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Springtime at DMV HQ by Bella Exner – Oregon Dealer Services

DMV2U Unavailable Fourth of July Weekend

DMV System upgrade

Modern systems require regular upgrades to remain effective. Oregon DMV will be upgrading its computer systems to position DMV for the next 5 to 10 years while enabling future enhancements.

All DMV self-service options, including DMV2U and DMV Express Kiosks, will be unavailable from Friday, July 3, through Sunday, July 5, to facilitate system maintenance and integrate the upgrade.

Online trip permit purchases, notifications of vehicles sold/purchased, and record inquiries will also be unavailable during this time.

The maintenance and upgrade will maintain software currency, ensure DMV's system can integrate with partner systems, and enable adoption of future upgrades as they become available.

Dealer Details

Fraudulent Websites

AI was used for drafting this article, with final review by the author.

Scammers are targeting customers by creating fake websites and social media pages. The fraudulent web pages look legitimate, often copying a dealer's name, logo, and even inventory. Sometimes, the only visible difference is a single letter in the domain of the URL.

Scammers bring in customers by posting ads on social media and online sales platforms. Customers who contact the posting party are directed to the fraudulent website and pressured into sending deposits to "hold" the vehicle.

If you suspect someone may be using your dealer name to sell vehicles without a certificate, you may [file a complaint](#) with DMV.

A web-based scammer can put a dealer's reputation at risk. Here are some ways to protect yourself:

- Use a search engine to search the internet for your dealer name and common misspellings. Look for websites using your name or logo and online ads showing your vehicles but linking to a different website or phone number.
- Set up search engine alerts for your business name so you will be notified if new pages are created using that name.
- Check social media for unauthorized pages using your branding.
- Review domain-registrar listings for look-alike domains that are similar to your webpage.

Transferring Plates

Reminder from Oregon Dealer Services

When trading in a vehicle, customers frequently request to transfer their plates from the trade-in to their new vehicle. Plate transfers can save the customer on DMV fees if the plate has current registration. It also allows customers to keep plates they are emotionally attached to.

REMARKS:	Transfer Plt: 123ABC
	2006 Jeep Commander
	VIN: 1J8HH48NX6C258500

To be eligible for transfer, plates must be legible and capable of being used for identification purposes.

The customer must have both plates if the vehicle is required to display two plates.

Dealers submitting a title and registration application on behalf of their customer may issue a temporary registration permit to the customer. Collect all applicable fees and notify the customer that they must not attach the plates from their trade-in to their new vehicle before receiving an updated registration card from DMV. For more information, see [Chapter K](#) of the [Title and Registration Handbook](#).

Dealer Details

Completing VIN Inspections

Reminder from Oregon Dealer Services

As agents of DMV, Oregon Dealers can conduct VIN inspections on most vehicles they sell.

When conducting a VIN inspection, ensure the VIN Inspection, Form 11, is fully completed including the customer information and vehicle information. The VIN inspection will not be accepted unless at least one box in each of the VIN Inspection columns is checked:

The fee for a VIN inspection is \$9.

This fee is due whether the VIN inspection was conducted by DMV, DEQ, OSP or a vehicle dealer.

If the \$9 VIN inspection fee is not submitted with a vehicle transaction including a VIN inspection, the transaction will not be processed for the customer.

VIN INSPECTION																			
The vehicle identification number is:																			
W	D	B	N	G	7	0	J	2	2	A	3	0	9	9	0	5			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
▼ Check ALL boxes that apply – At least one box MUST be checked in each column ▼																			
VIN LOCATION	VIN TYPE	VIN ATTACHED BY	CONDITION OF VIN	FED STANDARDS STICKER															
☒ VISIBLE THROUGH WINDSHIELD ☐ BODY-LEFT (DRIVER SIDE) ☐ BODY-RIGHT ☐ ENGINE COMPARTMENT ☐ TRUNK ☐ FRAME ☐ ON ENGINE ☐ OTHER _____	☒ METAL PLATE ☐ STAMPED ON BODY ☐ STAMPED ON FRAME ☐ LABEL ☐ OTHER _____	☐ NOT VISIBLE ☒ ROSETTE RIVETS ☐ ROUND RIVETS ☐ SCREWS ☐ ADHESIVE ☐ STAMPED ☐ OTHER _____	☒ APPEARS OKAY ☐ ALTERED/TAMPERED ☐ ILLEGIBLE/DAMAGED ☐ MISSING ☐ CANNOT LOCATE ☐ NONE-NEWLY BUILT ☐ ASSIGNED BY DMV OFFICE (SEE BELOW) ☐ OTHER _____	☒ AGREES WITH VIN ☐ DISAGREES WITH VIN ☐ ILLEGIBLE/DAMAGED ☐ MISSING ☐ N/A FOR VEHICLE ☐ OTHER _____															

Complete the information in the certification portion, making sure to include your signature.

Unsigned VIN Inspections are not acceptable.

