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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Law Enforcement Personnel

**FROM:** Sherry Helms, Assistant Director  
Motor Vehicle Division

**SUBJECT:** Update on New Print on Demand License Plate Validation Decals

Beginning December 2017, some licensing officials started implementing a new print on demand (POD) validation decal process to replace the renewal month and year decals displayed on Alabama license plates. The POD validation decal process includes a registration receipt with one validation decal that is embedded on the receipt. The validation decal reflects a two-digit renewal month and two-digit registration expiration year when the registration is issued/printed. The assigned tag number is also printed on the decal to ensure that the decal is attached to the correct license plate. See sample decal on attachment 1.

All licensing officials are to be converted to the new POD process by January 1, 2019. See attachment 2 for a list of licensing offices currently on POD. During calendar year 2018, please accept either the new POD validation decal (black print) or the previous, pre-printed validation decals (white print). After full implementation of the POD validation decal process, the MVD will begin updating license plate designs to eliminate the renewal month validation decal pocket on the upper left-hand side of the license plate.


As a reminder, Act 2017-242 became effective August 1, 2017 and allows registrants to present registration receipts to law enforcement in either a tangible or electronic format (i.e. cell phone or other electronic device) in the same manner that evidence of insurance may be presented under Section 32-7A-6(i), Code of Alabama 1975.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Motor Vehicle Division at (334) 242-9000.

Attachments

Attachment 1


**Sample Print on Demand Tag Receipt/Decal**

 <b>ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE</b> MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAX AND TAX RECEIPT		<b>ALABAMA LAW REQUIRES ORIGINAL OR PHOTOCOPY OF RECEIPT TO BE IN VEHICLE.</b>										<b>MVR 40-12-2838 (7/2016)</b>							
ISSUING COUNTY <b>TUSCALOOSA</b>		COUNTY CODE <b>63</b>		TAG YEAR <b>2017</b>		SOCIAL IN <b>NON-USE</b>		LAST YEAR DECAL NO. <b>11111</b>		CURRENT YEAR DECAL NO. <b>11111</b>									
SAFETY REGISTRATION FEE <b>11/01/18</b>		ALLOCATED FROM <b>NEW USED</b>		PRICE \$ <b>0.00</b>		FOR REGISTRATION YES NO <b>12 12</b>		LAST YEAR STATE TAG NO. <b>CP UAM9</b>		TAG TYPE <b>CP</b>		CURRENT YEAR TAG NO. <b>UAM9</b>							
VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NO. <b>LJ8GS48K55C584827</b>				MODEL <b>GRAND CHE</b>				SCHOOL <b>0.00</b>		FINANCIAL SERVICE MOTOR COVER <b>0</b>		CURRENT TAG EXPIRES <b>OCT 31 2018</b>		RECEIVED TAG IN <b>OCT 2018</b>					
APPL. OR TITLE <b>123456</b>		MAKE <b>JEEP</b>		YEAR <b>2013</b>		BODY <b>02</b>		COLOR <b>0.00</b>		STATE STATE <b>0.00</b>		COUNTY STATE <b>0.00</b>		CITY STATE <b>0.00</b>		FEED OTHER STATE <b>0.00</b>		TOTAL SALES TAX <b>0.00</b>	
ASSESSED VALUE <b>0.00</b>		STATE <b>0.00</b>		COUNTY <b>0.00</b>		CITY <b>0.00</b>		SCHOOL <b>0.00</b>		AD VALOREM CREDIT <b>0.00</b>		AD VALOREM RABBIT <b>0.00</b>		NEW VEHICLE INCREMENT <b>0.00</b>		TOTAL AD VAL. CREDIT TAX <b>0.00</b>			
CLASS CODE <b>IV</b>		TRANS. FEE <b>0.00</b>		APPL. FEE <b>0.00</b>		ADDL. FEE <b>0.00</b>		LICENSE FEE <b>0.00</b>		REG. FEE <b>0.00</b>		PENALTY <b>0.00</b>		GROSSON <b>0.00</b>		INTEREST <b>0.00</b>		TOTAL TAG <b>0.00</b>	
TOTAL TAG & TAX <b>0.00</b>		TITLE FEE <b>0.00</b>		TOTAL TAG & TAX <b>0.00</b>		DATE OF BIRTH <b>0.00</b>		TIME ISSUED <b>0.00</b>		TOTAL TAG <b>0.00</b>		DATE OF BIRTH <b>0.00</b>		TIME ISSUED <b>0.00</b>		TOTAL TAG <b>0.00</b>			

**TEST REGISTRANT 1**  
**131 TEST STREET**  
**TUSCALOOSA AL 354050000**

**Control #: 8000000K**

**DECAL VOID IF ALTERED**



**Decal Instructions**

Peel the decal attached from the backing and place on a clean dry surface in the **UPPER RIGHT** corner of your license plate. It is not necessary to remove the old decals.

The new decal must be clearly visible on the plate within the area indicated.



ALABAMA LAW REQUIRES THAT CURRENT PROOF OF LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE AND A CURRENT AND VALID REGISTRATION RECEIPT BE CARRIED WITHIN THE VEHICLE.

ALABAMA LAW PROVIDES A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS TO OBTAIN AD VALOREM TAX CREDIT AFTER THE DATE A MOTOR VEHICLE IS SOLD, TRADED, TOTALLY DESTROYED, PERMANENTLY REMOVED FROM ALABAMA, STOLEN WITHOUT RECOVERY, OR OTHER TRANSFER.

YOUR POSSESSION OF THIS DOCUMENT DECLARES THAT YOU HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY REGULATIONS AND FEDERAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS REGULATIONS AS ADOPTED BY THE STATE OF ALABAMA. THIS NOTICE APPLIES TO ANY COMMERCIAL VEHICLE WITH GROSS WEIGHT RATING (GVWR) FROM THE MANUFACTURER EXCEEDING 10,000 POUNDS OR USED TO HAUL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.

**AFFIDAVIT OF DISABILITY - UNITED STATES VETERAN**  
 I, the undersigned, certify that I am currently evaluated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as \_\_\_% disabled and I have previously provided this county's license plate issuing official proof from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs that I am a disabled veteran and entitled to the registration fee exemptions as provided in the Code of Alabama 1975.

**AFFIDAVIT OF NON-USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE**  
 I, the undersigned, am the lawful and true owner of the vehicle described on this document. I hereby certify, under the penalties of perjury, that this vehicle has not been used or operated on any public street, road or highway within the State of Alabama during the registration period below.

I understand that Alabama law provides for an annual registration fee (license tax), collected on a staggered monthly basis for use or operation of this vehicle on public roads or highways of this State and that the "Affidavit of Non-Use" could provide an exemption from the registration fee (license tax) and/or penalty, if applicable, during the period stated above.

Owner's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Attachment 2

**License Plate Issuing Officials Currently on POD**

<u>Official</u>	<u>Date Implemented POD</u>
Autauga	December 28, 2017
Blount	June 8, 2018
Cherokee	May 9, 2018
Cleburne	February 26, 2018
Colbert	June 15, 2018
Coosa	July 9, 2018
Cullman	April 2, 2018
Geneva	May 8, 2018
Jackson	June 26, 2018
Jefferson	July 19, 2018
<u>Cities in Jefferson</u>	
Trussville	April 2, 2018
Lauderdale	January 2, 2018
Limestone	January 2, 2018
Mobile	January 2, 2018
Monroe	March 19, 2018
Pickens	December 18, 2017
Pike	April 16, 2018
Shelby	March 1, 2018
Sumter	January 8, 2018
Tuscaloosa	April 4, 2018
Washington	March 12, 2018