Department of Revenue to Issue Apportioned License Plates.

1. The Department of Revenue shall be 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 Section 32-6-56, Code of Alabama 1975, may enter.

2. Vehicle, for the purpose of this rule or regulation, shall be held to mean any vehicle with three or more axles, or individually or in combination having a gross weight in excess of 26,000 pounds.

3. Any person seeking to apportionally register his/her vehicle or fleet must complete and file application(s) with the Department. Application(s) may be submitted electronically. The following application forms are to be furnished by the Department:
   a. MV:IRP-B - IRP Mileage Schedule;
   b. MV:IRP-A – IRP Vehicle Schedule;
   c. MV:IRP-C – IRP Supplemental Schedule;
   d. MV:IRP-G.– IRP New Account Application; and
   e. IRP Renewal Application.

4. 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.

5. Upon receipt of applications for apportioned registration, the Department issues license plates based on the information provided on the application schedules. 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, the registrant must review the information shown on the cab card to ascertain whether he/she will be in compliance with the law. It is the responsibility of the registrant to obtain the correct license plate classification by filing the appropriate schedules as provided in this rule.

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