

Permits and Decals

25.000 No-Fee Special Moving Permit (VC §4002)

The department may issue a No-Fee Special Moving Permit (REG 172) valid for one day only for movement of a vehicle in accordance with VC §§4002 and 11716. Registration is not required for a vehicle moved or operated under a permit issued by the department.

This permit may be issued:

- For movement of an unregistered vehicle with Planned Non-Operation (PNO) status on file.
- In place of a Transporter Permit as provided in VC §11716. See Section 25.025.
- To move or operate a vehicle **not** previously registered from a dealer's, distributor's, or manufacturer's place of business to a place where essential parts of the vehicle are to be altered or supplied.
- To move a vehicle which **is not** required to be registered or have a PNO status from one place of storage to another.

NOTE: Vehicles seized by a reposessor can be included in this category, if it is determined how and where the vehicle is moved.

- To move a vehicle to or from a garage or repair shop for the purpose of repairs or alteration.
- To move or operate a vehicle for the purpose of dismantling or wrecking and permanent removal from the highways.
- To move a vehicle from one place to another for the purpose of:
 - inspection by the department.
 - assignment of a vehicle identification number.
 - inspection of pollution control devices.
 - weighing the vehicle.
- If construction of the vehicle has not been completed.

25.000 No-Fee Special Moving Permit, continued

This permit **cannot** be issued if:

- Fees are due.
- The vehicle registration for a vehicle subject to PNO requirements has expired and a PNO **is not** on file.
- The vehicle has been impounded and fees are due.

NOTE: The permit may be issued if all fees due are paid after impoundment.

25.005 One Trip Permit (VC §4003)

A One Trip Permit (REG 402) is available from the department for movement of any vehicle **except** a crane. The permit **must be** obtained prior to any movement of the vehicle that would require it to be registered. The permit is valid for movement of:

- An unladen vehicle for one continuous trip from a place:
 - within California to another place within or outside of California;
 - outside of California to a place within California.
- A vehicle for one round trip from one place to another for the purpose of participating as a vehicular float or display in a lawful parade or exhibition. The total round trip **cannot** exceed 100 miles and **must be** completed within 60 days.

NOTE: A motor vehicle may tow another unladen vehicle if both vehicles carry a One Trip Permit.

Permitted Uses of the One Trip Permit—A One Trip Permit may be used for:

- Moving an **unladen** commercial motor vehicle for one of the purposes specified above, with another vehicle mounted “piggyback” style on it so that **either** the front or rear wheels of the mounted vehicle rest upon the ground and support a portion of the weight of the mounted vehicle. A permit **is** required for the mounted vehicle if it **is not** properly registered.

NOTE: The vehicle **is laden** if none of the mounted vehicle’s wheels are resting on the ground and **cannot be** operated with a One Trip Permit.

- Operation of a trailer coach (as specified in 1 and 2 above), which is:
 - owned by nonresident military personnel.
 - part of a dealer’s inventory.
 - purchased by a nonresident who is taking it out of California.

NOTE: A nonresident may bring an unregistered trailer coach into California on a One Trip Permit, but registration becomes due when it arrives at its destination unless it is exempt from registration.

25.005 One Trip Permit, continued

Forbidden Uses of the One Trip Permit—A One Trip Permit **cannot** be used for:

- Operation of a loaded commercial vehicle unless the vehicle is being moved to participate in a parade or display.
- Travel by a circuitous or indirect route. The trip **must be** made by the most direct route.
- Movement of a trailer coach owned by a California resident since presence of the trailer in California requires registration.
- Any movement of a crane (VC §4003) or any vehicle requiring an oversize permit issued by Department of Transportation (VC §35780).

25.010 Temporary Operating Permit (VC §4156)

The department issues a Temporary Operating Permit (REG 19) on a completed transaction when the license plates and stickers will be issued from Sacramento Headquarters.

