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**Consumer Tip from Tax Collector**

**GO-4-2! Renew Registrations for 2-years instead of 1-year before September 1, 2009**

COURTHOUSE CLEARWATER: Florida Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicle Fees will increase Sept. 1, 2009. Pinellas County motorists are advised to **GO-4-2!** and lock in the old rates with a **two-year registration** prior to the increases taking effect on **September 1, 2009**. An example of a typical registration is shown below with a breakout of the dozen different fees that add up to the total cost.

**SAMPLE RENEWAL REGISTRATION FEES**

	<u>Old Cost</u>	<u>New</u>
<b><u>Cost</u></b>		
STATE Registration base tax	\$32.50	\$44.00
STATE Advance reflective Material fee (previously reflect fee)	.50	1.50
STATE Florida Real Time Vehicle Information System fee	.50	1.25
STATE Air Pollution fee	1.00	1.00
STATE Emergency Medical Services	.10	.10
STATE Law Enforcement Radio Systems	1.00	1.00
STATE General Revenue/DJJ Surcharge (previously Juvenile Justice)	1.00	5.50
STATE Transport Disadvantage	1.50	1.50
STATE STTF Surcharge on all vehicles (previously Surcharge State Transport)	2.00	4.00
STATE Advanced replacement fee	2.00	2.80
STATE Automated license plate validation sticker printer service fee	1.00	3.00
STATE <i>registration service charge-new fee added</i>	----	2.50
<b><u>Subtotal to STATE</u></b>	<b>\$43.10</b>	<b>\$68.15</b>
Tax Collector <i>registration service charge</i>	2.50	2.50
Tax Collector branch fee	.50	.50
<b><u>Subtotal retained by Tax Collector</u></b>	<b>\$3.00</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>
<b><u>GRAND TOTAL</u></b>	<b>\$46.10</b>	<b>\$71.15</b>

**GO-4-2** and lock in the old rates with a **two-year registration prior to September 1, 2009**. Potentially, this tip applies to motorists with birthdays occurring June through November for both their vehicle registrations and driver licenses.

Individual registration costs will vary depending on vehicle type, weight, or if anything other than a standard license plate is displayed. Please contact the Tax Collector's office for details on eligibility and the best times to apply at 727-464-7777 where we *Answer Phone with Real People,* an important part of how we deliver *"World-class Service, Anytime, Any Place."*

## How Registration Fees are Determined

A combination of your vehicle's information is used to determine registration fees. They are the registration use, license plate inventory code and class code. The class code is determined by the vehicle weight, body type, and vehicle type.



The Florida Legislature did increase the Tax Collector's Service fee for Driver Licenses by \$1.00, from \$5.25 to \$6.25. The Legislature did not increase the Tax Collector's service charge for registrations; it remains at \$3.00. Nearly all other fees have substantially increased.

A listing of the new fees follows:

### Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles New Fee Schedule September 1, 2009

<b>Example of Typical Registration</b>	<b>Old Cost</b>	<b>New Cost</b>
<b>State Fees (12 in all)</b>	\$ 43.10	<b>\$ 68.15 Sub Total goes to State</b>
<b>Tax Collector Fees (2 in all)</b>	\$ 3.00	<b>\$ 3.00 Sub Total goes to County</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 46.10	<b>\$ 71.15 35% Increase</b>

<b>Common Transactions</b>	<b>Old Cost</b>	<b>New Cost</b>
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#### Driver License Fees

Tax Collector Service Fee	\$ 5.25	\$ 6.25
Original Class E	\$ 27.00	<b>\$ 48.00</b>
Renewal Class E	\$ 20.00	<b>\$ 48.00</b>
Original/Renewal CDL	\$ 67.00	<b>\$ 75.00</b>
Replacement License	\$ 10.00	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
ID Cards Original/Renewal/Replace	\$ 10.00	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
Knowledge Test	\$ 5.00	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
Skill Test	\$ 10.00	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
Delinquent Fee	\$ 1.00	<b>\$ 15.00</b>
Interlock Fee assessed by Vendor	New Fee	<b>\$ 12.00</b>

#### Motor Vehicle Title Fees

Original/Duplicate Certificate of Title	\$ 24.00	<b>\$ 70.00</b>
Fast Title	\$ 7.00	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
Delinquent Title Fee	\$ 10.00	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
Original/Duplicate For-Hire Vehicle	\$ 3.00	<b>\$ 49.00</b>
Salvage Certificate of Title	\$ 2.00	<b>\$ 3.00</b>
Service Fee for Paper Title	New Fee	<b>\$ 2.50</b>
Re-inspection Fee (rebuilt)	New Fee	<b>\$ 20.00</b>