I certify that I have physically inspected the vehicle described above to verify the VIN and found the VIN in the condition indicated. – And / Or – I certify by checking one of the LEV boxes above that I am an Oregon licensed dealer with this vehicle in my stock and have checked its under hood emission label to verify compliance with LEV standards.		
NAME OF INSPECTOR (PRINTED) Vinny Cousteau	AGENCY or DEALERSHIP Vehicle Auto LLC	
ADDRESS 1905 Lana Avenue NE	Salem, OR 97314	TELEPHONE # (503) 945 5152
OREGON DEALER NUMBER DA1234	DATE OF INSPECTION 03/27/2026	
SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR X		

For more information on when a dealer may conduct VIN inspections, see [Chapter D](#) of the [Title and Registration Handbook](#).

Dealer Handbook Updates

Revisions to the Oregon DMV Title and Registration Handbook (Dealer Handbook) are available to view, print, or copy at OregonDMV.com.



You may buy a printed copy from these organizations:

Oregon Independent Auto Dealers Association (OIADA): 800-447-0302, info@OIADA.com, OIADA.com

Oregon Vehicle Dealer Association (OVDA): 877-541-2277, ovda@ordealers.com, ORDealers.net

Changes in the April 2026 revision:

Cover Page – Updated revision date to 04/2026.

Chapter F – Corrected Oregon Certificate of Title, Form 735-410 revision date.

Chapter H – Moved information on the purchase of secure forms to this chapter.

Chapter K – Removed reference to 2018 legislative session. Added information on the Golf Oregon plate.

Chapter L – Added section showing which vehicle types Oregon reports to the National Motor Vehicle Title and Information System (NMVTIS).

Chapter M – Added Golf Oregon plate.

Chapter R – Reformatted and re-arranged majority of chapter contents with emphasis on clarity and logical flow of information. Moved information on the purchase of secure forms to Chapter H.

Index – Added information on the Golf Oregon plate. Referenced to Chapter L under NMVTIS.

Disabled Veteran Plate Configuration

License plate configuration change

In March 2026, DMV ordered additional Disabled Veteran license plates from its plate vendor. The previous order exhausted the current configuration of the license plates: D followed by five numbers (D00000). The new configuration starts with V followed by five numbers (V00000).



The first plates issued with the new configuration will be V00001 – V05000.

Disabled Veteran license plates are only issued from DMV Headquarters. Once the final D configuration plates are completely depleted, which is expected during summer 2026, DMV will begin issuing the new V configuration. Costs and requirements remain the same and customers should experience no delays during the transition period.

SB 1544

Local government location approval for dismantlers

[Senate Bill 1544](#) became law during the 2026 Legislative Session and becomes operative June 5th, 2026. The bill removes the requirement for certified dismantlers to obtain local government approval for the renewal of a dismantler certificate or supplemental certificate.

DMV will no longer require a dismantler to submit local government approval with renewal applications unless the dismantler changes business location. This eliminates a time-consuming step when renewing a dismantler certificate.

If a renewal application includes the local government's zoning approval, DMV will still process the application.

DMV continues to collect local government approval as a requirement for:

- Requests to correct the main business address on a dismantler certificate
- New dismantler certificate applications
- Applications for new supplemental locations

There are no changes to the annual dismantler inspection process.

SB 1544 works jointly with the changes made to ORS 822.145 during the 2025 Legislative Session which require DMV to immediately cancel a dismantler certificate if the applicable local zoning authority notifies DMV in writing that it has revoked approval of a dismantler's location. For more information on that bill, please see the [Autumn 2025 Edition](#) of Dealer Details.

SB 1565

Snowmobile registration fee increase



[Senate Bill 1565](#) became law during the 2026 Legislative Session and makes statutory changes to DMV's snowmobile registration fees.

Effective July 6th, 2026, the snowmobile registration fee increases from \$10 to \$30 to help maintain funding for trail grooming provided by the Oregon State Snowmobile Association (OSSA).

The registration fees collected are based on the registration period of the vehicle rather than the transaction date. The new registration fee applies to registration periods beginning on or after July 6, 2026.

If applying for new registration, the registration period begins when DMV receives the transaction or an Oregon dealer issues a temporary registration permit. Mailed transactions go by the postmark date if no temporary registration permit was issued.

Transactions from an out-of-state dealer received with a postmark date of July 6, 2026, or later will be charged the new fee.

Business Licensing Counter Services

Discontinuing same-day processing

Due to staffing challenges, Business Licensing cannot always process applications same-day over the counter. The following transaction types may be submitted at the Business Licensing counter at Salem HQ, but they might not be processed while the applicant waits:

- New dealer and dismantler certificate applications
- Dealer and dismantler certificate renewals
- Applications to correct a dealer or dismantler certificate

The same is true for other vehicle business applications, including transporters and appraisers.

Business Licensing transaction wait times can be found at [Instructions for Becoming a Dealer](#).

Fee Calculation Sheet

To calculate DMV renewal application fees

Business Regulation posted an online calculation sheet to assist dealers when they renew their certificate, so that the correct application fee is submitted with the renewal application. Please use the form to calculate renewal fees before submitting the renewal application.

