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MV-46 (10-23)



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BMV Fees

## APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF ILLEGIBLE REGISTRATION PLATE

(The space above is for Department use only)  
Bureau of Motor Vehicles • P.O. Box 68593 • Harrisburg, PA 17106-8593

By completing this application, you are requesting to replace your current issue registration plate, with the same style of registration plate, due to the plate being deemed as illegible. The operation of a vehicle with an illegible registration plate is a violation of Section 1332 of the Vehicle Code, which may result in a \$100 fine.

### A APPLICANT AND VEHICLE INFORMATION AS LISTED ON CURRENT REGISTRATION CARD

Title Number	Vehicle Identification Number	Registration Plate Number	Registration Plate Style	Expiration Date MO: YR:
Last Name (or Full Business Name)	First Name	Middle Name	PA DL/Photo ID# or Bus. ID#	Date of Birth
Co-Applicant Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	PA DL/Photo ID#	Date of Birth
<b>Owner's Change of Address</b> Complete only if different from registration card. If changing the address to an out-of-state address, you must also complete and submit Form MV-8 and qualify for an out-of-state address.	New Street Address			
	City	State	Zip Code	

**NOTE:** In conjunction with replacement of your registration plate, you will receive one registration card. If additional registration cards are desired, the fee is \$2 for each card. Duplicate registration cards vary in cost depending on the time they are requested, refer to Form MV-70S, "Bureau of Motor Vehicles Schedule of Fees."  
Number of duplicate registration cards requested @ \$2 each: \_\_\_\_\_

### B AUTHORIZATION TO REPLACE AN ILLEGIBLE REGISTRATION PLATE – Verification from Law Enforcement Officer or Certified Safety Inspector.

On this date, registration plate number 

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 on a \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ has been determined to be illegible.

For personalized plates, please ensure the configuration is reflected exactly in the boxes above, including dashes or spaces. Please also attach a photo of the personalized plate. By signing this form, **the owner or registrant is requesting the below option and will receive another registration plate (with the same style and a new configuration) or a personalized registration plate (with the same style and configuration as the illegible registration plate).**  
**NOTE:** If the illegible registration plate design being replaced is no longer available it will be replaced with a standard issue registration plate. If the illegible registration plate design has been updated since your registration plate was issued, you will receive the new design.

- ☐ I have a personalized registration plate and want to keep my configuration. (FREE)  
☐ I have a non-personalized registration plate and want to replace it with a next in series registration plate. (FREE)  
☐ I have a non-personalized registration plate and want to keep my same configuration. NOTE: Not all registration plates are available for personalization. If the registration plate cannot be personalized, you will receive the next in series of that style of registration plate.  
The fees associated with each plate type are listed below:

- ☐ Ex-Prisoner of War, Disabled Veterans, Severely Disabled Veterans, and Persons with Disability - \$64  
☐ Standard issue - \$97  
☐ All other registration plates - \$128

Check Only  
One

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Police Officer or  
Certified Safety Inspector

\_\_\_\_\_  
Badge Number or Inspector ID

\_\_\_\_\_  
Department or Station Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### C APPLICANT(S) SIGNATURE

I/We declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that the foregoing is true and correct, and that application was made for the above product.

Furthermore, I/we state that I/we have read and signed this application after its completion, and I/we swear or affirm that the statements made herein are true and correct, and that any statement made on or pursuant to this application is subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. Section 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification), which include criminal prosecution and a term of imprisonment, the maximum of which may be one year [18 Pa.C.S. 4904(b)], or up to two years [18 Pa.C.S. 4904(a)]. In addition to any other penalty, a person convicted under this section shall be sentenced to pay a fine of at least \$1,000 [18 Pa.C.S. 4904(d)].

