

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.pa.gov/dmv 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, a local or state police officer, or a PennDOT authorized Online Messenger Service 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, law enforcement official, or PennDOT authorized Online Messenger Service. 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, have a law enforcement official verify the need for a replacement registration plate on this form or have a PennDOT authorized Online Messenger Service verify the need for a replacement registration plate on this form. The PennDOT authorized Online Messenger Service will be able to process your replacement plate at their locations. 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 if you have a Certified Inspection Station or law enforcement official sign off on this form.
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.pa.gov/dmv 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.pa.gov/dmv 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 the required fee for each never received registration card requested and the required fee for each never received registration plate requested, along with the application.

Please remember to provide updated information to places you may have registered your plate to, such as E-Z Pass (in the app, on-line, or 877-736-6727), a residential complex, your place of employment, and any parking apps you may use.