A 30-day Temporary Operating Permit may be issued on a one time basis for an **incomplete** application under the following circumstances:

- An application for registration of a nonresident vehicle.
- When the vehicle must be referred to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) for inspection/or assignment of the vehicle identification number (VIN).
- For registration of a vehicle subject to Federal Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (FHVUT).

NOTE: A commercial vehicle owner having difficulty filing the FHVUT may be issued a one-time 60-day permit if the registration expiration date is July 31.

- To motorists who have paid all the registration fees due and are having difficulty obtaining the smog certification. The motorist must present the department:
 - a Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) referee inspection appointment card.
 - documented proof of needed smog parts on order for the owner.
 - proof of failed smog inspection results such as a vehicle inspection record.
- For a vehicle impounded **after** the registration fees have been paid.
- When the DMV office manager or designee determines it is appropriate.

An RDF receipt **is not** a permit. It **does not** convey authority to drive, move, or leave a vehicle standing.

25.015 Laden Commercial Trailer—One Trip Permit (VC §4003.5)

A manufacturer or dealer may purchase a One Trip Permit (REG 43) from any DMV office. The permit is valid for movement of a laden new (never registered in any state) or used, not currently registered commercial trailer or semi-trailer by a manufacturer, dealer, or carrier located in a state having a reciprocity agreement with California.

The permit must be completed prior to operation on a highway and must be carried on the trailer to which it applies. The manufacturer or dealer who was issued the permit may allow a third party to move or operate the vehicle.

The permit **shall not** be granted more than once without the sale and registration of the trailer or semi-trailer.

25.020 Temporary Nonresident Commercial Registration (VC §4004)

A nonresident commercial motor vehicle registered in a foreign jurisdiction that has reciprocity with California may, in lieu of regular registration, secure temporary California registration for a period of **not** to exceed 90 days.

The privilege of securing and using a 90-day temporary registration **shall not** extend to:

- Vehicles based in California and operated by a person having an established place of business in California. A vehicle shall be considered to be based in California if it is primarily operated or dispatched from, or garaged, serviced, or maintained at, a site with a California address.
- Vehicles last registered in Mexico or the Canadian Provinces of Newfoundland or Saskatchewan.

EXCEPTION: Saskatchewan base-plated charter buses may operate in California on a Commercial Trip Permit.

The requirements for 90-day temporary registration are:

- A completed Application for Nonresident Commercial Registration (REG 471).
- The fuel tax permit number (issued by the Board of Equalization) **if** powered by diesel fuel.
- Fees assessed at the rate of one quarter (3 months) of **each** of the full-year fees (weight fee, registration fee, and vehicle license fee).

NOTE: Any trailer or semitrailer identified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of VC §5014.1 that enters the state without a currently valid license plate issued by California or another jurisdiction **shall** be immediately subject to full Permanent Trailer Identification (PTI) fees.

If a vehicle in California for more than 20 days, but the fees have been due for less than 20 days, a Statement of Facts (REG 256) explaining why fees were not due previously **is required**.

25.025 Operation Without Registration Permit (VC §11716)

A manufacturer, remanufacturer, transporter, distributor, or dealer, in the course of business, may use a No-Fee Special Moving Permit (REG 172) to move an unregistered vehicle from a vessel, railroad depot, or warehouse to a warehouse or salesroom. The permit **must** be obtained from DMV **prior** to movement of the vehicle.

25.030 Nonresident Commercial Vehicle Trip Permit (VC §§4004 and 9260)

A Nonresident Commercial Vehicle Trip Permit (REG 41) may be purchased for operation of a nonresident commercial motor vehicle registered in a state having a reciprocity agreement with California if the vehicle is to be operated so as to otherwise require California registration. The permit:

- Must be purchased prior to any operation that requires payment of California fees.
- Is valid for four consecutive days.
- Is valid for laden operation on an interstate or intrastate basis.

Blank permits may be purchased in volume from any DMV office. The original copy of the permit **must be** carried in a receptacle outside the vehicle. The fuel tax permit number for a vehicle powered by a fuel other than gasoline **must be** entered on the trip permit prior to use or it is not valid. The duplicate copy is the customer copy (prorate operators must retain this copy for a period of four years).