**Common Transactions (continued)**  
**Motor Vehicle Registration Fees**

Tax Collector Branch Fee	\$ 0.50	<b>\$ 0.50</b>
Registration Service Charge-County	\$ 2.50	<b>\$ 2.50</b>
Registration Service Charge-State	New Fee	<b>\$ 2.50</b>
FRIVIS Fee	\$ 0.50	<b>\$ 1.25</b>
Retroreflection material charge	\$ 0.50	<b>\$ 1.50</b>
Air Pollution Fee	\$ 1.00	<b>\$ 1.00</b>
Emergency Medical Services	\$ 0.10	<b>\$ 0.10</b>
Law Enforcement Radio Systems	\$ 1.00	<b>\$ 1.00</b>
Transport Disadvantage	\$ 1.50	<b>\$ 1.50</b>
Replacement License Plate, sticker, decal	\$ 10.00	<b>\$ 28.00</b>
Advanced Replacement Fee	\$ 2.00	<b>\$ 2.80</b>
Juvenile Justice Surcharge	\$ 1.00	<b>\$ 5.50</b>
Surcharge state transportation fee	\$ 2.00	<b>\$ 4.00</b>
Initial Vehicle Registration Fee	\$ 100.00	<b>\$ 225.00</b>
Service Charge - Print Decal	\$ 1.00	<b>\$ 3.00</b>
Specialty/Personalized Process Fee	\$ 2.00	<b>\$ 5.00</b>

**Uncommon Transactions**                      **Old Cost**                      **New Cost**

**Driver License**

Original School Board CDL	\$ 27.00	<b>\$ 48.00</b>
Renewal School Board CDL	\$ 20.00	<b>\$ 48.00</b>
D-6 Suspension – DHSMV	\$ 47.50	<b>\$ 60.00</b>
Administrative Fee	\$115.00	<b>\$130.00</b>
Disqualification, Revocation	\$ 60.00	<b>\$ 75.00</b>
Suspension	\$ 35.00	<b>\$ 45.00</b>
Child Support Suspension	\$ 47.50	<b>\$ 60.00</b>
DUI Program Fee	\$ 12.00	<b>\$ 15.00</b>
Filing Fee for hardship hearing	New Fee	<b>\$ 12.00</b>
Filing Fee for Formal/Informal Review	New Fee	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
Interlock Fee assessed by Vendor	New Fee	<b>\$ 12.00</b>

**Motor Vehicle Registration Fees**

**Motor Cycles/Mopeds**

Any Motorcycle	\$ 10.00	<b>\$ 13.50</b>
Any Moped	\$ 5.00	<b>\$ 6.75</b>
Ancient/antique motorcycle	\$ 10.00	<b>\$ 13.50</b>

**Automobile for Private Use**

Ancient/antique automobile	\$ 7.50	<b>\$ 10.25</b>
Net weight of less than 2,500 lbs	\$ 14.50	<b>\$ 19.50</b>
Net weight 2,500 - 3,500 lbs	\$ 22.50	<b>\$ 30.50</b>
Net weight more than 3,500 lbs	\$ 32.50	<b>\$ 44.00</b>

**Trucks**

Net weight of less than 2,000 lbs	\$ 14.50	<b>\$ 19.50</b>
Net weight 2,000 - 3,000 lbs	\$ 22.50	<b>\$ 30.50</b>
Net weight more than 3,000 lbs	\$ 32.50	<b>\$ 44.00</b>
Defined as "goat"	\$ 7.50	<b>\$ 10.25</b>
Antique/ancient truck	\$ 7.50	<b>\$ 10.25</b>



