



Procedural Quick Update

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RE: Requirements to Change Declared Gross Vehicle Weight (DGVW)
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To: All MVD
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[This is the latest in a series of procedural updates. These updates deal with specific MVD procedures and practices. Managers and Supervisors should consistently distribute the updates to all personnel and integrate them into regular information and training sessions.]

DGVW is declared by the owner for registration and fee purposes. No VIN inspection or letter is required. Changes to DGVW must be processed as a *title change*.

DGVW Declared by Owner

The DGVW is the maximum gross vehicle weight or gross combination vehicle weight at which a vehicle or combination will be operated during the registration period, as declared by the registrant for registration and fee purposes. The vehicle or combination shall have only one declared gross weight for all operating considerations. The owner declares what the DGVW will be.

What's Not Required

No VIN inspection or letter is required to process a DGVW change.

What is Required

A title is required to change DGVW. DGVW can't be changed in the registration modules. It can only be changed in the title module.

The Process

- The owner signs the title application acknowledging the information is correct.
- If there is a lien on the vehicle, the owner will need to get the lienholder to release the title to NM to make the change.

Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)

- Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) is the weight of a loaded vehicle. It is not the same as DGVW.

- This scenario is the exception: If the vehicle has a DGWV of 8000 lbs. and the owner loads the vehicle so the loaded weight of that vehicle is 8000 lbs., then GVW and DGWV will be the same.
- GVWR is the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of the vehicle as determined by the manufacturer.
- GVWR cannot be changed.

What You Need to Do

Follow the process outlined above. Process all DGWV changes as title changes.
Remember: No VIN inspection or letter is required.

Field office managers and supervisors should refer any comments or questions regarding this Procedural Quick Update to their Bureau Chiefs, with cc to kimberly.hamerdinger@state.nm.us.