The privilege of securing and using a trip permits shall **not** extend to:

- Vehicles based in California and operated by a person having an established place of business in California. A vehicle shall be considered to be based in California if it is primarily operated or dispatched from, or garaged, serviced, or maintained at, a site with a California address.
- Vehicles last registered in Mexico or the Canadian Provinces of Newfoundland or Saskatchewan.

EXCEPTION: Saskatchewan base-plated charter buses may operate in California on a Nonresident Commercial Vehicle Trip Permit (REG 41).

Any trailer or semitrailer identified in VC §5014.1(a,1) that enters the state without a currently valid license plate issued by California or another jurisdiction is immediately subject to full Permanent Trailer Identification (PTI) Program fees.

25.035 Temporary Registration for Exempt School Bus (VC §§5010 and 9266)

The lessor of a motor vehicle leased to a school district for use as a school bus (as defined in VC §545) that temporarily reverts to the possession and control of the lessor and subsequently becomes subject to registration may secure a temporary permit to operate the vehicle for one or more calendar months as an alternative to regular registration. The exempt plates will continue to be displayed on the vehicle.

The fees are based on either the Vehicle License Fee (VLF) classification shown on the exempt registration card **or** the vehicle's original cost **or** its current cost/value, whichever is available.

The requirements are:

- An Application for Temporary Permit—Privately Owned School Bus (REG 123) with all information needed to properly identify the exempt vehicle (use the information on the current Registration Card). Enter the Exempt plate number and expiration date at the top of the application.
- A Statement for Securing Commercial Registration (REG 590).
- A weight certificate.
- Fees computed at the rate of 10% of the annual fee for each calendar month or fraction of a month. The fees **are not** prorated for any fraction of a calendar month.

25.040 Temporary Registration for Privately-Owned School Bus (VC §9102.5)

A Privately-Owned School Bus (PSB) may be issued temporary registration (in addition to the PSB registration) for operation of that would otherwise cause regular registration fees to be due. The temporary registration **must** be obtained prior to any commercial operation or the bus becomes subject to regular commercial registration for a 12-month period. The requirements are:

- An Application for Temporary Permit—Privately Owned School Bus (REG 123). Obtain the necessary information from the current Registration Card.
- Weight fees are due if the vehicle will be used to transport persons or property for compensation or profit. A weight certificate is required if the weight **is not** shown on the Registration Card.
- Fees computed at the rate of 10% of the annual fee for each calendar month or fraction of a month. The fees **are not** prorated for a fraction of a calendar month.

NOTE: The PSB registration remains valid until the end of the registration year.

25.045 Nonresident Daily Commuter Permit (VC §§6700.25 and 6700.3)

A *nonresident daily commuter* is an Arizona, Nevada, or Oregon resident who enters and leaves California on a daily basis for the purpose of employment and whose vehicle is principally garaged out of this state. Anyone having an established place of business in California **does not** qualify. (VC 435.5)

A nonresident daily commuter must obtain a Nonresident Daily Commuter Permit (REG 150) from the department to operate a vehicle in California without California registration. The permit is valid for two years or a portion thereof.

The vehicle **must be**:

- A passenger vehicle **or** a two-axle commercial vehicle (commonly referred to as a pickup truck) with an unladen weight of 8,000 pounds or less.
- Currently registered in the owner's home state.

NOTE: A van registered as a passenger vehicle in the foreign state qualifies, but a van registered as a commercial vehicle **does not** qualify.

The vehicle **cannot be**:

- Operated in California for more than 35 air miles from the border at any point.
- Used in the course of a business in this state.
- Used to transport property other than personal property.

Application Requirements—The requirements for issuance of the permit are a completed Application for Nonresident Daily Commuter Indicia (REG 150) and the Nonresident Daily Commuter permit fee (refer to the Fees Appendix, Appendix 1F, for fees).

