

FACT SHEET

ANTIQUÉ AND 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

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. Any classic motor vehicle registered under Section 1340 (relating to antique, classic and collectible 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.

Vintage Registration Plates - A vintage registration plate is a "period-issued" registration plate from 1906 to 1975 to be displayed on an antique or classic vehicle with the same corresponding year of manufacturer. 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. The customer can check the plate availability at www.dmv.state.pa.us by selecting the Online Driver and Vehicle Services link on the left-hand side navigation bar and click on the Personalized Vanity Plate Availability link under Vehicle Registration Services.

EXPIRATION OF ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC REGISTRATION PLATES

Antique and classic registration plates and vintage registration plates (when displayed on an antique or classic
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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 \$22.50 title fees are paid. However, if ownership is transferred between spouses, or between parent and child, the original plate may be transferred in the usual manner with a \$22.50 title fee and \$6 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 \$6 transfer fee is not needed in this case.

APPLICATION FOR ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC REGISTRATION PLATES

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

1. Certificate of Title (MV-4) and Vehicle Sales and Use Tax Return/Application for Registration (MV-4ST) or out-of-state title and Application for Certificate of Title (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. 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 (MV-4) is required to be submitted along with the MV-11 application. **NOTE:** If the proof of ownership is a Pennsylvania Certificate of Salvage (MV-5) or out-of-state certificate of salvage, Form MV-426B must be completed.
2. Form MV-11, Application for Antique or Classic Registration Plate.
3. The appropriate sales tax, title and registration fees.

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 notary public offices.

APPLICATION FOR VINTAGE REGISTRATION PLATES IN LIEU OF ANTIQUE OR CLASSIC REGISTRATION PLATES

- A. Documentation Required When 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 a 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 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 apply registration to the vehicle 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 full 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 is required to be completed. There is a \$22.50 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.