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Hi Reid,

Good afternoon, I hope you are doing well. In response to your question about how other states classify leased personal vehicles for registration – whether it is commercial, personal or if there is a mix. There is definitely a mix of many strategies across the country.

I did a quick survey of state registration regulations and laws, and found a variety of different types of treatment for leased vehicles. In New York, the registration application asks whether the vehicle is for personal or commercial use, regardless of ownership. In Connecticut, the registration is up to the leasing dealer, making it commercial. In North Carolina, it depends on who has insured the car.

In a few states, Oregon for example, registration is dependent on the vehicle class – farm, truck, personal, and weight classes. So if the leased vehicle would fall into a commercial class, it would have commercial registration, if it is a personal vehicle then it would be registered in that class.

This is a very diverse area of state law, without a “normal” way for registration of leased cars. Please let me know if you need more information or have questions, I’d be happy to discuss over the phone or email.

Best regards,

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