Signed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ (county or other location, and state), \_\_\_\_\_ (country).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Applicant or Authorized Signer

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Signature of Applicant or Authorized Signer

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Printed Name of Co-Applicant

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Signature of Co-Applicant/Title of Authorized Signer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

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## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. This form may require a fee. Please review the instructions below carefully prior to submitting the application. For a complete listing of motor vehicle fees, refer to [Form MV-70S, "Bureau of Motor Vehicles Schedule of Fees,"](#) found on our website at [www.dmv.pa.gov](http://www.dmv.pa.gov) or scan the QR code on the front of this application.
2. Complete Section A exactly as it appears on the current registration card. Print address change in space provided, if applicable. Individuals should list their PA Driver's License (PA DL) or Photo ID number in the space provided. Businesses should list their Business ID (Bus. ID) number where indicated (i.e., E.I.N). **NOTE:** When the application is being submitted through an agent/messenger, a legible photocopy of the applicant's valid photo identification (front and back) must be attached. **NOTE:** For registration plate style, please indicate the style of plate that you currently have. For example, Pollinator, Penn State Alumni, Prisoner of War, etc.
3. Section B must be completed by a Certified Safety Inspector at an official inspection station **OR** a local or state police officer when the owner of the standard issue registration plate or a specialty registration plate determines that the registration plate is illegible and wishes to have the illegible registration plate replaced. If replacing your personalized registration plate, please attach a photo of your personalized plate.
4. A registration plate is deemed illegible when one or more numbers or letters cannot be recognized from 50 feet or if the registration plate shows any blistering, peeling, discoloration or loss of reflectivity over the course of time rather than through a specific incident that damaged the registration plate. Registration plates may only be deemed illegible by a Certified Safety Inspector or law enforcement official. There is no fee for the replacement of an illegible personalized standard registration plate. The vehicle owner must take this form, Form MV-46, "Application to Replace an Illegible Registration Plate," to any official Pennsylvania Certified Inspection Station for verification that their registration plate is illegible **OR** have a law enforcement official verify the need for a replacement registration plate on this form. The vehicle owner is then responsible for signing and returning completed form to PennDOT in order to receive a replacement registration plate free of charge.
5. If an immediate replacement registration plate is needed while waiting for your illegible personalized registration plate, please complete and submit [Form MV-44, "Application for Duplicate Registration Card or Replacement of Lost, Stolen or Defaced Registration Plate,"](#) and the replacement registration plate fee. A standard issue registration plate will be issued until the replacement personalized registration plate can be provided. **NOTE:** The replacement personalized registration plate will take approximately 6-8 weeks to receive in the mail from the time PennDOT receives and processes the application.
6. Section C must be signed by the applicant. If applicable, the co-applicant must also sign.
7. If necessary, make check or money order payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and mail to the address listed on the front of the application. **DO NOT SEND CASH.**
8. Should you desire to renew your registration in conjunction with this application, you must complete [Form MV-140, "Request for Registration,"](#) or your registration renewal application and return it with this application. **NOTE:** Duplicate registration cards vary in cost depending on the time they are requested, refer to [Form MV-70S, "Bureau of Motor Vehicles Schedule of Fees,"](#) found on our website at [www.dmv.pa.gov](http://www.dmv.pa.gov) or scan the QR code on the front of this application.  
**NOTE:** During the period of time when the new registration plate is in the mail to the registrant, the official PennDOT vehicle record will indicate the new registration plate number as the valid registration plate. The registrant **MUST** continue to use the registration plate they have in their possession until the new replacement plate is received. Typically, the new plate is received by the registrant within ten days of processing their request.
9. To apply for a never received product, the vehicle owner should visit our website at [www.dmv.pa.gov](http://www.dmv.pa.gov) and complete [Form MV-50, "Application for Replacement of a Never Received Product."](#) By law, customers are entitled to a free reissuance of a product they never received, if an application for a never received product is submitted within 90 days of the original issuance date. If a customer submits the application outside of the 90 days, the customer must submit \$7 for each never received registration card requested and \$13 for each never received registration plate requested, along with the application.