

§ 102-34.160 How are U.S. Government license plates coded and numbered?

U.S. Government license plates, except those issued by the District of Columbia, Department of Transportation, under § 102-34.170, will be numbered serially for each executive agency, beginning with 101, and preceded by a letter code that designates the owning agency for the motor vehicle as follows:

- Agriculture, Department of—A
- Air Force, Department of the—AF
- Army, Department of the—W
- Commerce, Department of—C
- Consumer Product Safety Commission—CPSC
- Corps of Engineers, Civil Works—CE
- Defense, Department of—D
- Defense Commissary Agency—DECA
- Defense Contract Audit Agency—DA
- Defense Logistics Agency—DLA
- District of Columbia Redevelopment Land Agency—LA
- Energy, Department of—E
- Enrichment Corporation, U.S.—EC
- Environmental Protection Agency—EPA
- Executive Office of the President—EO Council of Economic Advisers, National Security Council, Office of Management and Budget—EO
- Federal Communications Commission—FC
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation—FD
- Federal Emergency Management Agency—FE
- Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service—FM
- General Services Administration—GS
- Government Printing Office—GP
- GSA Fleet—G
- Health and Human Services, Department of—HHS
- Interior, Department of the—I
- Judicial Branch of the Government—JB
- Justice, Department of—J
- Labor, Department of—L
- Legislative Branch—LB
- Marine Corps—MC
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration—NA
- National Capital Planning Commission—NP
- National Guard Bureau—NG
- National Labor Relations Board—NL
- National Science Foundation—NS
- Navy, Department of the—N
- Nuclear Regulatory Commission—NRC
- Office of Personnel Management—OPM
- Panama Canal Commission—PC
- Railroad Retirement Board—RR
- Selective Service System—SS
- Small Business Administration—SB
- Smithsonian Institution, National Gallery of Art—SI
- Soldiers' and Airmen's Home, U.S.—SH
- State, Department of—S
- Tennessee Valley Authority—TV

- Transportation, Department of—DOT
- Treasury, Department of the—T
- United States Information Agency—IA
- United States Postal Service—P
- Veterans Affairs, Department of—VA

§ 102-34.165 How can we get a new license plate code designation?

To get a new license plate code designation, write to the: General Services Administration, Attn: MTV, Washington, DC 20405. Email: *vehicle.policy@gsa.gov*

§ 102-34.170 Are there special licensing procedures for motor vehicles operating in the District of Columbia (DC)?

Yes. DC Code, section 40-102(d)(2), requires the issuance of license plates, without charge, for all motor vehicles owned or leased by the Government at the time the motor vehicle is registered or reregistered.

(a) You must register motor vehicles that are regularly based or operated in DC with the DC Department of Transportation. Your application to register must include a manufacturer's Certificate of Origin, bill of sale, or other document attesting Government ownership. Forms for registering motor vehicles are available from the District of Columbia, Department of Transportation.

(b) Motor vehicles owned or leased by the Government and licensed in the District of Columbia may have the letter code designation prescribed in § 102-34.160 stenciled in the blank space beside the embossed numbers. If you add a letter code designation, stencil it on the license plate so that the letters resemble the embossed numbers in size and color. License plates issued by the District of Columbia without an agency letter code designation will usually have the letter code designation "US".

(c) Transfer of U.S. Government license plates issued by the District of Columbia between your agency's own motor vehicles requires prior approval from the District of Columbia, Department of Transportation.

(d) You must have each registered motor vehicle inspected annually according to section 40-204 of the District of Columbia Code and applicable regulations. The District of Columbia

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issues an inspection verification sticker for each motor vehicle that passes inspection. Inspections and stickers are free.

(e) Return damaged or mutilated license plates to the District of Columbia, Department of Transportation, for cancellation. Also return license plates when you transfer a motor vehicle regularly based or operated in the District of Columbia to operation in a field area, another agency, or remove the motor vehicle from Government service.

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IDENTIFICATION EXEMPTIONS

§ 102-34.175 What types of exemptions are there?

- (a) Limited exemption.
- (b) Unlimited exemption.
- (c) Special exemption.

§ 102-34.180 May we have a limited exemption from displaying U.S. Government license plates and other motor vehicle identification?

Yes. The head of your agency or designee may authorize a limited exemption to the display of U.S. Government license plates and motor vehicle identification upon written certification. (See § 102-34.185.) For motor vehicles leased from the GSA Fleet, send an information copy of this certification to the: General Services Administration, Attn: FFF, Washington, DC 20406.

NOTE TO § 102-34.180: Not eligible for exemption are motor vehicles regularly used for common administrative purposes and not directly connected to investigative, law enforcement or intelligence duties involving security activities.

§ 102-34.185 What information must the certification contain?

The certification must state either:

- (a) That the motor vehicle is used primarily for investigative, law enforcement or intelligence duties involving security activities and that identifying the motor vehicle would interfere with those duties; or
- (b) That identifying the motor vehicle would endanger the security of the vehicle occupants.

§ 102-34.190 For how long is a limited exemption valid?

An exemption granted in accordance with § 102-34.180 and § 102-34.185 may last from one day up to one year. If the requirement for exemption still exists at the end of the year, your agency must re-certify the continued exemption. For a motor vehicle leased from the GSA Fleet, send a copy of the re-certification to the: General Services Administration, ATTN: FFF, Washington, DC 20406.

§ 102-34.195 What agencies have an unlimited exemption from displaying U.S. Government license plates and motor vehicle identification?

The following Federal agencies, or activities within agencies, are granted an unlimited exemption based on ongoing mission requirements and do not need to certify:

(a) *Administrative Office of the United States Courts.* All motor vehicles used by United States probation offices and pretrial services agencies of the judicial branch of the U.S. Government.

(b) *Department of Agriculture.* Motor vehicles used for investigative or law enforcement activities by the Agricultural Marketing Service, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Forest Service, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyard Administration, Packers and Stockyard Program, Food and Consumers Service, and Office of the Inspector General.

(c) *Department of Commerce.* Motor vehicles used for surveillance and other law enforcement activities by the Office of Export Enforcement, International Trade Administration, the National Marine Fisheries Service, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

(d) *Department of Defense.* Motor vehicles used for intelligence, investigative, or security activities by the U.S. Army Intelligence Agency and the Criminal Investigation Command of the Department of the Army; Office of Naval Intelligence of the Department of the Navy; Office of Special Investigations of the Department of the Air Force; the Defense Criminal Investigation Service, Office of the Inspector