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2016 NEW DMV FEES Q&A

Q: If a customer has a plate that expires on December 31, 2015 and renews their plate on January 1, 2016 or after, will they be charged the 2015 or 2016 fees?

A: The customer will be charged the 2016 fees. The new fees will be effective on all title and registration work submitted on or after January 1, 2016, regardless of the application or expiration dates.

Q: If a customer has a plate that expires on January 31, 2016 and renews their plate before December 31, 2015, will they be charged the 2015 or 2016 fees?

A: The customer will be charged the 2015 fees.

Q: If I mail in my title work and it is postmarked prior to January 1, 2016, or if I am a dealer and I drop off my dealer work at a License Plate Agency, will I be charged the 2015 fees?

A: Any work that is postmarked or received by the Division or License Plate Agency on or before December 31, 2015 will be charged the 2015 fees.

Q: Will the old forms showing the 2015 fees be accepted on or after January 1, 2016?

A: The old forms will still be accepted; however, the customer will be charged the 2016 fees.

Q: Who determines the fees and potential increases?

A: The new fees were drafted and passed by the North Carolina General Assembly in budget appropriations legislation, House Bill 97.

Q: When did the last fee increase take place?

A: This is the first DMV fee increase in 11 years.

Q: Where are these fee increases applied to? Driver licenses? Vehicle registrations?

A: The legislation applies to vehicle titles and registrations, as well as driver license issuances and renewals on or after January 1, 2016. After that date, interest charged on late registration fees will also be calculated on the new fee amount.

For example, standard Class C driver licenses will increase by \$1 for each year issued, making an 8-year license \$40 and a five-year license card \$25; standard ID cards will be \$13. Vehicle registration will increase by \$8, making the annual registration fee for a standard private passenger vehicle \$36.



Other changes include the elimination of the 10-Day Trip Permit. Instead, vehicles that require temporary registration for transfers, sales, travel or inspections will be issued a 10-Day Temporary Registration Permit. Beginning January 1, 2016, the temporary permit will cost \$10 and must be notarized.

Q: What are the fees used for?

A: Money collected for DMV driver and vehicle fees are put toward state transportation funding. Approximately 85 percent is put into the State Highway Fund, which supports projects that help take care of the state's existing transportation system (replacing bridges, resurfacing highways, paving unpaved secondary roads), and approximately 15 percent is placed in the Strategic Transportation Investment fund, which primarily funds new construction and expansion projects across all modes of transportation.