

Status of Permitted Vehicles

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The following regulations address EMS vehicle permits:

- [12VAC5-31-640. EMS vehicle permit requirement.](#)
- [12VAC5-31-650. Temporary EMS vehicle permit.](#)
 - Temporary Permits are requested through the agency portal
- [12VAC5-31-670. Display of EMS vehicle permit.](#)
- [12VAC5-31-690. Renewal of an EMS vehicle permit.](#)

There are two categories of EMS vehicle permit, Transport and Non-Transport. Transport permits are issued to Star of Life certified ambulances and appropriate aircraft. Non-Transport permits are issued to vehicles that fall into to one of these sub-categories:

- Fire Apparatus
- Quick Response Vehicles such as SUV's and Pick-Up Trucks
- Watercraft
- Aircraft that may respond to a scene with providers, but not have transport capability

Each EMS Agency is designated as one or more of the following on their agency license:

- Air Ambulance
- Ground Ambulance - ALS
- Ground Ambulance - BLS
- Neonatal Ambulance
- Non Transport First Response - ALS
- Non Transport First Response - BLS

Vehicle Permits list the status of the vehicle as either "Active" or "Reserve":

- Reserve vehicles are not required to be equipped until they are placed in service; at that time they must be properly equipped.
- Unless out of service for repair, vehicles with "Reserve" permits that have been placed in service and those vehicles with "Active" vehicle permits must be appropriately stocked as mandated by:
 - [12VAC5-31-860. Required vehicle equipment.](#)

As mentioned above, all vehicles are permitted as either "Transport" or "Non-Transport". The determination of

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whether a vehicle has BLS or ALS capabilities is determined designation on the EMS Agency License and by the equipment and staffing of the vehicle:

- BLS Non-Transport vehicles: [12VAC5-31-860. Required vehicle equipment; Section A](#) and staffed in accordance with [12VAC5-31-1210. Nontransport response vehicle staffing.](#)
- Ground Ambulance: [12VAC5-31-860. Required vehicle equipment; Section B](#) and staffed in accordance with [12VAC5-31-1230. Ground ambulance staffing requirements.](#)
- In order to have Advanced Life Support capabilities, the equipment listed in [12VAC5-31-860. Required vehicle equipment; Section D](#) must be carried in addition to the requirements for Ground Ambulances and Non-Transport vehicles.
- Ground Ambulances with Advanced Life Support capabilities must meet the following regulation:
 - [12VAC5-31-1250. Advanced life support vehicle transport.](#)

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