

Vehicle Licensing Guide

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POLICY	
Title: Well-Drilling Machinery and Specialized Mobile Equipment License Plates	
Effective Date: July 1, 1975	Revision Date: November 25, 2018
Authority: Code of Virginia §§ 46.2-700 , 46.2-1105 , 46.2-1110 , 46.2-1113 , Article 17 (46.2-1122 et seq.), 46.2-1157	
<p>Policy: <<<<<REVISION DMV shall issue special equipment registrations (Equipment Plates-EQ) upon application by the vehicle owner for any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer to which well-drilling machinery is permanently attached and which is used solely for transporting the well-drilling machinery.</p> <p>DMV shall issue special equipment registrations (EQ) upon application by the vehicle owner for specialized mobile equipment that meets all specifications outlined in the Special Equipment Registration table in this procedure.</p> <p>The following vehicles are NOT REQUIRED to be registered under Va. Code Chapter 10 of Title 46.2; however, DMV shall issue either equipment plates or trailer plates upon request and application by the vehicle owner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Motor vehicles that qualify as specialized mobile equipment, but that cannot maintain sustained highway speeds in excess of 40 miles per hour,andTrailers or semitrailers designed and manufactured for a specific purpose that travel on highways only as necessary for the purpose for which it was manufactured, and not designed for the transportation of passengers or property. END REVISION>>>>>	
Exception: N/A	

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DEFINITIONS

Specialized Mobile Equipment - Any self-propelled motor vehicle manufactured for a specific purpose, other than for the transportation of passengers or property, which is used on a job site and whose movement on any highway is incidental to the purpose for which it was designed and manufactured.

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Registrations for specialized mobile equipment and trailers or semitrailers designed for a specific purpose are issued follow the guidelines in the Special Equipment Registration table below:

Special Equipment Registration			
Vehicle Type	Registration Requirements	Trailer Plate	Equipment Plate
Well-drilling Machinery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attached to any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, Used solely for transporting the machinery 	--	✓
Specialized Mobile Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-propelled motor vehicle manufactured for a specific purpose, Can maintain sustained highways speeds of 40 miles per hour or more, Is not designed for transportation of passengers or property, Is used specifically at a job site, Travels on highways only as necessary for the performance of the job it was designed and manufactured to do, Meets all size, and weight requirements¹: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Width: 8 ½ ft. (Va. Code § 46.2-1105) Height: 13 ½ ft. (Va. Code § 46.2-1110) Length: 40 ft. (Va. Code § 46.2-1112) 	--	✓
Specialized Mobile Equipment Registration NOT required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cannot maintain sustained highway speeds of 40 miles per hour or more. 	✓ (Optional)	✓ (Optional)
Trailers & Semitrailers Registration NOT required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designed and manufactured for a specific purpose, Travels on highways only as necessary for the purpose for which it was manufactured, Not designed for transportation of passengers or property, 	✓ (Optional)	✓ (Optional)
¹ The vehicle must be constructed to fall within all size and weight requirements as contained in Va. Code §§ 46.2-1105 , 46.2-1110 , 46.2-1113 and Article 17 (§ 46.2-1122 et seq.) of Chapter 10.			

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CUSTOMER REQUIREMENTS

- The vehicle must be titled in Virginia.
 - If not titled in VA, apply for a certificate of title with the application for license plates following guidelines in [VLIC-3.000](#).
- Submit an application for registration, [VSA 14](#).
 - Empty and gross weight may be the same.
- Pay appropriate fees.
 - Title
 - Sales & Use Tax
 - Registration

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- Verify that the vehicle is titled in Virginia.

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- Verify vehicle eligibility for Equipment Plates with the [Special Equipment Registration](#) table. **END REVISION>>>>>**
- Assure that the application is completed in full and that the customer certifies the vehicle is covered by vehicle liability insurance.
- Collect appropriate fees.

5. Issue plates from the Equipment Plates (EQ) series of plates.
6. Issue registration card. (For trailers or semitrailers, issue only one plate).
 - a. Issue temporary multi-use plates when special equipment plates (EQ series) are not in inventory in accordance with [VLIC-4.225](#).
 - b. Advise the customer they will receive the plates in the mail.

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CONTACT

For additional information contact :

- Your CSC Manager/Assistant Manager
- DMV Contact Center Help Desk at (804) 367-6646

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