

STATE OF ARIZONA

Electric Vehicle Single Occupancy HOV Lane Use

Short Description: Unlimited use of HOV lanes by vehicles with Clean Fuel license plate

Beneficiary: Driver of properly licensed electric vehicle

Type of Incentive: Transportation benefit

Effective Dates: Current benefit expires July 1, 2010

Value of Benefit: Non-cash benefit

Full Description:

A person may drive a motor vehicle with alternative fuel vehicle special plates or an alternative fuel vehicle sticker in high occupancy vehicle lanes at any time, regardless of occupancy level, without penalty. Electric Vehicles qualify as "Low Emission Vehicles" as described in the Arizona statute (1-215).

A person who owns a motor vehicle that has either been converted or manufactured to use an alternative fuel as the vehicle's exclusive fuel source and that is incapable or operating on any other type of fuel is required to apply for alternative fuel vehicle special plates (28-2416(A)).

The department issues alternative fuel vehicle special plates, or an alternative fuel vehicle sticker to someone who satisfies the following: For an original equipment manufactured alternative fuel vehicle, the dealer must provide to the department of transportation and the owner of the motor vehicle a certificate indicating that the motor vehicle is exclusively powered by an alternative fuel, and the emission classification is low, inherently low, ultralow, or zero (28-2416(B)).

State Statutory references:

- Arizona Statute 28-337
 - <http://www.azleg.gov/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/ars/28/00337.htm&Title=28&DocType=ARS>
- Arizona Statute 28-2416
 - <http://www.azleg.gov/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/ars/28/02416.htm&Title=28&DocType=ARS>

Other Link(s):

- <http://www.afdc.energy.gov/afdc/laws/law/AZ/4177> (AFDC Website)

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A. In accordance with 23 United States Code section 166, the department shall develop procedures to monitor the impact that single occupancy vehicles authorized under sections 28-2416 and 28-2416.01 have on the operation of the high occupancy vehicle lanes.

B. If a high occupancy vehicle lane becomes degraded due to the authorization of single occupancy vehicles authorized under sections 28-2416 and 28-2416.01, use of the lane is restricted to the following vehicles in the following priority:

1. Passenger vehicles with two or more occupants, including the driver.
2. Public transit buses.
3. Buses with two or more occupants, including the driver.
4. Motorcycles.
5. Alternative fuel vehicles.
6. Low emission and energy efficient vehicles.

C. The department shall limit use to vehicles in the priority order prescribed in subsection B of this section and shall maintain those restrictions while the lane or portion of the lane remains degraded.

D. For the purposes of this section, a high occupancy vehicle lane is degraded if vehicles operating on the facility, or portions of the facility, are failing to maintain a speed of forty-five miles per hour or greater ninety per cent of the time over a consecutive one hundred eighty day period during morning and evening weekday peak hour periods.



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28-2416. [Alternative fuel vehicle special plates: stickers: use of high occupancy vehicle lanes: definition](#)

A. A person who owns a motor vehicle that has either been converted or manufactured to use an alternative fuel as the vehicle's exclusive fuel source and that is incapable of operating on any other type of fuel and the alternative fuel was subject to the use fuel tax imposed pursuant to chapter 16 of this title before April 1, 1997 shall apply for alternative fuel vehicle special plates pursuant to this section.

B. The department shall issue alternative fuel vehicle special plates, or an alternative fuel vehicle sticker as provided in subsection D of this section, to a person who satisfies all of the following:

1. Owns a motor vehicle that is exclusively powered by an alternative fuel and that is incapable of operating on any other type of fuel.

2. Provides proof as follows:

(a) For an original equipment manufactured alternative fuel vehicle, the dealer who sells the motor vehicle shall provide to the department of transportation and the owner of the motor vehicle a certificate indicating:

(i) That the motor vehicle is exclusively powered by an alternative fuel and is incapable of operating on any other type of fuel.

(ii) The emission classification of the motor vehicle as low, inherently low, ultralow or zero.