[Dealer Calculation Sheet](#) (Form 6933)

The form is fillable online, using a computer or smartphone, and the amount due will pre-populate for you in the 'Total Amount' box. Please print the form and include it with your application. Use the 2nd page of the form to report any lost, stolen or destroyed plates.

Report any stolen dealer plates to your local law enforcement. When reporting plates stolen to Business Licensing, include the law enforcement (police, county sheriff) case number.

Updates to Oregon's Clean Vehicle Rebate Program

Informational notice from Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

The Environmental Quality Commission adopted updates to Oregon's Clean Vehicle Rebate program to help stretch limited funds and ensure rebates continue to support the transition to cleaner vehicles across the state. These updates reflect extensive research and public input and are designed to prioritize emissions reductions and equitable access to rebates.

When the program reopens in late summer this year, the Standard Rebate for new battery electric vehicles will decrease from \$2,500 to \$2,000, while new plug-in hybrid electric vehicles will receive \$1,500. Under the Charge Ahead Rebate for low- and moderate-income households, new battery electric vehicles will remain at \$7,500, while new plug-in hybrid vehicles will receive \$5,000. Used Charge Ahead rebates will provide up to \$4,000 for battery electric vehicles (or no more than 30% of the vehicle price) and up to \$2,500 for plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (or no more than the vehicle purchase price).

Sanctions

Unlicensed Dealer / Dismantler	Location	Violations Found	Offense & Count	Civil Penalty	Comments
Shane Hollis Heath CP4629U	Gresham	Acting as a vehicle dealer without a current dealer certificate	Offense: 2 Count: 10	Assessed: \$50,000 Imposed: \$50,000	OAH Final Order by default
Isaac Ito CP4681U	Salem	Acting as a vehicle dealer without a current dealer certificate	Offense: 1 Count: 10	Assessed: \$25,000 Reduced: \$22,500 Imposed: \$2,500	Settlement agreement
Luis Martinez-Mortera CP4691U	Gladstone	Acting as a vehicle dealer without a current dealer certificate	Offense: 1 Count: 7	Assessed: \$17,500 Imposed: \$17,500	Final Order by default
Sergio Arturo Corrales-Pena CP4690U	Mt Angel	Acting as a vehicle dealer without a current dealer certificate	Offense: 1 Count: 10	Imposed: \$25,000 Reduced: \$22,500 Imposed: \$2,500	Settlement agreement

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Premier Motors Inc. CP4664L	Milton-Freewater	Failure to submit title, fees and all documents to DMV within 90 days	Offense: 1 Count: 3	Assessed: \$3,000 Imposed: \$3,000	Payment agreement
		Failure to maintain records of title submission delays	Offense: 2 Count: 3	Assessed: \$750 Imposed: \$750	
		Failure to satisfy interest in a vehicle within 15 days	Offense: 1 Count: 1	Assessed: \$1,000 Imposed: \$1,000	
Denali Auto Sales LLC CP4694L	Portland	Failure to maintain proper records	Offense: 1 Count: 9	Assessed: \$2,250 Imposed: \$2,250	Final Order by Default

Note: Civil penalty amounts display reductions and final amounts imposed

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Dealer / Dismantler	Location	Violations Found	Offense & Count	Civil Penalty	Comments
Sta Motors LLC CP4692L	Portland	Exceeding the dealer's limited agent authority to issue a trip permit on vehicles dealer did not sell	Offense: 1 Counts: 1	Assessed: \$50 Imposed: \$50	Settlement agreement (36-month suspension proposed, reduced to a 36-month probation through 4.1.29)
		Taking a vehicle on consignment without first obtaining proof of ownership from the consignor	Offense: 1 Count: 3	Assessed: \$750 Imposed: \$750	
		Taking a vehicle on consignment without having the terms of the consignment in writing	Offense: 1 Count: 3	Assessed: \$750 Imposed: \$750	
		Failure to provide the title of a consigned vehicle to the purchaser or to submit an application to DMV within 30 days	Offense: 1 Counts: 1	Assessed: \$250 Imposed: \$250	
		Sells a vehicle that the dealer has on consignment and does not pay the consignor within 10 days	Offense: 1 Count: 1	Assessed: \$500 Imposed: \$500	
		Knowingly making a false statement of material fact in an investigation by DMV	Offense: 1 Counts: 1	Assessed: \$500 Imposed: \$500	
Diplomat Motors Inc CP4687L	Troutdale	Failure to satisfy interest in a vehicle within 15 days	Offense: 1 Counts: 1	Assessed: \$1,000 Imposed: \$1,000	
		Failure to submit title, fees and all documents to DMV within 90 days	Offense: 1 Count: 1	Assessed: \$1,000 Imposed: \$1,000	
Grip Automotive Inc. DBA Grip Autos CP4693L	Portland	Failure to submit title, fees and all documents to DMV within 90 days	Offense: 2 Counts: 5	Assessed: \$5,000 Imposed: \$5,000	Final Order by Default

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