



Department of Public Safety

Division of Consumer Affairs

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Tow Driver I.D. Badge Initial/Renewal Application & Information

When to apply:	<p>Applications are accepted at the Consumer Affairs Division Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. <u>If we are doing your Driving History, we recommend being at our office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</u> We recommend bringing your application and all required documents to our office to avoid delays in processing. Be sure to carefully review your application to assure it is accurate and complete.</p> <p><u>Incomplete applications will not be accepted.</u></p>
What to bring:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Valid Florida Driver's License with photo depicting the driver. Completed Tow Driver's ID Badge Application Provide the original form of the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle traffic/driving record (lifetime/entire) available from the Palm Beach County Clerk and Comptroller's Office; OR an agency/company with interactive access to the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles as listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> American Driving Records – 866-837-3295 – California American Safety Council, Inc. – 800-659-7454 - Florida Auto Data Direct, Inc. – (850) 877-8804 – Florida MVR Services – 800-910-8201 – Florida Hire Right – 866-521-6995 – All States Risk Solutions – 888-497-0011 –All States NOTE: If you have not driven and/or resided in Florida for five (5) consecutive years, a traffic/driving record/history (lifetime driving record) from each state/jurisdiction MUST be provided. (Reports must <u>NOT</u> be older than 30 days on day application is submitted) If you have not driven for 3 years in the United States, you must obtain the driving record from any other jurisdiction where you did drive or if you are unable to obtain that driving record, you must sign an affidavit under penalty of perjury that you have no driving record which would prevent you from driving a tow truck in Palm Beach County.
What you will receive:	<p>When you submit your application, you will receive a receipt for proof of payment of fees. <u>You cannot legally drive a Tow truck until your photo/driver's I.D. Badge is issued.</u></p> <p>Driver I.D. Badges are usually ready within 10 business days after receipt of your complete application, unless there are issues with your FDLE background investigation.</p>
ID Badge fees: (Total \$84) Additional \$16.25 (DRH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application fee - \$60 Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) \$24 Driving Records History additional fee \$16.25 (only if we are doing the DRH) <p><u>NOTE: You must be 18 years or older to apply</u></p>
Payment type:	<p>Payments can be made by check (NOTE: Funds are electronically withdrawn from your account at the time when payment is presented), money order Visa, Master Card or Discover Card. Make checks payable to Board of County Commissioners</p> <p><u>CASH IS NOT ACCEPTED * ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE</u></p>

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Renewals:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Your Tow Driver's ID Badge expires TWO (2) years from date of application.</u> • It is recommended to renew your badge at least 30 days prior to expiration date. If you fail to reapply for your driver's ID badge 30 days prior to expiration, you risk having a gap in your authorization to drive a tow truck. • If you renew your Tow Driver's ID Badge after expiration date, a \$30 late fee will be due. • You are subject to receiving a \$100 fine (1st Offense) if cited operating with an expired or invalid Tow Driver's ID Badge. • You may renew your ID badge up to ninety (90) days before it expires. • Please bring previously issued Driver's ID badge with you.
General Information:	<p>If your badge is expired and you decide to reapply, you will be assessed a late fee of \$30.00</p> <p>Once you are issued a Tow Driver ID Badge, your name, TD # (badge number) and expiration date of badge may be listed on our website for public viewing.</p> <p>It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any Tow truck within and upon the streets of Palm Beach County without having first obtained a Palm Beach County Tow Driver ID Badge.</p>
Lost or Stolen ID Badge fee:	Replacement ID Badge fee - \$30

FAQS	
1. Can I be denied a tow truck driver's badge if I was convicted of a felony?	<i>Yes. Certain felonies are automatic disqualifiers, while others would allow you to wait a period of time before reapplying as long as there are no new offenses.</i>
2. My disposition in court was an adjudication withhold, would that disqualify my application?	<i>Under the new amendment to the Towing Ordinance, Adjudication Withholds are considered convictions. However, a disqualification depends on the crime you were convicted of.</i>
3. I work at a company based in Broward County, do I need a Palm Beach County towing badge to work in the county?	<i>You would need a badge if you perform work within the county limits, such as picking up a vehicle in Palm Beach County and dropping it off within the county. You could pick up a vehicle in Palm Beach County and take it back to Miami or Broward without a badge, as long as there are no other towing stops along the way.</i>
4. Can I apply for a towing badge if I have judgements or open citations in Palm Beach County?	<i>Citations or other penalties must be satisfied before applying for a tow truck driver's badge.</i>
5. Are there any repercussions for towing without a towing driver's badge?	<i>Yes. It is illegal to perform towing within Palm Beach County without a towing badge. Penalties include sanctions such as civil fines and arrest.</i>



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In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, this application may be requested in an alternative format. Please contact the Division of Consumer Affairs at the above-referenced telephone numbers.

