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**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**TO: All Delaware Dealers**

**FROM: Division of Motor Vehicles**

**RE: MODEL YEAR CHANGEOVER AND SEVEN-YEAR  
REGISTRATION PROGRAM**

The model year changeover on October 1, 2020, changes the new model year vehicles that are allowed the seven-year registration. Effective, October 1, 2020, new current model year vehicles (2021 model year), weighing 10,000 pounds or less, being titled after September 30, 2020, and never titled in or registered in any state, may be initially registered for up to seven (7) years. Previous model-year new vehicles (2020 model year), weighing 10,000 pounds or less being titled after September 30, 2020, and never titled or registered in any state, may be initially registered for up to six (6) years. The fee for registration is calculated by multiplying the yearly registration fee by the number of years the vehicle is to be registered.

**USED VEHICLE NEVER TITLED IN DELAWARE**

The law allows used vehicles to be registered for up to six (6) years without a full inspection depending on the model year of the vehicle. The vehicles are required to have a vehicle identification number (VIN) verification prior to being titled. Dealers should obtain this verification at a Division inspection lane prior to selling the vehicle **or apply for approval to verify their own VINs**. This will ensure a title can be obtained in the event a customer refuses to have the VIN verified.

The attached tables provide information regarding the number of years a vehicle can be registered in the Inspection Exemption Program. Ensure your title specialists and sales people are aware of this program and are provided these charts.

**NOTE:**

Dealer work sent to the Dover Administrative Office for new 2020 and used 2020, 2019, 2018 and 2017 model year vehicles **must be received by September 10, 2020, to ensure seven-, six-, five-, four-, and three-year registrations are processed prior to the model year changeover. After September 10, 2020, dealers who do not send blank checks or credit card information may have their paperwork returned for incorrect funds if the work is not completed before October 1, 2020.**



## NEW VEHICLE TITLE/REGISTRATION CHART

(New vehicles never titled in any state, weighing 10,000 pounds or less, being titled after September 30, 2020.)

VEHICLE MODEL YEAR	SAFETY/EMISSIONS INSPECTION EXEMPTION	REGISTRATION OPTION
2021	YES	1 TO 7 YEARS
2020	YES	1 TO 6 YEARS
2019	YES	1 TO 5 YEARS
2018	YES	1 TO 4 YEARS
2017	YES	1 TO 3 YEARS
2016	YES	1 TO 2 YEARS
2015	YES	1 YEAR ONLY

## USED VEHICLES NEVER TITLED IN DELAWARE TITLE/REGISTRATION CHART

(Used vehicles weighing 10,000 pounds or less being titled after September 30, 2020.

**NOTE: VIN verification required**)

VEHICLE MODEL YEAR	SAFETY/EMISSIONS INSPECTION EXEMPTION	REGISTRATION OPTION
2021	YES	1 TO 6 YEARS
2020	YES	1 TO 6 YEARS
2019	YES	1 TO 5 YEARS
2018	YES	1 TO 4 YEARS
2017	YES	1 TO 3 YEARS
2016	YES	1 TO 2 YEARS
2015	YES	1 YEAR ONLY

## **DELAWARE-TITLED USED VEHICLE TITLE/REGISTRATION RENEWALS CHART**

(Vehicles weighing 10,000 pounds or less, registration expiring after September 30, 2020, renewal must be accomplished within 90 days prior to the registration expiration date.)

**\*\*\*Registration options are restricted by initial Delaware title date\*\*\***

VEHICLE MODEL YEAR	INSPECTION EXEMPTION	REGISTRATION OPTION
2021	YES	1 TO 6 YEARS
2020	YES	1 TO 6 YEARS
2019	YES	1 TO 5 YEARS
2018	YES	1 TO 4 YEARS
2017	YES	1 TO 3 YEARS
2016	YES	1 TO 2 YEARS
2015	YES	1 YEAR ONLY