

## **MASTER DEALER DEMONSTRATION LICENSE**

- A. This license is issued on a fiscal year basis (July 1 - June 30) to a licensed dealer for the purpose of demonstrating a new vehicle to a perspective buyer without benefit of a commercial license.
- B. A special Commercial Demonstration Trip Permit is self-issued before such trip is made.
- C. Fees for such license are \$50 per year, or any part thereof; and application is made directly to the Division of Motor Vehicles.

## TEMPORARY COMMERCIAL LICENSING PERMIT

- A. A temporary commercial license permit may be sold to a South Dakota resident or an out-of-state resident.
1. The vehicle must display some other form of current license, which is valid through the life of the temporary commercial permit.
    - a. Some other form of current license may be a noncommercial license plate or a 30-day "sold" dealer paper plate. If a 30-day dealer paper plate is used, however, keep in mind that the temporary commercial permit is only valid as long as the dealer plate is valid.
  2. The temporary commercial permit may be sold in 30-day increments (30, 60, 90, 120, etc.) for up to one year. There is no limit on the number of temporary commercial license permits that can be sold. An applicant is required to file the federal heavy vehicle use tax and provide proof of the filing by providing DMV with a copy of the IRS verified form for the licensing period (please indicate on the proof of filing that it was in connection with the issuance of a temporary commercial permit).
  3. A temporary commercial license permit may be used to temporarily increase the tonnage on a commercial licensed vehicle.
    - a. The permit fee is assessed according to the 30-day permit fee schedule. Remember the total permit fee is charged, not the difference resulting from the increased tonnage.

## PERMITS

- A. Temporary registration permit.
1. Free temporary registration permits, that can be completed by the county treasurer, will be available for emergency situations when the system is not operational. (Under most circumstances, the permit is issued for a five-day period.)
    - a. A title or bill of sale must be available for inspection.
- B. 5-15 day temporary permit.
1. A 5-15 day temporary license permit will be available to allow temporary noncommercial operation of a vehicle.
  2. The permit is purchased from a county treasurer for a period from 5 to 15 consecutive days.
  3. The fee for the permit is \$1 per day for each day the permit is requested. The minimum fee is \$5.
  4. Only one permit should be issued yearly per motor vehicle.
  5. An applicant must be in possession of either a title in the applicant's name, a title properly assigned to the applicant, or a bill of sale that lists the applicant as the purchaser of the vehicle.
  6. The title or bill of sale must be available for inspection by a peace officer when the vehicle is being moved.
  7. A temporary permit can be used on a vehicle hauling a load, as long as the operation is noncommercial.
  8. The permit information (vehicle, year, make and VIN/HIN) will be entered into the system.
  9. The reason the permit is needed must be entered (list of possible reasons will be displayed).
  10. Sale of any subsequent permit for the same vehicle within a one-year period will require entry of a comment as to why a second permit is being issued.
  11. When a permit is issued on a vehicle that is titled in South Dakota, the permit will be tied to the vehicle title record.
- C. Commercial permit.
1. The owner of a commercial vehicle who has returned the current commercial plates and has since shown a need to operate this motor vehicle (unladen operation) on the highway can obtain a temporary commercial single-trip permit from the Highway Patrol.
  2. The fee for a commercial single trip permit is \$15.
- D. Plate ordered permit.
1. This permit allows the operation of a vehicle during the interval between application for special plates and the arrival of new plates.
  2. The permit is valid for 30 days or until the plates arrive, whichever occurs first.

3. When application is made for a plate ordered permit, the system will check for suspensions (financial responsibility), title record status (title only, junking certificate, parts only, junk, surrendered out-of-state, off-road, interstate or suspended) and plate type, A (noncommercial), L (motor home), G (gross weight), M (motorcycle).
  4. The system will deny issuance unless the vehicle to which the plates will be attached is titled in the applicant's name or is a pending title in the name of the permit applicant.
- E. Seller's permit.
1. A private seller must obtain a temporary license permit that allows a buyer to drive during the interval between purchase and registration.
  2. Duration of the permit is 30 days.
  3. No fee is charged for the permit since registration fees are assessed from the date of sale.
  4. If a second permit is requested (same owner/vehicle combination), justification is required.
  5. The system will check for suspensions and title record status.
  6. Failure of a seller to provide the permit to a purchaser upon sale of a vehicle is a class 2 misdemeanor.
  7. A seller can obtain a seller's permit on-line at [SDcars.org](http://SDcars.org)
  8. A seller's permit cannot be issued for a boat or a snowmobile.
- F. Dealer 30-day sold permit.
1. The dealer may issue sold permits manually.
  2. Permits may be issued off of the system in conjunction with a dealer pending title, or in the case of when a vehicle is sold and the title is not available at the time or when the vehicle is sold out-of-state, the dealer can create a report of sale since there is no pending title record, which then allows a dealer to create a 30-day sold permit off the system.
  3. Issuance of a 30-day permit off the system when a dealer does not have title in-hand or when a vehicle is sold requires the dealer to create a report of sale. **A DEALER CANNOT CREATE A PENDING TITLE RECORD WITHOUT HAVING TITLE IN HAND.**
- G. Manufactured home permit.
1. Single trip permit to move a manufactured home (county issued or dealer self-issued) is issued off of the system. [At some point, the affidavit of tax paid will be issued off the system and the system will send a notice containing the information on the permit to the DOE in the county of origin, the DOE in the county of destination, and the county treasurer in the county of destination, if different than the county of origin.]
- H. Physically disabled person parking permit.
1. In the future: the disabled person parking permit system will be incorporated into the new SDcars system. Until then, the present mainframe system is used.