Tow Driver's ID Badge Application

PLEASE CHECK ALL APPLICABLE BOXES First time applicant Over 1 year since application
 Renewal Contact Information Update

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Print or type – Incomplete Applications will not be processed

Today's Date: _____

First Name: _____ M.I.: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Work Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Fax (____) _____ - _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Florida Driver's License No.: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Date of Birth: Month: _____ Day: _____ Year: _____

MAILING INFORMATION: Check Box If above address is same as mailing address.

NOTE: Above you MUST provide a street address. Post Office boxes are acceptable here.

Address if different: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Name of **Towing Business** you will be driving for: _____

DRIVING AND CRIMINAL RECORD INFORMATION

Based on the answers in this section, the Division of Consumer Affairs (DCA) reserves the right to use discretion in the determination of a person having a “lack of reputability” as per County Ordinance. The DCA defines a person having lack of reputability as an individual who cannot be trusted to safeguard the welfare and property of the public. Conviction shall mean any judicial determination, adjudication withheld or plea of nolo contendere from a court of competent jurisdiction. Adjudication withheld and pleading no contest in criminal court are the same as a conviction. The DCA may initiate denial, revocation or suspension proceedings for lack of reputability issues and criminal convictions, as set forth in the Towing and Immobilization Services Ordinance of Palm Beach County.

1. In the past five (5) years have you been convicted, pled guilty or pled nolo contendere to Driving Under the Influence (DUI) or Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) (regardless of adjudication of guilt)?

Yes No

If you answered yes:

- a) How many times within the past five (5) years from the date of this application: _____

2. In the past ten (10) years have you been convicted, pled guilty or pled nolo contendere to Driving Under the Influence (DUI) or Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) (regardless of adjudication of guilt)?

Yes No

If you answered yes:

- a) How many times within the past ten (10) years from the date of this application: _____

3. Have you had **MORE** than three (3) separate incidents in which you have plead guilty or were found guilty involving moving violations in any twelve (12) month period in within three (3) years of this application date?

Yes No

If yes, provide explanation:

4. Are **YOU** classified as a habitual traffic offender as defined by Florida Statute or as defined by the state where you previously resided within the past five years from the date of this application?

Yes No

If yes, provide explanation:

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5. Have you **EVER** violated the terms of a Cease and Desist Order, Assurance of Voluntary Compliance, Notice to Correct a Violation or any other lawful order of the Consumer Affairs Division?

Yes No

If yes, provide explanation:

6. In the past three (3) years, have you been convicted of more than two (2) of the following misdemeanor traffic crimes?

Reckless Driving Yes No
Careless Driving Yes No
Racing Yes No

If yes, provide explanation:

7. Lack of Reputability means that the Division cannot trust you to safeguard the welfare and property of the public. Lack of responsibility shall include, but not be limited to the following:

Have you **EVER** been convicted of any felony?

Yes No

If yes, provide explanation:

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8. Have you ever been convicted of any of the following felonies?

NOTE: answering YES to any of these felonies is a permanent disqualification

Fraud	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Sex Crimes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Theft	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	False Imprisonment	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Forgery	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	False Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Perjury	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Use of a Deadly Weapon	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Kidnapping	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Violence Against a Law	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Homicide	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Enforcement Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Been Adjudicated as a Habitual Violent Offender				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

9. Do you have **ANY** outstanding and or unsatisfied civil penalties, citations or judgments imposed due to violations of the Palm Beach County Towing and Immobilization Services Ordinance 2022-021?

Yes No

If yes, provide explanation: _____

10. Do **YOU** currently possess a suspended or revoked driver’s license?

Yes No

If yes, provide explanation: _____

11. Have you **EVER** been convicted, plead guilty or pled nolo contendere in any military or foreign jurisdiction, Federal, state, county or municipal jurisdiction within the United States for violations similar to questions contained in this application? **NOTE: pleading no contest/ NOLO CONTENDERE in criminal court is the same as a conviction.**

Yes No

If yes, provide explanation: _____

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12. Do you understand that it is unlawful for **ANY** person to drive a tow truck drive a tow truck in Palm Beach County without a Tow Truck Driver’s Badge?

Yes, Initials: _____

13. Do you understand that it is unlawful for **ANY** applicant for a Tow Driver I.D. badge to misrepresent, omit or conceal a fact on the application, renewal application or replacement application?

Yes, Initials: _____

14. I agree to abide by Towing and Immobilization Services Ordinance of Palm Beach County, and the Laws of The State of Florida.

Yes, Initials: _____

15. I certify that all statements contained in my application are complete and true. I acknowledge that omissions or false statements will be grounds for revocation, suspension or non-issuance of my Tow Driver’s ID Badge.

Yes, Initials: _____

(Print name): _____

(Signature): _____ **Date:** _____

