

Law Requires Fee at all Vehicle Licensing Offices

4 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

1. This law* is an expansion of the existing \$5 and \$12 service fees that are collected at private vehicle licensing subagent offices. These fees must now be collected by county government vehicle licensing offices and the DOL.
2. Vehicle registration and renewal transactions will be charged the \$5 service fee for registrations due on or after January 1, 2015. The \$5 service fee includes registration and temporary off-road vehicle use permits, trip permits, snowmobile registrations, and some other transactions.
3. Service fees collected at county and DOL offices are for the construction or purchase of state ferry vessels.
4. Vehicle title transactions will incur the \$12 service fee for transactions that occur on or after Jan. 1, 2015. This service fee includes but is not limited to, vehicle electronic title fees, lien holder change with a transfer in ownership, title transfer, and a name change.

Mandatory, Seven-Year Periodic License Plate Replacement Eliminated

3 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

1. Beginning January 1, 2015, a new law* requires that new license plates be issued and a new 12-month registration period begin when a vehicle changes ownership. This change removes the scheduled periodic replacement.
2. The new license plate and registration period does not apply to vehicle transactions that add or remove a lien holder, transfer to a spouse, or are solely a name change, among other things. The full list of exemptions are available under RCW 46.16A.020 and RCW 46.16A.200.
3. If you reside in an area that is subject to a motor vehicle excise tax, such as a regional transit authority (RTA), you will be credited for any remaining excise taxes paid by the vehicle's previous owner.