

MVA Alert

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This MVA Alert is to clarify when a dealer, title service or leasing company may not process a transaction if the vehicle is flagged with the Comptroller's Office or Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR) code.

The MVA or Electronic Registration and Titling (ERT) participants may not renew/transfer license plates for any vehicle if the applicant has not paid all undisputed taxes and unemployment insurance contributions payable to the Comptroller or DLLR. Vehicle Transactions that may not be processed are:

- Registration Renewal
- Replacement Tag Renewal
- Substitute Tag
- Substitute Sticker
- A Titling transaction in which the customer is transferring the tag to another vehicle (i.e. Tag Transfer).
- A Titling transaction in which the customer is transferring and renewing the tag to another vehicle (i.e. Tag Transfer with Renewal (this includes plates being repurchased under a new class, i.e. War of 1812, personalized, or any special tags, etc.)

The registration records of the MVA will be flagged upon notification by the Comptroller's office or DLLR. However, the initial notification letter from the MVA to the customer will not be sent until 120 days prior to the expiration of their registration. In addition, 60 days prior to the expiration of the registration, the standard flag notification letter, Form VR-278, from the MVA will be sent in lieu of the registration renewal notice.

Contact information for the Comptroller's Office and DLLR for the various flags will be provided to customers on the notification letters. The Comptroller's Office/DLLR will provide the release letters when the customer has satisfied their obligation.

A \$30.00 Administrative Flag fee will **not** be charged for the Comptroller or DLLR flags.

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