

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated
Title 63: Public Health and Safety
Chapter 70: Cherokee Nation Vessel and Motor Registration Act
§ 4002. Definitions
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As used in the Cherokee Nation Vessel and Motor Registration Act:

1. "Certificate of registration" means a document which is legal proof of registration of a vessel or motor;
2. "Certificate of title" means a document which is proof of legal ownership of a vessel and/or motor;
3. "Commission" means:
 - a. the Cherokee Nation Tax Commission, or
 - b. the equivalent vessel registration and licensing agency of the State of Oklahoma or a federally recognized Indian tribe in this state;
4. "Operate" means to navigate or be in actual physical control of a vessel or otherwise use a vessel or motor;
5. "Outboard motor" means an internal combustion engine capable of being externally mounted at the stern of a vessel which provides the transfer of power to move a vessel through the water;
6. "Permanent number" means the distinctive and unique number which:
 - a. the Commission permanently assigns to a vessel, irrespective of any change of ownership of said vessel. The permanent number shall begin with the letters "OK", followed by four numerals, and then followed by two letters; or
 - b. the State of Oklahoma assigns to a vessel; or
 - c. any federally recognized Indian tribe in this state assigns to a vessel; provided, the number is configured as prescribed in 33 C.F.R., Parts 173 and 174;
7. "Person" means a natural person, partnership, corporation, association, trust, estate or other legal entity;
8. "Vessel" means every device, other than a seaplane on the water, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water; and

9. "Waters of this Nation" means and includes all waters within the territorial boundaries of the Cherokee Nation; provided, such phrase shall not mean or include waters which are entirely owned by a private person or persons, and to which the public is not permitted access.

Historical Data

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