

**14-100.006 Department Express Lane Toll Exemption Registration.**

(1) Purpose. The intent of this rule is to establish criteria for toll exemptions on express lanes owned by the Florida Department of Transportation, excluding Florida's Turnpike System.

(2) Definitions.

(a) "Over-the-Road bus" means a bus characterized by an elevated passenger deck located over a baggage compartment and operated by a for hire company registered on the US Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (USFMCSA) registration system.

(b) "Public transit bus" means a bus regularly scheduled for the transport of the general public and owned, operated, rented, contracted, or leased by a governmental entity.

(c) "School bus" means a bus regularly used for the transport of prekindergarten, disability program, or kindergarten through grade 12 students of the public schools to and from school or to and from school activities and owned, operated, rented, contracted, or leased by any district school board.

(d) "Vanpool" means a van designed to transport seven or more passengers, including the driver, and registered by a public entity that is authorized by a local government or Metropolitan Planning Organization to register vanpools for transport of employees to and from their place of employment.

(3) Exemptions. The following qualify for an exemption from payment of tolls on express lanes owned by the Florida Department of Transportation, excluding Florida's Turnpike System.

(a) Public transit buses registered in the manner described in subsection (4) below;

(b) School buses registered in the manner described in subsection (4) below;

(c) Over-the-Road buses registered in the manner described in subsection (4) below; and

(c) Vanpools registered in the manner described in subsection (4) below.

(4) Registration. School buses, public transit buses, Over-the-Road buses or vanpools are exempt from paying tolls on express lanes owned by the Florida Department of Transportation, excluding Florida's Turnpike System, after properly registering with SunPass as described below.

(a) Completing registration on the SunPass Express Lane Exemption webpage on SunPass.com.

(b) Providing documentation for each bus or van to qualify for the exemption.

(c) Upon approval from SunPass and receipt of a SunPass mini transponder from SunPass for each exempt bus or van, a SunPass mini transponder must be properly affixed to the windshield of each corresponding exempt bus or van.

(d) Renewing exemption registration annually prior to the expiration date.

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