



# VINTAGE LICENSE PLATES



## WHAT ARE "VINTAGE" LICENSE PLATES AND WHAT VEHICLES ARE ELIGIBLE?

- Vintage plates are the actual plates issued to the vehicle owner, or other original plates (not reproductions) issued by New York State (NYS), in the year the vehicle was manufactured. Note: The manufacture date will be based on the model year of the vehicle.
- Any motor vehicle manufactured more than 25 years before the current calendar year that is used only as a collector's item or exhibition piece, and not for daily transportation, may be registered with vintage plates from the model year of the vehicle.
- Vintage registrations are valid for one year. To register your vehicle with vintage plates, you must have actual plates that were valid in NYS in the year the vehicle was manufactured. If it was a metal tab year, you must have the metal tab.
  - The plates must be original; not reproductions and not painted.
  - If NYS issued only one plate in the year of manufacture, that plate must be mounted on the rear of the vehicle. If NYS originally issued two plates in that year, you must use both matching plates.
  - A motorcycle plate must be used on a motorcycle. Otherwise, any plates issued in the year the vehicle was manufactured may be used on any type of vehicle. For example, plates originally issued to a truck may be used on a car, and plates issued to a taxi may be used on a truck.
- If you have questions about vintage registrations, or if you want to check the availability of a plate number before purchasing a vintage plate, contact the Custom Plates Unit:

Custom Plates Unit  
Department of Motor Vehicles  
PO Box 2775  
Albany NY 12220-0775  
1-518-402-4838

## HOW DO I REGISTER MY ELIGIBLE VEHICLE WITH VINTAGE PLATES?

**Mail items 1-8 to:** NYS Department of Motor Vehicles, Custom Plates Unit, P.O. Box 2775, Albany NY, 12220.

1. MV-82 (Vehicle Registration/Title Application)\*. Complete and sign form MV-82. Be sure to fill in your name, address, daytime phone number, and ID number from your driver license. If you have questions about the requirements, see form MV-82.1 (Registering/Titling a Vehicle in New York State)\*.
2. A photocopy of your driver license. This serves as proof of identity. (See form ID-82\* for a list of other acceptable proofs.)
3. Proof of ownership. If the vehicle is currently registered to you, provide a photocopy of the current registration. If the vehicle is not currently registered in your name, send the original transferable registration or title, signed over to you. If that is not possible, send form MV-51B (Statement of Ownership)\* with a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) tracing or VIN verification signed by a police department.
4. Proof of insurance. **Send a valid Insurance ID Card** (form FS-20 or FS-21) issued and dated within 180 days of the date you registered the vehicle. **The ID card must include a scannable barcode and the computer-printed word "HISTORICAL".** Cards without the word "HISTORICAL" will not be accepted. Contact your insurance company to get information about insurance for a historical vehicle.
5. Sales Tax Receipt. The receipt is **ONLY** needed if the vehicle has never been registered in your name in New York State. (*If your vehicle is currently registered in your name, or if it was previously registered to you, proof of sales tax payment is not required.*) To get a Sales Tax Receipt, you must bring your bill of sale and proof of ownership documents (title or transferable registration) to any Motor Vehicles office, where you will complete a sales tax clearance form (DTF-802\*, 803\* or 804\*) and receive a Sales Tax Receipt (FS-6T).
6. Payment of fees. You may pay by check, money order or credit card. Indicate your method of payment in the Payment section on page 2. Make a check or money order payable to "Commissioner of Motor Vehicles". To pay by credit card, provide the information in the Payment section on page 2 of this form.

### Passenger Vehicles:

- If the vehicle has a valid NYS registration in your name, the fee is **\$3.75** for the new document.
- If the vehicle is not currently registered in your name, the fee is **\$28.75**.  
**NOTE:** If you live in New York, Bronx, Kings, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Nassau, Suffolk, Orange, Putnam, Dutchess, or Westchester county, the fee is **\$53.75** due to the addition of an annual \$25.00 Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District supplemental registration fee.
- If the vehicle is a 1973 or newer model year and does not have a NYS title issued in your name, there is an additional fee of **\$50.00** for the title.

Motorcycles (motorcycle registrations have a fixed expiration date of April 30<sup>th</sup>):

- o If you have a valid NYS registration with historical plates, the fee is **\$3.75** for the new document.
- o If you have a valid standard motorcycle registration, the fee is **\$11.25** (\$3.75 document fee plus a registration fee of \$7.50).
- o If the motorcycle is not currently registered in your name, the fee is **\$25.00**.  
**NOTE:** If you live in New York, Bronx, Kings, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Nassau, Suffolk, Orange, Putnam, Dutchess, or Westchester county, the fee is **\$50.00** due to the addition of an annual \$25.00 Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District supplemental registration fee.
- o If your motorcycle is a 1973 or newer model and does not have a NYS title issued in your name, there is an additional title fee of **\$50.00**.

7. Color photograph of the vintage plate(s). Submit a clear, color photograph of the plate(s). If the vehicle year required two plates, both plates must appear in the same photo.
8. This form (MV-440V)\*. Sign the Owner's Certification Statement and complete the Payment section below. Send DMV the original signed form, not a copy.

*\*You can print these forms from the DMV web site (dmv.ny.gov), or get them in any Motor Vehicles office.*

### OWNER'S CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I certify that the vehicle I want to register with vintage plates is owned and operated as an exhibition piece or collector's item, and is used for participation in club activities, exhibits, tours, parades, occasional transportation and similar uses, but is not used for general daily transportation, in accordance with Section 401-7(G) of the Vehicle and Traffic Law. I also certify that the accompanying photograph is of the original, readable, un-repainted plate(s), not of a manufactured facsimile. The year of the plate(s) corresponds to the model year of the vehicle.

X

(Sign your name as it appears, or as it will appear, on the vehicle registration)

(Daytime Phone Number)

### PAYMENT

#### Payment Method (DO NOT SEND CASH)

☐ Check

☐ Money Order

Amount Enclosed

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check or money order payable to "Commissioner of Motor Vehicles".

#### Credit Card Authorization - Provide all of the information below.

Credit Card: ☐ American Express

☐ Discover

☐ MasterCard

☐ Visa

Name (as it appears on credit card)

Card Account Number

Expiration Date

Security Code (3 or 4 digit code on back or front of your card)

Authorized  
Signature X