



Helpful Tips to Consider BEFORE & AFTER You Purchase a Used or Previously Registered Boat

BEFORE PURCHASE

To Transfer a boat/motor from one LA Resident to another LA resident:

- ✓ Be sure to call our LDWF Licensing Department to verify that the name of the current registered owner of the boat is the person that is currently selling the boat. LDWF Licensing Department will need the LA Registration# or Hull ID#.
- ✓ The Licensing Department can recognize if there is a title. If there is one, you must request that the original title be surrendered to you at the time of sale.
- ✓ If the title is reassigned on the back, it must be notarized.
- ✓ Obtain a completed Bill of Sale or Act of Donation form from the person with whom you are purchasing the boat/motor. Be sure the bill of sale or act of donation identifies the boat by LA# or Hull ID number.

To register a boat/motor from out of state and brought into Louisiana:

- ✓ Obtain the out of state registration information from the registered owner.
- ✓ Call the Licensing Department from that state of transfer to recognize if there is a title issued & request the original from the seller if there is one, making sure it is notarized if necessary.
- ✓ Obtain a completed Bill of Sale or Act of Donation form from the person with whom you are purchasing the boat/motor. Be sure the bill of sale or act of donation identifies the boat by LA# or Hull ID number.

AFTER PURCHASE

What to do after you purchase your boat in-state?

- ✓ **Register your boat with LDWF:**
Complete the Boat Registration-Title Application:
[Click here for Boat Registration/Boat & Motor Title Application](#)

Choose one of the following to finish the registration process:

1. Mail your boat/motor application, documents, and payment (check or money order) to the address on the form. If you mail in your paperwork, be sure to keep copies of everything.
2. Bring it all to our WLF Headquarters:
2000 Quail Drive, BR, LA 70808
We accept the following types of payments in person; cash, check, or credit/debit card

What to do after you purchase your boat from out of state?

- ✓ **Register your boat with LDWF:**
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If boat was purchased from an individual who previously registered/titled the boat in another state, the applicant must submit the title and registration along with a bill of sale. If the boat was acquired in another state, previously titled or registered, applicant must submit invoice from the dealer, or a bill of sale, along with the title and/or registration and proof of ownership from titled/registered owner to dealer is required.

Applications for first time registration in Louisiana may be required to submit a completed tax payment certification form (R-1331) from LA Department of Revenue and your local tax-collecting agency, if at least one of the following is true. **The value of the boat is \$2500 or greater, the vessel was manufactured within the last 10 years, and or the vessel was purchased from a dealership.** Call telephone number at the bottom of this page for more clarification