

4501:1-7-08

**Vehicle registration renewal by electronic means.**

- (A) As used in this chapter, "electronic means" includes transmissions by telephone and over the internet, and any other electronic transmissions approved by the registrar of motor vehicles.
- (B) Any owner of a motor vehicle who receives a vehicle registration renewal notice stating that he or she is eligible to apply for registration renewal by electronic means pursuant to rule 4501:1-7-07 of the Administrative Code may apply to renew the registration for that vehicle in accordance with the provisions of this rule.
- (C) The registrar shall establish a telephone number and an internet web site, and may establish other media, for receiving vehicle renewal applications by electronic means.
- (D) If, upon receipt of a registration renewal notice, the owner of the motor vehicle chooses to register it by electronic means, the owner may begin the process by accessing the telephone number, web site, or other electronic site established by the registrar. The site established by the registrar shall contain in electronic form essentially the same information contained in the registration renewal notice. The vehicle owner shall verify the information contained therein, affix the owner's electronic signature, and return it together with payment of all the registration taxes and fees due to the registrar by electronic means, all in accordance with this rule and any instructions prescribed by the registrar. The registrar may permit a vehicle owner to renew a vehicle registration by electronic means whether or not the owner actually received the original registration renewal notice.
- (E) The electronic media shall contain all essential registration application information, including access to all necessary information regarding Ohio's financial responsibility laws. The vehicle owner shall verify that the registration information is correct, that the owner has been given notice of Ohio's financial responsibility laws, and that the owner has in effect and will maintain vehicle liability insurance or other acceptable financial responsibility coverage in compliance with Ohio's financial responsibility laws.
- (F) The registrar shall prescribe the elements which constitute the owner's electronic signature for vehicle registration renewal purposes. The elements may include, but are not limited to, the vehicle's license plate number, the owner's social security or taxpayer identification number, a personal identification number (PIN) assigned by the registrar, a derivative of any of the foregoing numbers, or any other electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated the registration record. Compliance with the elements prescribed by the registrar shall evidence the owner's intent to sign the registration application and shall constitute the signature of the vehicle owner.

- (G) The registrar shall specify the financial transaction devices which are acceptable for payment of all the registration taxes, fees, contributions, and other charges due with the renewal application in compliance with the provisions of section 113.40 of the Revised Code. the vehicle owner shall submit payment of all the taxes, fees, contributions, and other charges by electronic means in accordance with the registrar's instructions.
- (H) The registrar may reject any application for renewal registration by electronic means if the application does not comply with any applicable statute, any applicable rule, or any of the instructions prescribed by the registrar.
- (I) In carrying out the registrar's duties under this rule, the registrar may contract with outside sources to process any information, send and receive any information or notices, and take any actions on behalf of the registrar as the registrar may prescribe.

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