NOTE: Leased Vehicles—If the vehicle is leased and the commuter's name is **not** shown on the out-of-state registration, a copy of the lease agreement **must** be submitted with the application.

Renewals—Nonresident Commuter Permits may be renewed up to 60 days in advance of the permit expiration date. A new application and fee **must be** submitted.

25.050 Foreign Resident In-Transit Permit (VC §6700.1, and R/TC §6366.2)

A Foreign Resident In-Transit Permit may be issued to a foreign visitor who pre-arranges purchase of a **new** American-made **passenger** vehicle from a California dealer before entering the United States. The permit **is not** available for commercial vehicles. The foreign visitor **must** provide a passport or visa as proof of foreign residency.

The permit allows the foreign resident to operate the vehicle in California for up to 30 days without payment of registration fees or sales tax. The vehicle must be removed from the United States or delivered to a carrier prior to the expiration of the permit. The permit **is not** renewable. Full California registration fees and California sales tax are due for a vehicle operated beyond the 30-day permit period.

25.050 Foreign Resident In-Transit Permit, continued

All of the following **must be** submitted to the department **before** the vehicle is operated:

- A completed Application for Registration of New Vehicle (REG 397).
- A completed Application for Foreign Resident In-Transit Permit (REG 34).
- The buyer’s temporary operating copy of the REG 397.
- The foreign resident in-transit permit fee.

NOTE: Refunds **are not** issued if the visitor fails to buy or pick up the vehicle.

Give the buyer the:

- Manufacturer’s Statement of Origin.
- Foreign Resident In-Transit Permit.
- Receipt for the fee paid.

IMPORTANT: Be sure the buyer is aware that full fees and California sales tax are due if the vehicle is operated beyond the 30-day permit period.

25.055 California Use Fuel Tax Trip Permit (BOE 123)

A temporary California Use Fuel Tax Trip Permit (BOE 123) may be purchased from the department in lieu of obtaining the regular Board of Equalization fuel tax permit required for operation of nonresident commercial vehicles powered by a fuel other than gasoline. BOE 123 permits may be issued to California resident users and interstate users. A fee is due for **each** permit.

The original copy of the permit must be carried in the vehicle and the pink copy must be mailed to:

State Board of Equalization
PO Box 942879
Sacramento, CA 94279-0001

25.060 Clean Air Vehicle Stickers (VC §§5205.5 and 21655.9)

A vehicle that meets specified emission standards may be issued Clean Air Vehicle Stickers that allow the vehicle to be operated by a single occupant in the High Occupancy Vehicle (carpool or diamond) lanes of California’s freeways.

All Clean Air Vehicle Stickers will expire on January 1, 2011, unless the law authorizing their use is extended beyond that date.

25.060 Clean Air Vehicle Stickers, continued

Stickers are issued according to the following criteria:

White—A vehicle that meets California’s super ultra-low emission vehicle (SULEV) standards for exhaust emissions and the federal inherently low-emission vehicle (ILEV) evaporative emission standard **or** a 2004 model-year or older vehicle that meets the California ultra-low emission vehicle (ULEV) standard for exhaust emissions and the federal ILEV standard.

Yellow—A hybrid or alternative fuel vehicle that meets California’s advanced technology partial zero-emission vehicle (AT PZEV) standard for criteria pollutant emissions and has a 45 mile per gallon or greater fuel economy highway rating **or** a 2004 model-year or older hybrid vehicle that has a 45 per gallon or greater fuel economy highway rating and meets California’s ultra-low emission vehicle (ULEV) super ultra-low emission vehicle (SULEV), or partial zero-emission vehicle (PZEV) standards.

NOTE: The 85,000 Clean Air Stickers (yellow) that VC §5205.5 allows for **hybrid** vehicles have been assigned. Original Clean Air Stickers will no longer be issued to hybrids; however, substitute stickers may be issued if the original is damaged.