(b) For a converted motor vehicle or a motor vehicle that is assembled by the owner, the department of environmental quality or an agent of the department of environmental quality shall provide a certificate to the department of transportation and the owner of the motor vehicle indicating that the motor vehicle is exclusively powered by an alternative fuel and is incapable of operating on any other type of fuel.

3. Pays an eight dollar special plate administration fee, except that vehicles that are registered pursuant to section 28-2511 are exempt from that fee. The department shall deposit, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, all special plate administration fees in the state highway fund established by section 28-6991.

C. The color and design of the alternative fuel vehicle special plates are subject to the approval of the department of commerce energy office. The director may allow a request for alternative fuel vehicle special plates to be combined with a request for personalized special plates. If the director allows such a combination, the request shall be in a form prescribed by the director and is subject to the fees for the personalized special plates in addition to the fees required for alternative fuel vehicle special plates. Alternative fuel vehicle special plates are not transferable, except that if the director allows alternative fuel vehicle special plates to be personalized a person who is issued personalized alternative fuel vehicle special plates may transfer those plates to another alternative fuel vehicle for which the person is the registered owner or lessee.

D. If a motor vehicle qualifies pursuant to this section and any other special plates are issued pursuant to article 7, 8 or 13 of this chapter or section 28-2514 for the motor vehicle, the department may issue an alternative fuel vehicle sticker to the person who owns the motor vehicle. The alternative fuel vehicle sticker shall be diamond-shaped, shall indicate the type of alternative fuel used by the vehicle and shall be placed on the motor vehicle as prescribed by the department.

E. Except as provided in section 28-337, a person may drive a motor vehicle with alternative fuel vehicle special plates or an alternative fuel vehicle sticker in high occupancy vehicle lanes at any time, regardless of occupancy level, without penalty.

F. A person shall not drive a motor vehicle in a high occupancy vehicle lane with an alternative fuel vehicle sticker if the motor vehicle is not an alternative fuel vehicle for which an alternative fuel vehicle sticker has been issued pursuant to this section. A person who violates this subsection is subject to a civil penalty of three hundred fifty dollars. Notwithstanding section 28-1554, the civil penalty collected pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited in the state general fund.

G. For the purposes of section 28-337, the department shall:

1. Limit or suspend the issuance of alternative fuel vehicle special plates.

2. Remove the privilege of operating in the high occupancy vehicle lane with a single occupant, including

the driver.

H. If the department publishes maps of the state highway system that are distributed to the general public, the department shall indicate on those maps the approximate location of alternative fuel delivery facilities that are open to the public.

I. For the purposes of this section, "alternative fuel" has the same meaning prescribed in section 1-215.



ALTERNATIVE FUEL CERTIFICATE

Vehicle Identification Number	Year	Make	Plate Number
Fuel Type <input type="checkbox"/> Liquefied Petroleum Gas, LPG – Propane (L) <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Gas, CNG/LNG (C) <input type="checkbox"/> Blend of 70% alternative fuel and 30% petroleum-based fuel (M) <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen (H) <input type="checkbox"/> Solar (S) <input type="checkbox"/> Electric (X)			

I certify that the vehicle described is exclusively powered by the alternative fuel designated above. I understand that this does not exempt the vehicle from any emission inspection requirements that may apply. The fuel type must be inspected by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) or its authorized agents.

Owner/Operator Name (first, middle, last, suffix)	Owner/Operator Signature	
ADEQ Inspector or Agent Name	Inspector or Agent Signature	Date

ADEQ Vehicle Emissions Waiver Facilities:

Phoenix — 600 N 40th St
S of the 202, N of Van Buren St
 602-771-3954
 8am–4:30pm
 Monday–Friday

Tucson — 4040 E 29th St
E of Alvernon Way
 520-628-5651
 8am–4:30pm
 Monday–Friday

For a list of third party agents authorized to perform these inspections call 602-771-3954.

Some MVD offices also perform these inspections. For the nearest location call: Phoenix 602-255-0072, Tucson 520-629-9808, elsewhere in Arizona 800-251-5866 (Hearing/Speech Impaired–TDD systems only: Phoenix 602-712-3222, elsewhere 800-324-5425) or visit www.azdot.gov.