I. 30-day commercial permit.

1. In the future: the permit information may be entered into the SDcars system.

## HARVEST PERMIT

### A. Resident harvesters.

1. South Dakota residents engaged in custom harvesting must comply with the commercial licensing laws.
2. Residents who have their vehicles licensed commercially must display on each power unit a license sufficient to cover the total gross weight of the vehicle and its load, plus any trailer and its load. Trailers may display identification plates. South Dakota commercially licensed vehicles are not required to purchase trip permits, temporary commercial license, or harvest permits.
3. Residents who have their vehicles licensed noncommercially and wish to commercially harvest in South Dakota must purchase temporary commercial license or harvest permits. A harvest permit is required for each power unit and for each grain hauling trailer (regardless of whether the trailer displays an ID plate).
4. Noncommercially licensed custom combiners must purchase a trip permit in order to travel in the state unless they display temporary commercial license or harvest permits.
5. Pickups and service trucks carrying over 500 pounds of harvest equipment, tools or fuel supplies will be required to display some form of commercial license (trip permits, South Dakota commercial license, temporary commercial license, or harvest permits).
6. Passenger vehicles, mobile homes, and camper vehicles are not required to purchase trip permits or display a commercial license.
7. An operator who purchases a temporary commercial license for harvest purposes should display the temporary commercial sticker in the lower center of his windshield to allow for easier and quicker identification by law enforcement officers.
8. Farmers who are temporarily engaged in custom harvesting are treated like any other custom combiner.
9. Farmers who are harvesting their own fields are not required to purchase trip permits, temporary commercial license, or harvest permits.

### B. Nonresident harvester.

1. Nonresidents engaged in the custom harvest in South Dakota must purchase harvest permits for each vehicle hauling grain. A permit is required for each power unit and for each grain hauling trailer. Harvest permits exempt nonresidents from all other South Dakota registration requirements.
2. Passenger vehicles, empty trucks and empty pick-ups pulling mobile homes or camper trailers are not required to pay additional license fees.
3. Pickups and service trucks carrying over 500 pounds of harvest equipment, tools or fuel supplies will be required to display some form of commercial license (trip permits, South Dakota commercial license plates, temporary commercial license or a harvest permit -- collections in accordance with base plate covering that particular vehicle (\*).
4. Trucks loaded with or pulling combines or other harvest equipment will be treated like any other loaded truck and considered according to the base license of the vehicle (\*).

5. Vehicles displaying a valid harvest permit will not be required to purchase a trip permit for their travel into or through the state.

\* Prorate States -- Three axle combinations having a gross vehicle weight in excess of 12,000 pounds must buy trip permits or purchase a harvest permit.

C. Custom combiners "Harvest Permit".

1. SDCL 32-9-3.1. Fee required of harvest vehicle -- Sticker -- Collection of Fees -Violation as misdemeanor. Any motor vehicle or trailer owned and operated by a resident or a nonresident engaged in the harvest of agriculture products may be operated upon the highways, roads and streets of this state upon payment of a seventy-five dollar fee. Payment of the fee shall be evidenced by a sticker provided by the division affixed in a conspicuous place on the vehicle as the division may require. The stickers, which are valid for a calendar year, shall be purchased from the county treasurer of any county through which the owner or operator may travel, an inspector at a port-of-entry, or any other agent designated by the division. All fees collected shall be handled, accounted for, and distributed in the same manner as the other fees provided for in this chapter. Violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. A permit is required for each truck or tractor and for each grain hauling trailer.

2. Harvest permits are sold to vehicles that will be utilized to haul agricultural products or to service harvesting equipment, and are available to both foreign and South Dakota licensed harvesters. (A permit is required for each truck or tractor and for each grain hauling trailer.)

3. Passenger vehicles, mobile homes, service pick-ups and camper vehicles will not be required to display a harvest permit. However, service trucks carrying harvest equipment, tools or fuel supplies will be required to display some form of commercial license (trip permits, South Dakota commercial license plates, temporary commercial license or a harvest permit.)

4. The harvest permit must be displayed in the lower center of the windshield.

5. Harvest permits are valid only while actually involved in custom harvest operations during the period of January 1 through December 31 of each calendar year. The cost of each permit is \$75.

6. Harvest permits may be obtained from any county treasurer, port-of-entry, South Dakota Highway Patrol district office, Highway Patrol trooper, or any motor carrier inspector. Permits may also be obtained by sending a check or money order along with a copy of the current registration for each vehicle to be permitted to:

District Four Headquarters  
South Dakota Highway Patrol  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

7. Enforcement action may be taken against any carrier or custom harvester who fails to comply with South Dakota permit requirements.

8. For information on other permits that may be required (fuel, oversize, overwidth, etc.) the applicant should be advised to contact one of the ports-of-entry listed below:

Sisseton..... (605) 698-3925  
Sioux Falls...(605) 757-6406  
Tilford.....(605) 347-2671  
McCook.....(605) 232-9106

