



# ANTIQUE, CLASSIC AND COLLECTIBLE VEHICLES

The following rules govern the issuance of antique, classic and collectible registration plates.

## 1. Definitions

- A. "Antique Motor Vehicle" - A motor vehicle, but not a reproduction thereof, manufactured more than 25 years prior to the current year which has been **maintained in or restored to** a condition which is substantially in conformance with manufacturer specifications.
- B. "Classic Motor Vehicle" - A motor vehicle, but not a reproduction thereof, manufactured at least 15 years prior to the current year which has been **maintained in or restored to** a condition which is substantially in conformity with manufacturer specifications and appearance. Any classic motor vehicle registered under Section 1340 (relating to antique, classic and collectible registration plates) on the effective date of the amendment to this definition which fails to qualify as a classic motor vehicle pursuant to these provisions may retain such classic registration unless another type of registration is applied for and issued for the vehicle.
- C. "Collectible Motor Vehicle" - A reconstructed motor vehicle, but not a reproduction thereof, substantially modified from the manufacturer's original specifications and appearance and **maintained in** a collectible condition as determined by the Department of Transportation. **NOTE:** Generally, substantial changes to the engine and exhaust systems must be done to qualify the vehicle as a collectible motor vehicle. If the extensive changes are other than engine, be sure to give very detailed and specific information in Section C on the front of this form. In addition, the vehicle must primarily be used for show and must appear to be in "show" condition in the photographs submitted with the application.

## 2. Expiration of Antique, Classic and Collectible Registration Plates

Antique, classic and collectible registration plates are permanent and are issued for the life of the vehicle while it is owned by the present owner. If the present owner sells the vehicle, the registration plate remains with the seller/owner and may be used on another qualified vehicle, provided the proper \$84 registration and \$58 title fees are paid. However, if ownership is transferred between spouses, or between parent and child, the original registration plate may be transferred in the usual manner with a \$58 title fee and \$9 transfer fee.

If the owner sells the vehicle and wants to give the new owner the registration plate, the seller must write a letter of release for the registration plate and give it to the new owner. The new owner should forward the letter to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, along with all appropriate documents and fees when applying for title and registration of the vehicle. The new owner must pay the full registration fee of \$84 in order to use the registration plate. The \$9 transfer fee is not required in this case.

## 3. Application for Antique and Classic Registration Plates

The following forms are necessary for the processing of antique and classic registration plates:

- A. Pennsylvania Certificate of Title (Form MV-4) and Vehicle Sales and Use Tax Return/Application for Registration (Form MV-4ST) or out-of-state title and completed Application for Certificate of Title (Form MV-1) are required to be submitted when the vehicle is being transferred to a new owner and the new owner is making application for an antique or classic registration plate. **NOTE:** When a vehicle is already properly titled in the owner's name, and the owner is making application for an antique or classic registration plate, only the vehicle's certificate of title (Form MV-4) is required to be submitted along with Form MV-11. (Neither Form MV-4ST nor Form MV-1 is required in this case.)
- B. Form SF97, "U.S. Government Certificate to Obtain Title for a Vehicle" or out-of-state certificate of title (or a bill of sale if no out-of-state certificate of title was issued) and Form MV-1, "Application for Certificate of Title," or Form MV-4ST, "Vehicle Sales and Use Tax Return/Application for Registration" are required.
- C. Form MV-11, "Application for Antique, Classic or Collectible Registration Plate."
- D. The appropriate sales tax, title/registration fees.

Make check or money order payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and mail all forms and fees to: Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Special Tag Unit, P.O. Box 68293, Harrisburg, PA 17106-8293.

## 4. Application for Collectible Registration Plates.

The following forms are necessary for the processing of collectible registration plates:

- A. Pennsylvania Certificate of Title (Form MV-4) and Vehicle Sales and Use Tax Return/Application for Registration (Form MV-4ST), or out-of-state title and completed Application for Certificate of Title (Form MV-1) are required to be submitted when the vehicle is being transferred to a new owner and the new owner is making application for a collectible plate.
- B. Form MV-426B, "Application for Reconstructed, Specially Constructed, Collectible, Modified, Flood, Recovered Theft Vehicles and Street Rods." **NOTE:** If the vehicle is already branded as a collectible vehicle, complete Form MV-11. This application is only used for vehicles currently branded as a collectible vehicle. If your vehicle is not currently branded as a collectible vehicle, you must follow the procedures outlined on Form MV-426B.
- C. The appropriate sales tax, title/registration fees and four clearly distinguishable color photographs of the vehicle (front, rear and both sides). Two additional color photographs are required when the engine has been modified, one of the engine compartment that shows the qualifying engine modifications and the other of the exhaust system that shows the modified changes or the new exhaust system that was installed. (Additional photographs may be necessary to sufficiently show exhaust system modifications.) **NOTE:** If the change is not engine related, i.e., low slung "1950's" type vehicles, an additional color photograph of the vehicle must be included. Collectible vehicles must meet all the requirements for a reconstructed vehicle. In addition, the vehicle must be substantially changed in order to qualify as a collectible vehicle. Substantial changes to the engine or exhaust system must be done to qualify as a collectible vehicle. The changes must be documented as required on Form MV-426B. In addition, the vehicle must primarily be used for show and must appear to be in show condition.

