

FACT SHEET



ANTIQUÉ AND CLASSIC VEHICLES

PURPOSE

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

DEFINITION OF ANTIQUÉ 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.

USE OF ANTIQUÉ AND CLASSIC REGISTRATION PLATES

The use of antique and classic 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 and classic 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 and Classic plates, buses MAY NOT be used to transport passengers and trucks MAY NOT haul cargo.

Antique and Classic plates are not available for motorized pedalcycles.

EXPIRATION OF ANTIQUÉ AND CLASSIC REGISTRATION PLATES

Antique and classic registration plates 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 \$75.00 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 \$6.00 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 \$75.00 in order to use the plate. The \$6.00 transfer fee is not needed in this case.

APPLICATION FOR ANTIQUÉ 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 plate. When a vehicle is already properly titled in the owner's name, and the owner is making application for an antique or classic plate, only the vehicle's certificate of title (MV-4) is required to be submitted along with the MV-11 application and photographs. **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.

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2. Form MV-11, Application for Antique or Classic Registration Plate.
3. The appropriate sales tax, title/registration fees and four clearly distinguishable color photographs of the vehicle (front, rear, and both sides).

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

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 and four color photographs (front, rear and both sides) are necessary to determine the condition of the vehicle to qualify as an antique motor vehicle. There is a \$22.50 title fee for this change. In addition, the \$75.00 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.