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NOTICE TO MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS AND ELECTRONIC TITLE & REGISTRATION (ETR) VENDORS

New Temporary Operating Permit (TOP) Stock with Enhanced Security Features

Why are we receiving notification?

- As you are aware, the Department of Revenue (Department) will be implementing a new Driver Record and Integrated Vehicle Enterprise System (DRIVES) on Monday, May 27, 2019 to replace the current Georgia Registration and Titling Information System (GRATIS).
- As an integral part of this project, the Motor Vehicle Division will be replacing the current stock used to create temporary operating permits (TOPs).
- The new TOPs have been redesigned to discourage misuse and to assist the Department and law enforcement agencies in fraud detection. The new security features include a control number, a letter prefix to identify the issuer of the TOP, a watermark, a QR code, and additional vehicle information.
- April 2019, Georgia Auto Dealers Association (GADA), Georgia Independent Auto Dealers Association (GIADA), and the county tag offices will begin receiving the new TOP stock.

What do we need to do?

- Motor vehicle dealers are encouraged to review their current TOP stock inventory and manage the stock needed through Thursday, May 23, 2019. The Department is not offering a buyback incentive nor refunding the cost of any unused TOP stock.
- The current stock shall be used to print standalone TOPs from Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 9pm through Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 5pm.
- Dealers needing to issue TOPs during the conversion period from Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 5pm until DRIVES is fully implemented, will print emergency TOPs on the newly designed TOP stock with enhanced security features.
- Beginning May 23, 2019 at 5pm, motor vehicle dealers shall not use any remaining old stock to print TOPs. All outdated stock must be destroyed.
- Dealers who fail to destroy the unused stock and/or continue to print TOPs on the old stock after May 23, 2019 may be subject to fines and/or penalties.



For more information, please visit the Motor Vehicle Division website at dor.georgia.gov/motor-vehicles or scan the QR code.