



CHEROKEE NATION TAX COMMISSION
MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
RULES AND REGULATIONS

CHAPTER	1	GENERAL PROVISIONS	SUBSECTION	A	GENERAL PROVISIONS
REGULATION #	MV:01-1-102		DEFINITIONS		
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The following definitions shall apply to the enumerated terms throughout these regulations.

- A. Act – shall mean Legislative Act entitled “The Cherokee Nation Motor Vehicle Licensing and Tax Code” # 01-01 as amended.
- B. At Large Jurisdiction – shall mean, for the purposes of the Motor Vehicle Compact only: all of the state of Oklahoma.
- C. Administrator – shall mean the Administrator of the Commission.
- D. Cherokee Nation Compact Jurisdiction – Shall include all areas located within those boundaries described by the patents of 1838 and 1846 diminished only by the Treaty of July 19, 1866 and the act of March 3, 1893, and shall further encompass the entirety of the areas delineated by the State of Oklahoma as Mayes County, Rogers County, Wagoner County, Tulsa County and Muskogee County.
- E. Commercial Trailer – shall mean any trailer used primarily for the transportation of goods in the ordinary course of any trade or business.
- F. Commercial Vehicle – shall mean any vehicle used primarily for the transportation of persons or goods in the ordinary course of any trade or business.
- G. Commission – shall mean the Cherokee Nation Tax Commission.
- H. Eligible Vehicle – shall mean any Vehicle which is owned by a Tribal Citizen who resides within the Reservation Boundaries of the Cherokee Nation.
- I. Extended Jurisdiction – shall mean, for the purposes of the Motor Vehicle Compact only: the area that lies within the boundaries of the Cherokee Nation jurisdiction which includes all of Mayes, Muskogee, Rogers, Tulsa, & Wagoner Counties.
- J. Farm Tractor – shall mean any Vehicle owned by a farmer.
- K. Farm Trailer – shall mean any Trailer owned by a farmer for the purpose of transporting farm animals or products to market and not for commercial or industrial purposes.
- L. Farm Truck – shall mean pickup, truck, or truck tractor used primarily for agricultural purposes. For purposes of farm truck registration eligibility. “Pickup” means a small, light truck with an open back or box used for hauling and designed primarily for the carrying of property, rather than people and “truck” mean a motor vehicle designed or converted primarily for carrying or hauling farm commodities, property, livestock, or equipment, rather than people. MSO/Titles/Registrations must be classified under body; model as pickup or truck. Vans, wagons, and sport utility vehicles shall not be eligible to carry a Farm Truck tag.

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- M. Motorcycles – shall mean any two or three-wheeled personal vehicle.
- N. Nation – shall mean Cherokee Nation.
- O. Person – shall mean natural person or legal entity legally competent to hold title to a vehicle.
- P. Purchase Price – shall mean price of vehicle, excluding credit for any trade-in, rebate or discount.
- Q. Purchase Price (At Large) – shall mean price of vehicle; may include a deduction for any dealer rebates or discounts; **trade-in shall be calculated only on the difference between the value of the trade-in vehicle and the actual sale price of the vehicle being purchased.** ~~; may not include deduction for any traded-in vehicle.~~
- R. Reservation Boundaries of the Cherokee Nation – shall mean the territorial boundaries the Nation as they existed as of January 1, 1900.
- S. Personal Vehicle – shall mean any vehicle. Personal Vehicle shall not include a Commercial, Farm Truck, Farm Trailer, or a Recreational Vehicle.
- T. Rebuilt Vehicle – shall mean any salvage vehicle which has been rebuilt and inspected for the purpose of registration and title with the Cherokee Nation, another tribe or state.
- U. Recreational Vehicle – shall mean any vehicle that is equipped to serve as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping or travel purposes and is used solely as a family or personal conveyance.
- V. Salvage Vehicle – shall mean any vehicle which is within the last (10) model years and has been damaged by collision or other occurrence to the extent that the cost of repairing the vehicle for safe operation on the highway exceeds sixty percent (60%) of its fair market value, immediately prior to the damage.
- W. Trailer – shall mean any portable structure having two or more wheels.
- X. Tribal Citizen – shall mean any person who is duly enrolled as a member of the Cherokee Nation pursuant to the Cherokee Nation Membership Act, L.A. 6-92, as amended.
- Y. Vehicle – shall mean any wheeled conveyance for carrying persons or property capable of being propelled under its own power.
- Z. Manufactured Home – shall mean any structures transportable in one or more sections built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as dwellings with or without permanent foundations.
- AA. Physical Disability – shall mean an illness, disease, injury, or condition by reason of which a person;
1. Cannot walk two hundred (200) feet without stopping to rest.
 2. Cannot walk without the use of assistance from a brace, cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic device, wheelchair or other assistance device.
 3. Is restricted to such an extent that the person's forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for one (1) second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one (1) liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty (60) mm/hg on room air at rest.
 4. Must use portable oxygen.
 5. Has physical limitations which are classified in severity as Class III or Class IV according to standards set by the American Heart Association.
 6. Is severely limited in the person's ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological or orthopedic condition.
 7. Is certified legally blind.
 8. Is missing one or more limbs.



