

(1) The department is the sole issuing authority for applicants seeking apportioned vehicle registration under the provisions of the International Registration Plan (IRP) or any other registration/reciprocity compact requiring payment of apportioned registration fees which the State of Alabama, through the Commissioner of the Department of Revenue under the authority of §32-6-56, Code of Ala. 1975.

(2) Any person seeking apportioned registration or reregistration of his/her vehicle or fleet must electronically complete and submit the application through the Alabama Motor Carrier portal. Applications will be rejected as incomplete if the necessary information is not submitted and will not be considered as received. Merely filing an application does not constitute authority to operate a vehicle.

(3) Under the provisions of the IRP, registrants are to declare the combined gross vehicle weights of motor vehicles which they desire to be qualified in member jurisdictions. The cab card will reflect the registered weight of the vehicle for each jurisdiction. The registered vehicle weight cannot exceed the maximum weight allowed in each jurisdiction. The maximum operating weights for each jurisdiction can be found on the International Registration Plan, Inc. website at [www.irponline.org/](http://www.irponline.org/).

(4) Prerequisites to issuance of license plates and registration include the following:

(a) Evidence of payment of sales, use, or rental tax as provided under §40-12-104, Code of Ala. 1975.

(b) Evidence of vehicle ownership as provided under §32-8-32, Code of Ala. 1975, which includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Application for certificate of Alabama title
2. Alabama certificate of title
3. Certificate of title issued by another state which reflects the registrant as the owner or operator and the certificate of title is being held by a recorded lienholder.

(c) Evidence of payment of vehicle ad valorem (personal property) taxes as provided under §40-12-253, Code of Ala. 1975, which may include a motor vehicle tag and tax receipt (MVR 40-12-253B).

(d) Evidence of payment or exemption from federal heavy vehicle excise tax as provided under §32-6-58, Code of Ala. 1975, for vehicles with a declared gross vehicle weight of 55,000 pound or more.

(e) Documentation and forms required by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration for interstate operation of commercial motor vehicles.

Photocopies are acceptable.

(5) Payment for IRP registrations must be electronically remitted.

(6) Upon receipt of applications, supporting documents and payments for apportioned registration, the department issues license plates and registrations. The department assumes no responsibility for any liability, damage, or enforcement action taken against the registrant as a result of the credentials issued to the registrant. The registrant is responsible for securing the correct license plate classification (including weight classification) based on his/her operation of the vehicle and Alabama motor vehicle registration statutes. Upon receipt of the vehicle license plates and cab cards, it is the responsibility of the registrant to review the information shown on the cab card to ascertain whether he/she will be in compliance with the of law.

(7) Temporary Evidence of Apportioned Registration (TEAR)

(a) A TEAR may be issued pending the issuance of a license plate.

(b) A TEAR may be issued upon presentation of evidence of vehicle ownership and payment of registration fees.

(c) A TEAR may not exceed 60 calendar days.

(d) A TEAR may not be issued to a renewal vehicle.

(e) A TEAR is issued to a specific vehicle and cannot be transferred to another vehicle.

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