

# FACT SHEET

## Antique, Classic Vehicles and Vintage Registration Plates

### PURPOSE

This fact sheet outlines the policy for issuance of antique, classic and vintage registration plates.

### DEFINITION OF ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC MOTOR VEHICLES AND VINTAGE REGISTRATION PLATES

**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.

**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.

**Vintage Registration Plates** - A vintage registration plate is a "period-issued" registration plate from 1906 to 1976 to be displayed on an antique or classic vehicle with the same corresponding year of manufacture. Vintage registration plates are not manufactured or issued by PennDOT. Applicants are required to provide the vintage registration plate they wish to display on their antique or classic vehicle.

### USE OF ANTIQUE, CLASSIC AND VINTAGE REGISTRATION PLATES

The use of antique, classic and vintage registration plates is governed by Section 1340 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, which states: "It is unlawful for any person to operate a motorcycle or vehicle with antique, classic or vintage registration plates for general daily transportation. Permitted use shall be limited to participation in club activities, exhibits, tours, parades, occasional transportation and similar uses."

**Occasional transportation and similar uses is defined as one day a week.**

Although buses and trucks are eligible for antique, classic and vintage registration plates, buses **MAY NOT** be used to transport passengers and trucks **MAY NOT** haul cargo. Antique, classic and vintage registration plates are not available for motorized pedalcycles or motor homes.

**No registration configuration will be duplicated. PennDOT recommends that applicants verify if the configuration of the vintage plate can be issued by checking the configuration on PennDOT's website. To check personalized registration plate availability, visit PennDOT's Driver and Vehicle Services website, [www.dmv.state.pa.us](http://www.dmv.state.pa.us) and select the Personalized Registration Plate Availability link from the list of services under the Online Driver and Vehicle Services heading.**

### EXPIRATION OF ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC REGISTRATION PLATES

Antique and classic registration plates and vintage registration plates (when displayed on an antique or classic vehicle) 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 plate remains with the seller/owner and may be used on another qualified vehicle, provided the proper \$75 registration and \$50 title fees are paid. However, if ownership is transferred between spouses, or between parent and child, the original plate may be transferred with a \$50 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 plate and give it to the new owner. The new owner should forward the letter to PennDOT, 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 \$75 in order to use the plate. The \$9 transfer fee is not required in this case.

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## **APPLICATION FOR ANTIQUE OR CLASSIC REGISTRATION PLATES**

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

1. Pennsylvania Certificate of Title and Form MV-4ST, "Vehicle Sales and Use Tax Return/Application for Registration," or out-of-state title and Form MV-1, "Application for Certificate of Title," 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. 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 is required to be submitted along with Form MV-11, "Application for Permanent, Antique, Classic or Collectible Registration Plate." **NOTE:** If the proof of ownership is a Pennsylvania Certificate of Salvage or out-of-state certificate of salvage, Form MV-426B, "Application for reconstructed, specially constructed, collectible, modified, flood, recovered theft vehicles and street rods," must be completed.
2. Form MV-11, "Application for Permanent, Antique or Classic Registration Plate."
3. The appropriate sales tax, title and registration fees.

**NOTE:** Antique and classic registration plates may be personalized for an additional fee of \$100. To check personalized registration plate availability, visit PennDOT's Driver and Vehicle Services website, [www.dmv.state.pa.us](http://www.dmv.state.pa.us) and select the Personalized Registration Plate Availability link from the list of services under the Online Driver and Vehicle Services heading.

Make check or money order payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and mail all forms and fees to PennDOT at the address on the form. PennDOT forms are available at most motor vehicle dealerships, messenger services and authorized agent offices.

## **APPLICATION FOR VINTAGE REGISTRATION PLATES**

- A. Documentation required when making application for vintage registration plates for vehicles currently displaying antique or classic registration:

The following items are necessary for the processing of vintage registration plates for vehicles that currently display antique or classic registration:

1. One clearly distinguishable color photo of the front side of the vintage registration plate. Photographs should not be taken at an angle, must be taken in normal daylight and must clearly show the plate.
2. Form MV-11V, "Application to Display a Vintage Registration Plate."
3. The fee to apply to display a vintage registration plate is \$75.

- B. Application for antique and classic registration in addition to applying to display a vintage registration plate:

1. If you are purchasing the vehicle and wish to immediately brand the vehicle as an antique or classic vehicle and obtain registration, you will need:
  - a. The Pennsylvania Certificate of Title and Form MV-4ST, "Vehicles Sales and Use Tax Return/Application for Registration," or an out-of-state title and Form MV-1, "Application for Certificate of Title."
  - b. Form MV-11, "Application for Permanent, Antique, Classic or Collectible Registration Plate."
  - c. Form MV-11V, "Application to Display a Vintage Registration Plate."
  - d. One clearly distinguishable color photo of the front side of the vintage registration plate. Photographs should not be taken at an angle, must be taken in normal daylight and must clearly show the plate.
  - e. The fee for antique or classic registration is \$75. This is in addition to the \$75 application fee to display a vintage registration plate.
2. If the vehicle is currently titled in your name and you now wish to brand the vehicle as an antique or classic vehicle and display a vintage registration plate, you will need:
  - a. The Pennsylvania Certificate of Title and Form MV-11, "Application for Permanent, Antique, Classic or Collectible Registration Plate."

- b. Form MV-11V, "Application to Display a Vintage Registration Plate."
  - c. One clearly distinguishable color photo of the front side of the vintage registration plate. Photographs should not be taken at an angle, must be taken in normal daylight and must clearly show the plate.
  - d. The fee for antique or classic registration is \$75. This is in addition to the \$75 application fee to display a vintage registration plate.
3. If the vehicle is currently titled in your name and is currently branded as an antique or classic vehicle and you now wish to display a vintage registration plate, you will need:
- a. Form MV-11, "Application for Permanent Antique, Classic or Collectible Registration Plate."
  - b. Form MV-11V, "Application to Display a Vintage Registration Plate."
  - c. One clearly distinguishable color photo of the front side of the vintage registration plate. Photographs should not be taken at an angle, must be taken in normal daylight and must clearly show the plate.
  - d. The fee for antique or classic registration is \$75. This is in addition to the \$75 application fee to display a vintage registration plate.

**NOTE:** If an owner sells the antique or classic vehicle and wants to give the new owner the vintage registration plate, the seller must write a letter of release for the plate and give it to the new owner. The new owner should forward the letter to PennDOT, along with all appropriate documents and fees when applying for title and registration of the vehicle. The new owner must pay the application fee of \$75 to display the vintage registration plate. This fee is in addition to the \$75 fee required with Form MV-11.

### **CHANGE FROM CLASSIC TO ANTIQUE**

When a registered classic vehicle becomes of age to qualify as an antique vehicle, the owner may choose to apply for an antique title/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 \$50 title fee for this change. In addition, a \$75 antique registration fee is required.

### **INSPECTION**

Classic vehicles are subject to an 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 and classic vehicles are not subject to emissions inspection.

*Please Note: Authorized agents are under contract to PennDOT and may charge a market driven service (delivery) fee; these are in addition to any PennDOT statutory fees for temporary, or in some cases, permanent motor vehicle registration plates and cards or other related products and services offered by the agent. The agent's service (delivery) fees are market driven, and vary by agent. To compare service (delivery) fees, you are encouraged to contact the authorized agents in your area for the applicable service (delivery) fees charged.*