



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4738.05 Issuing of license.

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At the time the registrar of motor vehicles grants the application of any person for a license under this chapter, the registrar shall issue to the person a license that shall have provisional status for a period of one hundred eighty days from the date of issuance. At the end of that period and subject to the results of the inspection described in section 4738.071 of the Revised Code of the place of business of the license holder, the license either shall be revoked or shall remain valid and no longer have provisional status. The registrar shall prescribe forms for licenses, and all licenses shall include the name and post office address of the person licensed.

The fee for a motor vehicle salvage dealer's license or a salvage motor vehicle pool license shall be one hundred dollars. In all cases the fee shall accompany the application for license. No fee is required for a salvage motor vehicle auction license.

If a licensee has more than one place of business in the county, the licensee shall make application, in a form as the registrar prescribes, for a certified copy of the license issued to the person for each place of business operated. In the event of the loss, mutilation, or destruction of a license issued under sections 4738.01 to 4738.16 of the Revised Code, any licensee may make application to the registrar, in a form as the registrar prescribes, for a duplicate copy thereof. The fee for a certified or duplicate copy of a license is one dollar. All fees for copies shall accompany the applications.

Beginning on September 16, 2004, all licenses issued or renewed shall expire biennially on a day within the two-year license cycle that is prescribed by the registrar, unless sooner suspended or revoked. Before the first day after the day prescribed by the registrar in the year that the license expires, each motor vehicle salvage dealer, salvage motor vehicle auction, or salvage motor vehicle pool in the year in which the license will expire, shall file an application, in a form as the registrar prescribes, for the renewal of the license. The fee provided in this section for the original license shall accompany the application.