



CHAPTER 20
ARTICLE 3 - MOTOR VEHICLE ACT OF 1937

N.C.G.S. § 20-50.

Owner to secure registration and certify -
icate of title; temporary registration
markers.

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§ 20-50(a) A vehicle intended to be operated upon any highway of this State must be registered with the Division in accordance with G.S. 20-52, and the owner of the vehicle must comply with G.S. 20-52 before operating the vehicle. A vehicle that is leased to an individual who is a resident of this State is a vehicle intended to be operated upon a highway of this State.

The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or the Commissioner's duly authorized agent is empowered to grant a special one-way trip permit to move a vehicle without license upon good cause being shown. When the owner of a vehicle leases the vehicle to a carrier of passengers or property and the vehicle is actually used by the carrier in the operation of its business, the license plates may be obtained by the lessee, upon written consent of the owner, after the certificate of title has been obtained by the owner. When the owner of a vehicle leases the vehicle to a farmer and the vehicle is actually used by the farmer in the operation of a farm, the license plates may be obtained by the farmer at the applicable farmer rate, upon written consent of the owner, after the certificate of title has been obtained by the owner. The lessee shall make application on an appropriate form furnished by the Division and file such evidence of the lease as the Division may require.

§ 20-50(b) The Division may issue a temporary license plate for a vehicle. A temporary license plate is valid for the period set by the Division. The period may not be less than 10 days nor more than 60 days.

03	1945	c. 956, s. 3	AMENDED
04	1947	c. 219, s. 2	AMENDED
05	1953	c. 831, s. 3	AMENDED
06	1957	c. 246, s. 2	AMENDED
07	1961	c. 360, s. 1	AMENDED
08	1963	c. 552, s. 1	AMENDED
09	1973	c. 919	AMENDED
10	1975	c. 462	AMENDED
11	1975	c. 716, s. 5	AMENDED
12	1975	c. 767, s. 1	AMENDED
13	1995	c. 394, s. 1	AMENDED
14	1999	S.L. 1999-438, s. 26	AMENDED
15	2005	S.L. 2005-276, s. 44.1(i)	AMENDED
16	2015	S.L. 2015-241, s. 29.35(b)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
2 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 20-52	(a)	<i>"with the Division in accordance with"</i>
G.S. 20-63	(b)(6)	<i>"The provisions of"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-50 (2015).

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