<b>Uncommon Transactions (cont.)</b>	<b>Old Cost</b>	<b>New Cost</b>
<b>Heavy Trucks, Truck Tractors, Fees</b>		
<b>According to Gross Weight</b>		
Gross weight 5,000-5,999 lbs	\$ 45.00	\$ 60.75
Gross weight 6,000-7,999 lbs	\$ 65.00	\$ 87.75
Gross weight 8,000-9,999 lbs	\$ 76.00	\$ 103.00
Gross weight 10,000-14,999 lbs	\$ 87.00	\$ 118.00
Gross weight 15,000-19,999 lbs	\$ 131.00	\$ 177.00
Gross weight 20,000 - 25,999 lbs	\$ 186.00	\$ 251.00
Gross weight 26,001 - 34,999 lbs	\$ 240.00	\$ 324.00
Gross weight 35,000 - 43,999 lbs	\$ 300.00	\$ 405.00
Gross weight 44,000 - 54,999 lbs	\$ 572.00	\$ 773.00
Gross weight 55,000 - 61,999 lbs	\$ 678.00	\$ 916.00
Gross weight 62,000 - 71,999 lbs	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,080.00
Gross weight more than 72,000 lbs	\$ 979.00	\$ 1,322.00
Truck tractor w/in 150-miles of home	\$ 240.00	\$ 324.00
Restricted Agricultural License Plate	\$ 65.00	\$ 87.75

**Semitrailers (Gross Weight), School Buses, Special Purpose Vehicles**

Semitrailer drawn by a GVW truck tractor by means of a fifth-wheel arrangement (Regular registration)	\$ 10.00	\$ 13.50
Semitrailer drawn by a GVW truck tractor by means of a fifth-wheel arrangement (Permanent registration plate)	\$ 50.00	\$ 68.00
Motor Vehicle equipped for well drilling, excavation, construction, spraying, or similar activity	\$ 32.50	\$ 44.00
School bus (used exclusively to transport pupils to and from school or church activities within their own county)	\$ 30.00	\$ 41.00
<b>Transaction</b>	<b>Old Cost</b>	<b>New Cost</b>

**Wrecker**

Wrecker (used to tow a disabled, abandoned, stolen-recovered, or impounded motor vehicle)	\$ 30.00	\$ 41.00
Gross weight 10,000-14,999 lbs	\$ 87.00	\$ 118.00
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Gross weight more than 72,000 lbs	\$ 979.00	\$ 1,322.00
Hearse or ambulance	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.50

**Motor Vehicles for Hire**

Under 9 passengers	\$ 12.50	\$ 17.00
9 passengers or more	\$ 12.50	\$ 17.00

**Trailers for Private Use**

Trailer weighing 500 lbs or less	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.75
Net weight over 500 lbs	\$ 2.50	\$ 3.50

Uncommon Transactions (cont.)	Old Cost	New Cost
<b>Trailers for Hire</b>		
Net weight under 2,000 lbs	\$ 2.50	<b>\$ 3.50</b>
Net weight over 2,000 lbs	\$ 10.00	<b>\$ 13.50</b>
<b>Recreational Vehicle</b>		
Travel trailer or fifth-wheel trailer that does not exceed 35 ft in length	\$ 20.00	<b>\$ 27.00</b>
Camping trailer	\$ 10.00	<b>\$ 13.50</b>
Motor home, net weight less than 4,500 lbs	\$ 20.00	<b>\$ 27.00</b>
Motor home, net weight 4,500 lbs or more	\$ 35.00	<b>\$ 47.50</b>
Truck camper, net weight less than 4,500lbs	\$ 20.00	<b>\$ 27.00</b>
Truck camper, net weight 4,500 lbs or more	\$ 35.00	<b>\$ 47.50</b>
Private motor coach, net weight less than 4,500 lbs	\$ 20.00	<b>\$ 27.00</b>
Private motor coach, net weight 4,500 lbs or more	\$ 35.00	<b>\$ 47.50</b>
<b>Dealer/Manufacturer License Plates</b>		
Franchised dealer plate	\$ 12.50	<b>\$ 17.00</b>
Exempt/Official License Plate	\$ 3.00	<b>\$ 4.00</b>
<b>Dealer/Manufacturer License Plates</b>		
Franchised dealer plate	\$ 12.50	<b>\$ 17.00</b>
Exempt/Official License Plate	\$ 3.00	<b>\$ 4.00</b>
Transporter License Plate	\$ 75.00	<b>\$ 101.25</b>
<b>Additional Fees</b>		
Commercial motor vehicle having gross weight of 10,000 lbs or more	\$ 5.00	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
Sample License Plates	\$ 10.00	<b>\$ 28.00</b>



Taxpayers are advised to GO-4-2! Find out if you can lock in the old rates for a 2-year period by calling 727.464.7777 for details on eligibility and where or when to apply.

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