

Alabama Department of Revenue

News Release
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August 2005 Vehicle Registration Renewal Deadline Extended for Owners Residing in Hurricane-Affected Counties

Montgomery—The Alabama Department of Revenue (ADOR) announced today that the August 2005 motor vehicle registration renewal deadline has been extended through Sept. 16, 2005, for vehicle owners residing in counties whose tag-issuing and property tax collection offices were closed during the end of August as the result of weather conditions caused by Hurricane Katrina.

State Revenue Commissioner Tom Surtees issued the motor vehicle registration and property tax extension order today, extending the normal Aug. 31 deadline through Sept. 16, 2005, for owners residing in counties that were forced to close their motor vehicle registration and property tax collection offices during the end of August. Anyone renewing his or her vehicle's annual August registration during this extended period and who is a resident of one of the affected counties will not be subject to delinquent registration penalty charges. Alabama's registration and property tax laws do not provide any relief provisions for the waiver of interest charges.

The August registration renewal extension also applies to individuals who have recently purchased or otherwise acquired a vehicle, but have not registered their newly-acquired vehicle within the 20-day registration period due to office closings resulting from weather conditions caused by Hurricane Katrina.

The registration extension order also includes August International Registration Plan (IRP) registrants—individuals or companies owning commercial vehicles used in interstate commerce.

NOTE: A copy of the Aug. 30, 2005, registration extension order is attached.



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ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

Due to the extreme hardships placed on Alabama motor vehicle registrants located in Alabama counties which suffered damage resulting from Hurricane Katrina and related weather conditions and who did not have access to county tag-issuing offices during the final days of August 2005 to renew their motor vehicle registrations and pay property taxes on their vehicles because county courthouses and other county offices were closed during some or all of the week of Aug. 29, 2005, through Sept. 2, 2005, under the power granted to me by §40-2-11(13), *Code of Alabama 1975*, I hereby issue the following order:


I. GENERAL RULE

(a) **EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RENEWING AUGUST MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS AND PAYING PROPERTY TAXES ON VEHICLES.** For purposes of applying Alabama's motor vehicle registration laws and property tax laws as related to the annual registration renewal of vehicles during the month of August, including vehicles registered under the International Registration Plan (IRP), and the registration of vehicles purchased or otherwise acquired during the month of August 2005, whereby the 20-day registration period ended between the dates of Aug. 26, 2005, and Sept. 2, 2005, the registration deadline has been extended through Sept. 16, 2005, without payment of penalty for vehicle owners located in counties where county courthouses or other county license plate-issuing offices and county tax collection offices were closed during some or all of the week of Aug. 29, 2005, through Sept. 2, 2005, as the result of weather-related conditions.

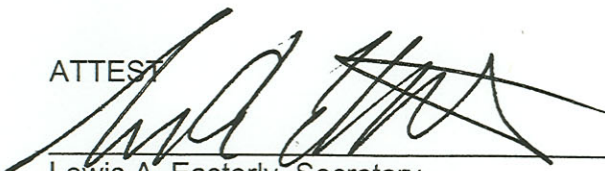
(b) **COUNTIES AFFECTED.** For purposes of this section, the counties affected include those Alabama counties where county courthouses or other county offices handling the issuance of license plates and the collection of property taxes were closed either during some or all of the week beginning Aug. 29, 2005, and ending Sept. 2, 2005, as the result of weather-related conditions.

Entered this 30th day of August 2005

SIGNED


G. Thomas Surtees, Commissioner
Alabama Department of Revenue

ATTEST


Lewis A. Easterly, Secretary
Alabama Department of Revenue