

Pre-Sale Voucher Purchase Process FAQ

How was the plate created?

During Florida's 2021 legislative session, Senator Ileana Garcia (R) District 37 and State Representative Nick Duran (D) District 112, led a successful bipartisan effort to create the "Protect Biscayne Bay" specialty license plate.

Where do the proceeds go?

Proceeds from plate sales will be distributed to The Miami Foundation.

What will the funds raised be used for?

With these funds, The Miami Foundation's staff, in partnership with Miami Dade County's Chief Bay Officer, will work together to create programs and projects to help raise awareness and support the mission and efforts of conserving Biscayne Bay.

Is the Protect Biscayne Bay license plate voucher available to all licensed Florida drivers?

Yes, all licensed Florida residents are eligible to purchase a pre-sale voucher.

May I reserve a voucher for another person?

Yes, you will need the other person's driver's license number and phone number.

May I purchase the presale voucher for my boat trailer?

Yes.

Is there an additional fee every year on my specialty plate?

Yes, specialty license plates require an annual use fee since the money is used to raise funds for a particular cause.

Does the purchase a voucher cover the cost of my tag renewal?

No, the voucher fee only covers the cost of the new specialty plate.

May I purchase the Protect Biscayne Bay voucher before my current license plate renewal is due?

Yes.

Do I have to wait until it is time to renew my current plate to reserve a Protect Biscayne Bay pre-sale voucher?

No.

I ordered my pre-sale voucher, what happens now?

When you purchase your pre-sale voucher your contact and payment information is sent to the Tax Collector's office for processing. You will receive a pre-sale voucher in the mail within 2-3 weeks.

Where can I pick up my tag once the pre-sale voucher goal of 3,000 is reach and the plate has been manufactured?

You may bring your pre-sale voucher(s) to your local tax collector's office or tag agency. Find your tax collector by following this link <https://floridataxcollectors.com/your-tax-collector/>

How will I know when the initial 3,000 pre-sale goal has been reached?

An email will be sent notifying you that the goal has been reached and a follow up email will be sent once you are able to pick up your plate.

I received my voucher. What is the next step?

The Protect Biscayne Bay license plate will not be manufactured until we sell 3,000 pre-sale vouchers. Once we reach that goal the Florida Department of Highway Safety Motor Vehicle (FDHSMV) will begin production on the plates which takes approximately twelve weeks. When completed, you will be notified by the FDHSMV that the plate is ready, which you can then pick up at your local tax collector's office or tag agency. Find your tax collector by following this link:

<https://floridataxcollectors.com/your-tax-collector/>

When will the Protect Biscayne Bay specialty plate be available?

Before the new Protect Biscayne Bay specialty plate is manufactured; 3,000 presale vouchers must be registered within two years of the initial offering date. Once the goal of 3,000 pre-sale vouchers is reached the plate goes into production. It will take approximately 12 weeks for the plate to be available to be at your local tax collector's office or tag agency.

What happens if the plate fails to meet the presale voucher requirements within the two-year period?

If the plate fails to meet the minimum presale requirements, you may apply the presale voucher towards a different specialty license plate. You may also apply for a refund for the specialty license plate fee only, fill out the form here:

<https://www.flhsmv.gov/pdf/forms/83363.pdf>