

The following changes resulting from Legislative Act 2019-244, are effective October 1,2020:

Changes related to the dealer regulatory license:

- The new, used, wholesale, and rebuilder licenses will be consolidated into a Master Dealer License. The licensee must maintain a permanent location with an appropriate sign and the location must afford sufficient space to adequately display motor vehicles for sale.
- The motor vehicle surety bond will increase from \$25,000 to \$50,000.
- The dealer regulatory license fee will increase from \$25 to \$125.
- Dealer regulatory licenses are effective October 1 and will expire on September 30. Licensees are provided a 30-day grace period to renew their license. Licenses not renewed prior to November 1st will incur a 15% penalty.
- A person that is subject to the Alabama licensing requirements, but willfully fails to acquire the license, shall be subject to a penalty of \$500 for the first violation and \$1,000 for the second, or subsequent violation.
- Any person, other than a licensed dealer, selling a motor vehicle must be the titled owner of the vehicle. Without such validation, state and local licensing officials, may impound the vehicle with proper notice.

Motor Vehicle Wholesale Auction License:

- Wholesale auctions will be required to obtain a motor vehicle wholesale auction license.
- The surety bond and license fee amount for the auction license will be equivalent to the bond and license fee amount for a master dealer license.
- The department may require monthly or periodic electronic reporting of all sales of motor vehicles at the motor vehicle auction.

Changes related to dealer license plates:

- New (franchise) dealers may purchase up to 35 combined motorcycle and dealer license plates. Used dealers may purchase up to 5 combined motorcycle and dealer license plates. Any new or used dealer who completes title applications for 300 or more vehicles during the previous dealer year may purchase a combined total of up to 25 additional motorcycle and dealer license plates.

- Dealer license plates will be issued by the Department of Revenue, contingent upon proof of the appropriate privilege licenses.
- Dealer transit license plates will no longer be available.
- Manufacturer license plates will be issued by the Department of Revenue, contingent upon proof of the appropriate privilege license.
- Penalties for misuse or unlawfully acquiring a dealer license plate will increase to \$200 for the first violation and \$500 for subsequent violations.

Master Off-site Sale License:

- A facilitator of an off-site sale will be required to obtain a master off-site sales license.
- Each motor vehicle dealer participating in the off-site sale shall obtain an off-site license and provide the license to the facilitator prior to the facilitator making the application.
- The facilitator will be required to verify the off-site license of participating dealers and list each participating dealer's off-site license on the application. If the dealer and facilitator are the same entity, only the master off-site sales event license is required.
- Off-site Sale Licenses will be required to be purchased 10 calendar days prior to sale.

On September 1, 2020, motor vehicle dealers may begin renewing their dealer regulatory license at the following website: <https://mvlicense.mvtrip.alabama.gov/>. Your user ID is the first seven numbers of the dealer license. For example: dealer license number 03-06125-16, the user id would be 0306125. If you have forgotten your password, click *Lost Password* to have a new password sent to the email on the account or reset the password by answering the security questions.

Please contact the Motor Vehicle Division at MVD@revenue.alabama.gov or (334) 242-9000 if you have questions.