

**RULES
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TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
VEHICLE SERVICES DIVISION**

**CHAPTER 1320-8-17
REGISTRATION**

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1320-8-17-.01 DEFINITIONS.

- (1) "Registration" or "License" shall mean the listing of a vehicle for the purpose of establishing its identity and that of its owner or operator and, upon the payment of a fee, the granting to the same the privilege of using it upon the public ways of this state. The terms may likewise include the certificate and license plate or tag that is issued to the registrant.
- (2) "Original registration" shall mean the first running of the license privilege with respect to a particular application for registration.
- (3) "Renewal of registration" shall mean the prolongation of a registration for a given term following its statutory expiration.
- (4) "Reassignment of registration" shall mean the transfer of the license holders privilege to and for a different vehicle following some lapse that occurs during the duration of the registration.
- (5) "Re-registration" shall mean a change in the class or type of an outstanding registration by reason of some change in the design or use of the vehicle so registered.
- (6) "Alternative interval registration" shall mean any specifiable procedure under which registrations other than temporary license or permits may be issued either singly or in series for periods of time that do not necessarily coincide with the statutory registration year or conform to any other requirements or allowances relating to the duration of a license, such as the provision for quarterly reduction of license fees.
- (7) "Staggered registration" shall be understood to be a general reference term that may be used to describe the alternative interval plan or any certificate or place issued under it.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-2-1903, 67-1-102, 67-1-103, 67-1-105, 67-1-703, 67-1-802, 67-1-803, *Executive Order Number 37 (2000) and Executive Order 36 (2006)*. **Administrative History:** *Original chapter 1340-5 transferred from chapter 1320-8 under the authority of Executive Order Number 37 dated June 29, 1990. Original chapter 1320-8 transferred from chapter 1340-5 under the authority of Executive Order Number 36 dated April 19, 2006.*

1320-8-17-.02 ALTERNATIVE INTERVAL REGISTRATION.

- (1) The provisions of this rule apply to registrations that are taken in accordance with the provisions of T.C.A. §55-4-104.
- (2) Renewal registrations issued under the percentile grouping set forth in the statute to provide for inauguration of the staggered program shall be in accordance with an alphabetical breakdown of the list of current registrants. At least ninety (90) days prior to the beginning of the statutory renewal period appropriate sets of letters shall be assigned for each of the ten due date periods identified in the statute.

(Rule 1320-8-17-.02, continued)

- (3) In the event a termination date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, the date of the next regular work day will be the expiration date.
- (4) In the event of reassignment or re-registration being taken of a staggered license, the credit value for the surrendered registration and the duration of the new license term shall be as follows:
 - (a) Credit for a registration issued under the staggered system and surrendered in application for a registration in a class with uniform annual expiration date will be established by apportioning the year into periods of three months (called quarters), using the expiration date as a base:
 1. For each full quarter remaining in the outstanding registration period, there shall be given a credit of 25 percent of the annual registration tax.
 2. No credit will be given for a registration in its last quarter.
 3. During the transition to the staggered system, appropriate credit shall be allowed based on quarters for those registrations issued for a period in excess of the normal one year period.
 - (b) When reassigning a registration or re-registering a vehicle between classes issued under the staggered system, the expiration date for the new registration will remain the same as the old one.
- (5) Registrations designed for the staggered program that are renewed after the expiration date shall be designated as late renewals and shall retain the same month and day for expiration the next year, provided the registration is renewed within 90 days of the date of expiration. Those registrations renewed 91 or more days after the expiration date shall be issued for one year from the date of issue.

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