dealer-used, manufacturer, and dealer-wholesale license plates may not be used on a vehicle that:

(1) is required to be registered; and

(2) has a fee charged by dealers to others for the use of the vehicle.

However, a dealer-wholesale license plate may not be used or displayed after June 30, 2015.

As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78. Amended by P.L.62-2014, SEC.20.

IC 9-32-6-10 Version b

License plate use prohibited on leased vehicles

Note: This version of section amended by P.L.217-2014, SEC.165, effective 1-1-2015. See also preceding version of this section amended by P.L.62-2014, SEC.20.

Sec. 10. (a) Dealer-new, dealer-used, manufacturer, and wholesale license plates may not be used on a vehicle that:

(1) is required to be registered; and

(2) has a fee charged by dealers to others for the use of the vehicle.

(b) A person who violates this section commits a Class A infraction.

As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78. Amended by P.L.217-2014, SEC.165.

IC 9-32-6-11 Version a

Interim dealer or manufacturer license plates

Note: This version of section effective until 1-1-2015. See also following version of this section, effective 1-1-2015.

Sec. 11. (a) The secretary may issue an interim license plate to a

dealer or manufacturer who is licensed and has been issued a license plate under section 2 of this chapter.

(b) The secretary shall prescribe the form of an interim license plate issued under this section. However, an interim license plate must bear the assigned registration number and provide sufficient space for the expiration date as provided in subsection (c).

(c) Whenever a dealer or manufacturer sells or leases a motor vehicle, the dealer or manufacturer may provide the buyer or lessee with an interim license plate. The dealer shall, in the manner provided by the secretary, affix on the plate in numerals and letters at least three (3) inches high the date on which the interim license plate expires.

(d) An interim license plate authorizes a motor vehicle owner or lessor to operate the vehicle for a maximum period of thirty-one (31) days after the date of sale or lease of the vehicle to the vehicle's owner or lessor or until a regular license plate is issued, whichever occurs first.

(e) A motor vehicle that is required by law to display license plates on the front and rear of the vehicle is required to display only a single interim license plate.

(f) An interim license plate shall be displayed:

(1) in the same manner required in IC 9-18-2-26; or

(2) in a location on the left side of a window facing the rear of the motor vehicle that is clearly visible and unobstructed. The plate must be affixed to the window of the motor vehicle.

(g) The dealer must provide an ownership document to the purchaser at the time of issuance of the interim license plate that must be kept in the motor vehicle during the period an interim license plate is used.

(h) All interim license plates not issued by the dealer must be retained in the possession of the dealer at all times.

As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78.

IC 9-32-6-11 Version b

Interim dealer or manufacturer license plates

Note: This version of section effective 1-1-2015. See also preceding version of this section, effective until 1-1-2015.

Sec. 11. (a) The secretary may issue an interim license plate to a dealer or manufacturer who is licensed and has been issued a license plate under section 2 of this chapter.

(b) The secretary shall prescribe the form of an interim license plate issued under this section. However, an interim license plate must bear the assigned registration number and provide sufficient space for the expiration date as provided in subsection (c).

(c) Whenever a dealer or manufacturer sells or leases a motor vehicle, the dealer or manufacturer may provide the buyer or lessee with an interim license plate. The dealer shall, in the manner provided by the secretary, affix on the plate in numerals and letters at least three (3) inches high the date on which the interim license plate expires.

(d) An interim license plate authorizes a motor vehicle owner or lessor to operate the vehicle for a maximum period of thirty-one (31) days after the date of sale or lease of the vehicle to the vehicle's owner or lessor or until a regular license plate is issued, whichever occurs first. A person who violates this subsection commits a Class A infraction.

(e) A motor vehicle that is required by law to display license plates on the front and rear of the vehicle is required to display only a single interim license plate.

(f) An interim license plate shall be displayed:

(1) in the same manner required in IC 9-18-2-26; or

(2) in a location on the left side of a window facing the rear of the motor vehicle that is clearly visible and unobstructed. The plate must be affixed to the window of the motor vehicle.

(g) The dealer must provide an ownership document to the purchaser at the time of issuance of the interim license plate that must be kept in the motor vehicle during the period an interim license plate is used.

(h) All interim license plates not issued by the dealer must be retained in the possession of the dealer at all times.

As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78. Amended by P.L.217-2014, SEC.166.

IC 9-32-6-12 Version a

Interim plates; false or fictitious information

Note: This version of section effective until 1-1-2015. See also following version of this section, effective 1-1-2015.

Sec. 12. A dealer may not knowingly or intentionally issue an altered interim license plate or an interim license plate with false or fictitious information.

As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78.

IC 9-32-6-12 Version b

Interim plates; false or fictitious information

Note: This version of section effective 1-1-2015. See also preceding version of this section, effective until 1-1-2015.

Sec. 12. A dealer that knowingly or intentionally issues an altered interim license plate or an interim license plate with false or fictitious information commits a Class A infraction.

As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78. Amended by P.L.217-2014, SEC.167.

IC 9-32-6-13 Version a

Operation of vehicle displaying altered interim license plate

Note: This version of section effective until 1-1-2015. See also following version of this section, effective 1-1-2015.

Sec. 13. A person may not knowingly or intentionally operate a vehicle displaying an altered interim license plate issued under section 11 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78.

IC 9-32-6-13 Version b**Operation of vehicle displaying altered interim license plate**

Note: This version of section effective 1-1-2015. See also preceding version of this section, effective until 1-1-2015.

Sec. 13. (a) A person who knowingly or intentionally operates a vehicle displaying an altered interim license plate issued under section 11 of this chapter commits a Class C misdemeanor.

(b) A person who knowingly and with the intent to defraud obtains an altered interim license plate issued under section 11 of this chapter commits a Class C misdemeanor.

As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78. Amended by P.L.217-2014, SEC.168.

IC 9-32-6-14**Record relating to use of interim license plates by a dealer; availability to investigating employee of secretary of state**

Sec. 14. A record directly related to the use of interim license plates by a dealer must be made available to an investigating employee of the secretary upon demand at the place of business of the dealer.

As added by P.L.92-2013, SEC.78.

IC 9-32-6-15**Dealer designee license plates to be designed and issued by the bureau**

Sec. 15. Dealer designee license plates shall be designed and issued by the bureau under IC 9-18-27-0.5.

As added by P.L.262-2013, SEC.141.