



The Benefits of Farm Plates

Farm Plates are reduced fee commercial plates for farm businesses with valid Farm Business Registration (FBR). Only vehicles built on a truck chassis, including pick-up trucks, are eligible for farm plates. All farm businesses in Ontario with annual gross income of at least \$7,000 are required to register the farm business with Agricornp. Visit <https://www.agricorp.com/en-ca/Pages/Default.aspx> to register or renew your FBR. Visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/register-farm-vehicle-permit-licence-plate-and-sticker> for Service Ontario information about farm plates.

You can apply for a farm plate if you:

- register a commercial vehicle that weighs over 3,000 kg,
- are a farmer, and
- earn \$7000 or more gross income annually from a farming business

There are three benefits of farm license plates on their farm truck;

1. Lower annual plate fees compared to other commercial plate fees:

Annual farm plate fees are less than other commercial plate fees. Current discounts are between \$108.25 to \$3,447.50, depending on registered vehicle weights between 3,001 and 63,500 kg.

2. Option to drive a Class D truck with a G or G2 driver's license:

Farmers and farm employees with a G or G2 license may drive the farmer's Class D farm-plated trucks or combinations (registered weight over 11,000 kg), to or from a farm, for the farmer's personal use or the unpaid transport of farm products, supplies or equipment. Farm plated trucks may conduct paid hauling from September through November. To operate a farm truck with air brakes the driver must have a Z air brake endorsement.

G2 drivers cannot drive Class D trucks with air brakes or drive Class D trucks for-hire. G1 drivers cannot drive Class D trucks.

3. Limited Dangerous Goods Exemption: *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, Canada*

For farming purposes, farm plated trucks are exempt from documentation, placarding and driver-training requirements, to transport up to 1,500 kg of dangerous goods, 6,000 L of agricultural pesticides in a single container or 10,000 litres of Anhydrous Ammonia in a single container, for a distance up to 100 km. The Dangerous Goods Exemption does not apply to explosives, flammable or toxic gases, infectious or radioactive substances.

An open farm plated truck, including a pickup, is exempt from documentation and training requirements to transport up to 2,000 L of gasoline and diesel in securely mounted, approved

containers. Individual Containers cannot exceed 454 L and containers must display Class 3 Dangerous Goods Safety Marks visible from outside the vehicle.

DriveON Emissions Testing

Commercial vehicles need regular inspections. There are different types of inspections:

- **Annual** and semi-annual inspections are completed by a licensed technician at a certified [DriveON Vehicle Inspection Centre](#). This inspection can be used as a Safety Standards Certificate for 36 days after the inspection date.
- **Preventative** maintenance inspections are part of an operator's maintenance plan and schedule and must be performed by a qualified technician at prescribed intervals.
- **Daily** inspections are completed by the driver or other person on behalf of the operator.

The annual HEAVY-DUTY emissions test is required for diesel commercial motor vehicles and buses with a registered gross weight over 4,500 kg and:

- at least seven model years old at licence plate sticker renewal; or
- older than the current model production year when registered to a new owner

Emissions test Exemption for light-duty and passenger vehicles

You do not need an emissions test for a vehicle:

- under 4,500 kg registered gross weight, or
- over 4,500 kg that *does not* run on diesel.

Police or MTO enforcement officers can stop and inspect any vehicle emitting excessive exhaust, or if they believe that the emission control equipment is damaged or removed.