To find out if a vehicle qualifies check the California Air Resources Board (ARB) website.

Original Issuance Requirements:

- The vehicle must have a permanent license plate assignment before a sticker can be issued.
- A completed Application for Clean Air Vehicle Stickers (REG 1000). One REG 1000 may be submitted for a fleet of like vehicles. It must indicate the application is for a fleet and a list identifying all of the vehicles **must be** attached.
- Submit the completed application and Clean Air Vehicle Sticker fee to the address on the REG 1000 form. Applications **cannot** be processed in local DMV offices.

Transfer to a New Owner Name—All Clean Air Stickers remain with the vehicle they were originally assigned to and **cannot** be transferred to any other vehicle. A vehicle is purchased that has Clean Air Stickers the sticker may be transferred to the new owner’s name.

If you acquire a hybrid vehicle with Clean Air Vehicle Stickers attached, and you are a resident of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solana, or Sonoma County, you must obtain a Bay Area FasTrak account before you drive as a sole occupant in a high-occupancy vehicle (carpool or diamond) lane.

25.060 Clean Air Vehicle Stickers, continued**Transfer Requirements:**

- A completed Application for Clean Air Vehicle Stickers (REG 1000).
- Check the “Replacement ID card only” box.
- If the clean air vehicle is a hybrid and you are a resident of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solana, or Sonoma County, an original Bay Area FasTrak receipt must be submitted as evidence of a “FasTrak” toll account. The FasTrak receipt must show evidence that a toll account was issued specifically to hybrid vehicle being transferred.
- Submit the completed application and FasTrak receipt (if applicable) to the address on the REG 1000 form. Applications **cannot** be processed in local DMV offices.

Replacement Requirements:

- A completed Application for Clean Air Vehicle Decals (REG 1000), showing the applicant’s old decal number, (“UL” followed by six numbers).
- Check the “Replacement sticker” box, and one of the boxes stating the reason a replacement sticker is needed; if the:
 - “Stolen” box is checked, a police report must be submitted.
 - “Lost, Not Received, Damaged, Destroyed” box is checked, a completed and signed Statement of Facts giving the details in part G must be submitted.
 - “Other” box is checked, an explanation is required in the space provided.
- Submit the completed application, any damaged or remaining stickers, and the Clean Air Vehicle Sticker substitute fee to the address on the REG 1000 form. Applications **cannot** be processed in local DMV offices.

NOTE: Prior to December 31, 2003, Clean Air Vehicle decals were available to vehicles meeting the Ultra-Low Emission Vehicle (ULEV) standard. Decals assigned to ULEVs remain valid and may be replaced by substitute decals if they become damaged or lost.

25.065 Zero Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) Parking Decal

The owners of Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEV) are eligible for a distinctive decal issued for parking and fueling of electric vehicles in designated parking spaces. The decal must be placed on the driver's side rear window or the back bumper of the vehicle. It is two inches square, white with green lettering and a green car graphic, and contains a black decal number.

A completed Application for Zero Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) Parking Decal (REG 4048) **and** the ZEV parking decal fee **must be mailed** to:

Department of Motor Vehicles
Special Processing Unit MS D238
PO Box 932345
Sacramento, CA 94232-3450

Applications **cannot** be processed in local DMV offices.

25.070 Motorcycle Transportation Permit (VC §§38088 and 38232)

A special Motorcycle Transportation Permit may be obtained for the purpose of transporting a racing motorcycle to and from racing events. The transportation permit is nonrenewable, nontransferable, and becomes invalid when the motorcycle for which it was issued is sold or dismantled.

- A Certificate of Title **cannot** be issued in conjunction with a Motorcycle Transportation Permit.
- Evidence of ownership and/or a vehicle verification are not required for issuance of a Motorcycle Transportation Permit.

The requirements for issuance are:

- A completed Application for Special Motorcycle Transportation Permit (REG 712).
- The vehicle identification number (VIN).
- The motorcycle transportation permit fee. Refer to Appendix 1F for fee information.