

## MVD Procedural Quick Update

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**RE: School Buses – Permanent Registration**  
**Effective date: July 1, 2007**

Date: December 4, 2007  
To: All MVD  
From: Mac Lewis, MVD Policy and Procedures Manager

*[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.]*

**Effective July 1, 2007, a school bus may be registered on a permanent basis, without the requirement of renewal. Permanent registration may be elected at the time the school bus is initially registered or at any time on or after a school bus's first annual registration renewal date.**

SB648 (2007) adds a new Sec. 66-3-30 and amends Sec. 66-6-12 to allow permanent registration of school buses without the requirement of renewals.

The new Sec. 66-3-30 provides that, "A school district, another public entity or a school bus contractor may register a school bus that it owns on a permanent basis, without the requirement of renewal, at the time the school bus is initially registered with the department and issued a certificate of title or subsequent to initial registration at the next registration renewal date."

In practice, MVD will accept permanent registration at the time the school bus is initially registered or at any time on or after a school bus's first annual registration renewal date. However, permanent registration accepted at a time other than the regular annual renewal date will not result in any pro rate refund of the annual fee.

Fees for permanent registration, including administration and transaction fees, total:

- \$146.00 for permanent registration of a school bus upon initial registration; or
- \$103.00 for permanent registration at any time on or after a bus's first annual registration renewal date.

MVD 2.0 is now programmed to accept permanent registration of a school bus. In addition, the system will now print a sticker indicating permanent registration with the letters "PRM" under the REG. EXP. DATE.

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Field office managers and supervisors should refer any comments or questions regarding this Procedural Quick Update to their Bureau Chiefs, with cc to [mac.lewis@state.nm.us](mailto:mac.lewis@state.nm.us). Others are encouraged to direct comments or questions directly to Mac Lewis, MVD Policy and Procedure Manager, at [mac.lewis@state.nm.us](mailto:mac.lewis@state.nm.us).

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