

66-3-6. Temporary registration permits, demonstration permits and transport permits.

A. The department may issue a temporary registration permit to individuals to operate a vehicle pending action by the department upon an application for registration and certificate of title or renewal of registration when the application is accompanied by the proper fees and taxes. The temporary registration permit shall be valid for a period not to exceed thirty business days from the day it is validated by the department. Temporary registration permits shall not be extended nor another issued except for good cause shown.

B. The department may issue a demonstration permit to individuals and financing institutions to operate a vehicle for the purpose of demonstrating the vehicle for resale. The demonstration permit shall be valid for a period not to exceed five business days from the day it is validated by the department. Demonstration permits shall not be extended nor another issued except for good cause shown.

C. The department may issue a transport permit to a manufacturer of vehicles or transporter of manufactured homes for the purpose of demonstrating or transporting the vehicle to a dealer's location. The transport permit shall be valid for a period not to exceed ten business days, shall state the number of days for which the transport permit is valid and shall be validated by the signature of the manufacturer or transporter. Transport permits shall not be extended nor another issued except for good cause shown.

D. The department shall issue transport permits to dealers licensed pursuant to Section 66-4-1 NMSA 1978. Transport permits shall be used only on vehicles held in the inventory of the dealer to whom the transport permits are issued. The transport permits shall be used only for importing vehicles into this state or for transporting vehicles between dealers intrastate. Use of transport permits pursuant to this section shall be deemed compliance with the requirements of Section 66-3-4 NMSA 1978. The transport permits shall be valid for not more than five business days from the date of validation. Transport permits shall:

- (1) name the dealer to whom the transport permits are issued;
 - (2) name the authorized driver of the vehicle;
 - (3) show the point of origin and termination of the trip covered by the transport permit;
- and
- (4) be signed and dated by the dealer who executed the transport permit.

E. The department shall issue temporary registration permits to dealers licensed pursuant to

Section 66-4-1 NMSA 1978. Temporary registration permits shall be used only on vehicles sold at retail by the dealer to whom the temporary registration permits are issued and shall not be extended nor another issued for the same vehicle except for good cause shown. Use of the temporary registration permits pursuant to this section shall be deemed compliance with the provisions of Section 66-3-4 NMSA 1978. The temporary registration permits shall be valid for not more than thirty days from the date of validation. Temporary registration permits shall:

- (1) name the dealer to whom the temporary registration permits are issued;
- (2) name the person to whom the vehicle has been sold; and
- (3) be signed and dated by the dealer who executed the temporary registration permit.

F. The department shall issue demonstration permits to dealers licensed pursuant to Section 66-4-1 NMSA 1978. Demonstration permits shall be used only on vehicles included in the inventory of the dealer to whom he demonstration permits are issued. The demonstration permits shall be used to allow the operation of vehicles for the limited purposes of testing, demonstrating or preparing a vehicle for sale or lease. Demonstration permits may not be used on work or service vehicles, as that term is defined in Section 66-3-401 NMSA 1978, that are owned, used or held in inventory by a dealer. Use of the demonstration permits pursuant to this section shall be deemed compliance with the provisions of Section 66-3-4 NMSA 1978. A demonstration permit, after being affixed to a specific vehicle, shall be valid for as long as the vehicle is held in the dealer's inventory. A dealer who uses demonstration permits is required to maintain a list showing the date on which the dealer assigned the permit to a vehicle and the name and a description of the vehicle, including its make, model, model year and vehicle identification number. A dealer shall maintain the list for three years from the end of the year in which the dealer issued the permit and must make it available to the department or its agents and to law enforcement officers during reasonable business hours. When a vehicle is sold, the dealer shall keep demonstration permits with other records of the sale. A demonstration permit shall:

- (1) name the dealer to whom the demonstration permit is issued; and
- (2) display a unique identification number assigned by the department.

G. The department may authorize in writing dealers licensed pursuant to Section 66-4-1 NMSA 1978 to print and use at their own cost demonstration permits in conformance with the provisions of Subsection F of this section, subject to reasonable requirements established by the department.

H. The department may authorize agents of the division, in writing, to print and issue demonstration permits to be used by dealers in conformance with the provisions of Subsection F of this section, subject to reasonable requirements established by the department. Agents

who issue demonstration permits shall maintain a list showing the date on which the permit was issued and the name of the dealer to whom it was issued. Agents shall maintain the list for three years from the end of the year in which they issued the permit and shall make it available to the department or its agents, and to law enforcement officers, during reasonable business hours. A demonstration permit shall:

(1) name the dealer to whom the permit is issued; and

(2) display a unique identification number assigned by the department.

I. The department shall prescribe the size, shape and content of all temporary registration permits, demonstration permits and transport permits authorized by this section. A temporary registration permit, demonstration permit or transport permit is not valid until affixed to the vehicle for which it is validated in a manner prescribed by the department.

J. For the misuse of a temporary registration permit, demonstration permit or transport permit authorized by this section by an individual, financing institution, manufacturer of vehicles, transporter of manufactured homes, dealer or auto recycler, the secretary may revoke or suspend the use of that type of permit after a hearing as provided in Section 66-2-17 NMSA 1978.

K. The department shall collect the administrative fee imposed in Section 66-2-16 NMSA 1978 in addition to the actual cost of the temporary registration permit, demonstration permit or transport permit for each permit issued by the department pursuant to this section to individuals, financial institutions, manufacturers, transporters or auto recyclers.

L. The department may issue temporary registration permits, demonstration permits and transport permits to dealers in units of not less than one hundred at a fee established by the department to cover the actual cost of the permits. An administrative fee shall not be charged by the department when permits are issued by the department pursuant to the provisions of this subsection.

M. The fees authorized by Subsections K and L of this section to cover the actual cost of the permits are appropriated to the department to defray the costs of administering the permits program. The department shall remit the administrative fee revenues of this section to the motor vehicle suspense fund to be distributed in accordance with Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978.