

ARTICLE 351
Licensing

<p>351.01 Registration, certificate of title required.</p> <p>351.02 Registration card.</p> <p>351.03 Display of registration plates.</p> <p>351.04 Operation of vehicle without evidence of registration; use of temporary facsimile.</p> <p>351.05 Improper use of registration card, plate or permit.</p> <p>351.06 Operator or chauffeur license required.</p>	<p>351.07 Persons exempt from license.</p> <p>351.08 Display of license.</p> <p>351.09 Certain acts prohibited.</p> <p>351.10 Driving under suspension or revocation.</p> <p>351.11 Owner or operator allowing another to drive.</p> <p>351.99 Penalty.</p>
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CROSS REFERENCES

Impounding unlicensed vehicle – see TRAF. 303.07
Illumination of license plate – see TRAF. 345.05(c)

351.01 REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATE OF TITLE REQUIRED.

No person shall drive or move and no owner shall knowingly permit to be driven or moved upon any street or highway any vehicle of a type required to be registered under West Virginia Code Chapter 17-A which is not registered or for which a certificate of title has not been issued or applied for or for which the appropriate fee has not been paid when and as required, except as otherwise permitted by the provisions therein: provided, that in the event of the sale of a vehicle by a person other than a registered dealer, the person purchasing the same may, for a period of not more than ten days, operate such vehicle under the registration of its previous owner and display the registration thereof: provided further that he shall have and display on the demand of any proper officer the consent in writing of such previous owner so to use such registration.
(WVaC 17A-3-1)

351.02 REGISTRATION CARD.

Every owner upon receipt of a registration card shall write his signature thereon with pen and ink in the space provided. Every such registration card shall at all times be carried in the vehicle to which it refers or shall be carried by the person driving or in control of such vehicle who shall display the same upon demand of a police officer or any officer or employee of the Department of Motor Vehicles.
(WVaC 17A-3-13)

Any person holding a valid chauffeur's license hereunder need not procure an operator's license.

Any person licensed as an operator or chauffeur as provided in this Traffic Code may exercise the privilege thereby granted as provided in this Traffic Code and, except as otherwise provided by law, shall not be required to obtain any other license to exercise such privilege.

(WVaC 17B-2-1)

351.07 PERSONS EXEMPT FROM LICENSE.

The following persons are exempt from the license required under Section 351.06:

- (a) Any person while operating a motor vehicle in the armed services of the United States while in the performance of his official duties;
- (b) A nonresident who is at least sixteen years of age and who has in his immediate possession a valid operator's license issued to him in his home state or country may operate a motor vehicle in this Municipality only as an operator for a period not to exceed ninety days in any one calendar year;
- (c) A nonresident who is at least sixteen years of age, who has in his immediate possession a valid operator's license issued to him in his home state or country and who is employed in this State, or owns, maintains or operates a place or places of business in this State, or engages in any trade, profession or occupation in this State, in addition to the driving privileges extended under subsection (b) hereof, may operate a motor vehicle in this Municipality only as an operator in traveling to and from his place or places of employment, place or places of business or place or places at which he engages in such trade, profession or occupation and in the discharge of the duties of his employment, business, trade, profession or occupation if such duties are such that if performed by a resident of the State of West Virginia over the age of eighteen years such resident would not be required to be licensed as a chauffeur;
- (d) A nonresident who is at least eighteen years of age and who has in his immediate possession a valid chauffeur's license issued to him in his home state or country may operate a motor vehicle in this Municipality either as a chauffeur subject to the age limits applicable to chauffeurs in this State, or as an operator subject to the limitations imposed on nonresident operators in subsections (b) and (c) hereof;
- (e) Any person who is a student, properly enrolled and registered in an accredited school, college or university in this State, who is at least sixteen years of age and who has in his immediate possession a valid operator's license issued to him in his home state, notwithstanding the limitations of subsection (b) and (c) hereof may operate a motor vehicle in this Municipality only as an operator. Provided, that the state of which he is a resident extends the same privileges to residents of this State. This exemption shall be cancelled immediately when such student is graduated from school, college or university or is expelled or ceases to be a student.

(WVaC 17B-2-2)