Make check or money order payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and mail all forms and fees to: Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Special Services Unit, P.O. Box 69007, Harrisburg, PA 17106-9007.

**NOTE: Photographs should not be taken at an angle, must be taken in normal daylight, and must clearly show the vehicle and all exterior equipment (i.e., lights, rear wheel shields, fender coverage), windows must be rolled up and convertible top (if applicable) must be up.**

## 5. Change from Classic to Antique

When a registered classic vehicle becomes of age to be an antique, the owner may choose to apply for an antique registration plate. If the owner wishes to change the registration, the title must be changed from classic to antique. Form MV-11 must be completed. There is a \$58 title fee for this change. In addition, a \$84 antique registration fee is required.

## 6. Inspection

Classic and collectible vehicles are subject to annual vehicle safety inspection. Antique vehicles operated exclusively between sunrise and sunset are exempt from the normal lighting requirements of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, but must have their original lighting equipment. Antique vehicles are not subject to the annual vehicle safety inspection. Antique, classic and collectible vehicles are not subject to emissions inspection.

## IF PERSONALIZING YOUR REGISTRATION PLATE

- Personalized registration plates may contain:



For **Antique** registration plates, up to **FOUR** letters and/or numbers in combination. If a hyphen or space is used as part of the registration configuration, it counts as one of the available spaces for personalization. Only one hyphen or space is permitted, but not both. No additional special characters are available. Please use capital letters and print clearly. When requesting a numeric character of zero, please show as "Ø" instead of the alpha character "O." Since this is an electronically fillable form, after printing the form, please be sure any zero is marked with a "/."



For **Antique Motorcycle** registration plates, up to **FIVE** letters and/or numbers in combination. If a space is used as part of the registration configuration, it counts as one of the available spaces for personalization. Only one space is permitted. No hyphen or additional special characters are available. Please use capital letters and print clearly. When requesting a numeric character of zero, please show as "Ø" instead of the alpha character "O." Since this is an electronically fillable form, after printing the form, please be sure any zero is marked with a "/."



For **Classic** registration plates, up to **FIVE** letters and/or numbers in combination. If a hyphen or space is used as part of the registration configuration, it counts as one of the available spaces for personalization. Only one hyphen or space is permitted, but not both. No additional special characters are available. Please use capital letters and print clearly. When requesting a numeric character of zero, please show as "Ø" instead of the alpha character "O." Since this is an electronically fillable form, after printing the form, please be sure any zero is marked with a "/." **NOTE:** A pre-printed letter configuration of "C" will precede your personalized configuration on your registration plate and cannot be changed.



For **Classic Motorcycle** registration plates, up to **FOUR** letters and/or numbers in combination. If a space is used as part of the registration configuration, it counts as one of the available spaces for personalization. Only one space is permitted. No hyphen or additional special characters are available. Please use capital letters and print clearly. When requesting a numeric character of zero, please show as "Ø" instead of the alpha character "O." Since this is an electronically fillable form, after printing the form, please be sure any zero is marked with a "/." **NOTE:** A pre-printed letter configuration of "CL" will precede your personalized configuration on your registration plate and cannot be changed.



For **Collectible** registration plates, up to **FOUR** letters and/or numbers in combination. If a hyphen or space is used as part of the registration configuration, it counts as one of the available spaces for personalization. Only one hyphen or space is permitted, but not both. No additional special characters are available. Please use capital letters and print clearly. When requesting a numeric character of zero, please show as "Ø" instead of the alpha character "O." Since this is an electronically fillable form, after printing the form, please be sure any zero is marked with a "/." **NOTE:** A pre-printed letter configuration of "CV" will precede your personalized configuration on your registration plate and cannot be changed.



For **Collectible Motorcycle** registration plates, up to **THREE** letters and/or numbers in combination. If a space is used as part of the registration configuration, it counts as one of the available spaces for personalization. Only one space is permitted. No hyphen or additional special characters are available. Please use capital letters and print clearly. When requesting a numeric character of zero, please show as "Ø" instead of the alpha character "O." Since this is an electronically fillable form, after printing the form, please be sure any zero is marked with a "/." **NOTE:** A pre-printed letter configuration of "CM" will precede your personalized configuration on your registration plate and cannot be changed.

- PennDOT reserves the right to limit or reject requests.
- The fee to personalize your registration plate is an additional \$112. Payment is to be made by check or money order payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH.**
- To check personalized registration plate availability, visit PennDOT's Driver and Vehicle Services website, [www.dmv.pa.gov](http://www.dmv.pa.gov), and select Plate Availability from the list of services under the Online Services heading. Personalized registration plates will not be reserved until PennDOT receives payment and a completed application, and approves your requested registration plate configuration [number(s) and/or letter(s)]. Please note that registration plate requests are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Although a requested registration plate configuration may show as being available on the website, it is possible that a request for the same registration plate configuration may have already been submitted by another customer and may not be available when making application.
- Personalized registration plates will be manufactured on the basis of this application. **NO REFUND** of the fee will be issued when an applicant cancels a request after the order is placed with the manufacturer.
- Allow eight to 10 weeks for delivery.

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