

General Information

How many license plates are issued for each vehicle?

The division will issue two license plates bearing all numeric or a combination of alpha and numeric characters for each passenger car, house car (motor home), or pickup and one license plate for each motorcycle, trailer, or travel trailer (39-04-11 NDCC). The division may, in its discretion, furnish only one number plate for each registered apportioned vehicle licensed under the International Regulation Plan for interstate carriers. (ex. Truck tractors) <https://secure.apps.state.nd.us/dot/cvisn/login.htm>

How many license plates do I have to display on my vehicle?

The registered owner must display two (2) license plates. The plates must be displayed horizontally and in an upright position, one in the front and one on the rear of the vehicle, each securely fastened. The bottom of each license plate must be at a height of not less than twelve (12) inches (30.48 centimeter) above the level surface upon which the vehicle stands. (39-04-11 NDCC)

What is the law concerning tinted windows on vehicles?

An individual may not operate a motor vehicle with any object, material, or tinting displayed, affixed, or applied on the front windshield or any window unless the object, material, or tinting in conjunction with the windshield upon which it is displayed, affixed, or applied has a light transmittance of at least seventy percent (70%). This does not apply to windows behind the operator if the vehicle is equipped with outside mirrors on both sides that meet the requirements (39-21-38 & 39-21-39 NDCC).

NOTE: A physician can no longer authorize darker window tinting for medical purposes.

How are the registration fees determined for each vehicle?

Registration fees are based on the year the vehicle is first registered and the weight of the vehicle.

How is the expiration date of my vehicle registration determined?

The Motor Vehicle Division uses a system of staggered registration for cars, house cars, and pickups (39-04-14.1 NDCC). Your expiration month is based on the date of sale or the date first used on ND Highways.

When is an IRS Form 2290 required?

Owners of all trucks with a gross weight of 55,000 pounds or more, must file each year with the Internal Revenue Service an IRS Form 2290. A 2290 stamped by the IRS is required at the time of renewal. The Motor Vehicle Division is not responsible for the collection of the Heavy Vehicle Use Tax. Contact the Internal Revenue Service for the forms and any further questions. Telephone 1-800-829-1040

<http://www.irs.gov/instructions/i2290/index.html>

Where do my vehicle registration fees go?

63% of the fees are distributed to the Department of Transportation.

23% of the fees are distributed to the Counties.

14% of the fees are distributed to the Cities.