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- BB. Assembled Vehicle – shall mean a vehicle from which major components from two or more vehicles are being incorporated into a single unit.
- CC. Major Component – shall mean a body or cab, frame, and front end or rear end clip, if the public VIN is changed.
- DD. Abandoned Vehicle - shall mean an article of personal property, any service rendered to the owner thereof by furnishing material, labor or skill for the protection, improvement, safekeeping, towing, storage or carriage thereof, has a special lien thereon, dependent on possession, for the compensation, if any, which is due such person from the owner for such service; or a vehicle that is determined to be abandoned by Cherokee Nation District Court after proper public notice is given so an unknown owner or interest holders may attend court proceedings to protest legal change of ownership.
- EE. All-Terrain Vehicle – shall mean a motorized vehicle manufactured and used exclusively for off highway use which is sixty (60) inches or less in width, with an un-laden dry weight of one thousand five hundred (1,500) pounds or less, traveling on two or more low-pressure tires.
- FF. Street Legal Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) – shall mean a vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine, or rotator displacement of four hundred cubic centimeters (400cc) or more or by an electric engine and capable of speeds of 45 mph or greater, safety belts or shoulder harness for each occupant, bench seat or side by side seat, four wheels in contact with the ground but excluding tractor.
- GG. Off Road Motorcycles – ORM's shall mean motorcycles manufactured for and used exclusively off roads, highways, and any other paved surfaces. Small street or sidewalk mini-motorcycles or scooters are not included in this category.
- HH. Mini-truck – shall mean a foreign manufactured import or domestic manufactured vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine with a piston or rotor displacement of one thousand cubic centimeters (1,000 cu cm) or less, which is sixty-seven (67) inches or less in width, with an un-laden dry weight of three thousand four hundred (3,400) pounds or less, traveling on four or more tires, having a top speed of approximately fifty-five (55) miles per hour, equipped with a bed or compartment for hauling, and having an enclosed passenger cab.
- II. Low Speed Electrical Vehicle – shall mean any four-wheeled electrical vehicle that is powered by an electric motor that draws current from rechargeable storage batteries or other sources of electrical current and whose top speed is greater than twenty (20) miles per hour but not greater than twenty-five (25) miles per hour and is manufactured in compliance with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration standards for low-speed vehicles.
- JJ. Medium Speed Electrical Vehicle – shall mean any self propelled, electrically powered four-wheeled motor vehicle, equipped with a roll cage or crush-proof body, whose speed attainable in one (1) mile is more than thirty (30) miles per hour but not greater than thirty-five (35) miles per hour.