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# APPLICATION FOR PERSONALIZED, AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR OR PRESS PHOTOGRAPHER REGISTRATION PLATE

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Bureau of Motor Vehicles • PO Box 68293 • Harrisburg, PA 17106-8293

## CHECK BLOCK FOR TYPE OF REGISTRATION PLATE DESIRED:

- ☐ **Personalized Registration Plate** - Complete Sections A, B and E. **FEE REQUIRED**
- ☐ **Amateur Radio Operator Registration Plate** - Complete Sections A, C and E. **FEE REQUIRED**
- ☐ **Press Photographer Registration Plate** - Complete Sections A, B (if applicable), D and E. **FEE REQUIRED** (An additional fee is required for personalization.)

Check One: Leased Vehicle: ☐ YES ☐ NO

<b>A APPLICANT AND VEHICLE INFORMATION</b> - List Information Currently Shown on Title or Registration Card.				
Last Name (or Full Business Name)	First Name	Middle Name	PA DL/Photo ID# or Bus. ID#	Date of Birth
Co-Owner Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	PA DL/Photo ID#	Date of Birth
Street Address				
City	State	Zip Code	Daytime Telephone Number	
Vehicle Identification Number		Title Number	Home: _____ Office: _____	
Make of Vehicle	Registration Plate Number		Expiration Date	
<b>NOTE:</b> In conjunction with replacement of your registration plate, you will receive one registration card. If additional registration cards are desired, there is a \$2 fee for each registration card. <b>Number of duplicate registration cards requested @ \$2 each:</b> _____.				
<b>B PERSONALIZED REGISTRATION PLATE INFORMATION</b>				
The number of allotted letters or numbers in combination varies depending on the selected registration plate type. Please see the reverse side of this application for additional instructions regarding the <u>allotted spaces</u> . No other special characters are available. Please use capital letters and print clearly.				
FIRST CHOICE		SECOND CHOICE		THIRD CHOICE
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<b>EXAMPLES . . .</b>				
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<div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">C R E 8 I V E</div>				
<b>NOTE:</b> When requesting a numeric character of zero, please show as "Ø" instead of the alpha character "O." Since this is an electronically fillable form, after printing the form, please be sure any zero is marked with a "/."				
<b>C AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR REGISTRATION PLATE INFORMATION</b>				
I am the holder of a valid Amateur Radio Station License (copy must be attached) issued by the Federal Communications Commission dated _____ and have been assigned call letters _____.				
<b>D PRESS PHOTOGRAPHER REGISTRATION PLATE INFORMATION</b>				
I certify that I am employed full time by _____ <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">Name of Firm</div>				
Street Address		City	State	Zip Code
as a newspaper, newsreel or television news photographer. The motor vehicle for which the Press Photographer registration plates are requested will be used in pursuit of my regular employment in covering news events.				
<b>THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE EMPLOYER</b>				
I certify that _____ is employed as a newspaper, newsreel, or television news photographer.				
_____ Signature of Employer		_____ Printed Name of Employer		_____ Date
<b>E APPLICANT(S) SIGNATURE</b>				
I/We certify that all information given on this application is TRUE and CORRECT.				
_____ Signature of Owner or Authorized Signer		_____ Signature of Co-Owner		_____ Date

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION



- **Standard** personalized registration plates, including passenger car, truck, trailers, etc., may contain up to **SEVEN** letters and numbers in combination. Only one hyphen or space is permitted, but not both. If no hyphen or space is requested, one block will remain blank. Please use capital letters and print clearly. When requesting a numeric character of zero, please list as "0" instead of the alpha character of "O." Since this is an electronically fillable form, after printing the form, please be sure any zero is marked with a "/." **NOTE:** A hyphen or space is not recognized as part of the registration plate configuration and does not count as one of the letters or numbers. An extra box is provided if you wish to include a hyphen or space as part of your configuration.
- **Motorcycle** personalized registration plates may contain up to **FIVE** letters or **FIVE** letters and numbers in combination. If a hyphen or space is used as part of the registration configuration, it counts as one of the available spaces for personalization. Only one hyphen or space is permitted, but not both. No additional special characters are available. Please use capital letters and print clearly. When requesting a numeric character of zero, please list as "0" instead of the alpha character of "O." Since this is an electronically fillable form, after printing the form, please be sure any zero is marked with a "/."
- **Motor Home** personalized registration plates may contain up to **SEVEN** letters and numbers in combination. If a hyphen or space is used as part of the registration configuration, it counts as one of the available spaces for personalization. Only one hyphen or space is permitted, but not both. No additional special characters are available. Please use capital letters and print clearly. When requesting a numeric character of zero, please list as "0" instead of the alpha character of "O." Since this is an electronically fillable form, after printing the form, please be sure any zero is marked with a "/."
- **Moped** personalized registration plates may contain up to **FIVE** letters and numbers in combination. If a hyphen or space is used as part of the registration configuration, it counts as one of the available spaces for personalization. Only one hyphen or space is permitted, but not both. No additional special characters are available. Please use capital letters and print clearly. When requesting a numeric character of zero, please list as "0" instead of the alpha character of "O." Since this is an electronically fillable form, after printing the form, please be sure any zero is marked with a "/."
- **Omnibus** personalized registration plates may contain up to **FIVE** letters and numbers in combination. If a hyphen or space is used as part of the registration configuration, it counts as one of the available spaces for personalization. Only one hyphen or space is permitted, but not both. No additional special characters are available. Please use capital letters and print clearly. When requesting a numeric character of zero, please list as "0" instead of the alpha character of "O." Since this is an electronically fillable form, after printing the form, please be sure any zero is marked with a "/." **NOTE:** A pre-printed letter configuration of "OB" will precede your personalized configuration on your registration plate and cannot be changed. **NOTE:** The Keystone emblem does not appear on personalized registration plates.
- **Permanent Trailer** registration plates may contain up to **FOUR** letters or numbers in combination. If a hyphen or space is used as part of the registration configuration, it counts as one of the available spaces for personalization. Only one hyphen or space is permitted, but not both. No additional special characters are available. Please use capital letters and print clearly. When requesting a numeric character of zero, please list as "0" instead of the alpha character of "O." Since this is an electronically fillable form, after printing the form, please be sure any zero is marked with a "/." **NOTE:** A pre-printed letter configuration of "PT" will precede your personalized configuration and an "A" will follow your personalization configuration on your registration plate and cannot be changed. **NOTE:** The Keystone emblem does not appear on personalized registration plates.

### AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR

- Radio and television stations may be issued personalized registration plates containing the station call letters assigned by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).
- One registration plate will be issued with your FCC assigned call sign. If you desire a second Amateur Radio Operator registration plate, your FCC call sign plus a hyphen and the #2 will be issued. A copy of your Amateur Radio Station License must be attached. **No other personalization is available.**
- 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](http://www.pa.gov/dmv).

### PRESS PHOTOGRAPHER

- Issued to a person who is employed full time as a newspaper, newsreel, or television photographer or camera operator.
- The vehicle must be registered in the name of the press photographer or jointly by the press photographer and a co-owner.
- Only one set of press photographer registration plates will be issued to any applicant.
- 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](http://www.pa.gov/dmv). **NOTE:** An additional fee is due if requesting personalization of the Press Photographer registration plate.
- Press Photographer personalized registration plates may contain up to **THREE** letters and numbers in combination. If a hyphen or space is used as part of the registration configuration, it counts as one of the available spaces for personalization. Only one hyphen or space is permitted, but not both. No additional special characters are available. Please use capital letters and print clearly. When requesting a numeric character of zero, please list as "0" instead of the alpha character of "O." Since this is an electronically fillable form, after printing the form, please be sure any zero is marked with a "/." **NOTE:** A pre-printed letter configuration of "PP" will precede your personalized configuration on your registration plate and cannot be changed.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

- This form requires 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](http://www.pa.gov/dmv) or scan the QR code on the front of this application. Payment is to be made by check or money order payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. **DO NOT SEND CASH.**
- PennDOT reserves the right to limit or reject certain requests.
- Personalized registration applicants must have a valid registration plate which the applicant shall retain pending receipt of the requested personalized registration plate. Upon receipt of the personalized registration plate, immediately place the registration plate on the vehicle. The old registration plate is no longer valid.
- Requests for personalized registration plates are restricted to passenger vehicles, motorcycles, trailers, motor homes, or trucks with a registered gross weight of not more than **14,000 lbs.**
- Your telephone number will be held in confidence and used only in the event of a problem with your application.
- Separate applications must be filed for each special registration plate (Personalized, Amateur Radio Operator, Press Photographer).
- Registration on your vehicle must be current in order for PennDOT to process your request. The **fee covers the cost of your personalized registration plate order only and will not renew your vehicle's registration.** If your registration has expired or expires in the next three months, please include your completed renewal application Form MV-105, "Pennsylvania Registration Renewal Application," or [Form MV-140, "Request for Registration,"](#) and a **separate check or money order in the amount of your registration renewal fee.** Payment is to be made by check or money order payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH.**
- To check personalized registration plate availability, visit PennDOT's Driver and Vehicle Services website, [www.pa.gov/dmv](http://www.pa.gov/dmv), and select Plate Availability from the list of services under the Online Services heading. Personalized registration plates will not be reserved until PennDOT receives payment and a completed application and approves your requested registration plate configuration [number(s) and/or letter(s)]. Please note that registration plate requests are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Although a requested registration plate configuration may show as being available on the website, it is possible that a request for the same registration plate configuration may have already been submitted by another customer and may not be available when your application is processed.
- To replace a lost, stolen or defaced registration plate that is damaged, but not beyond recognition, complete and submit [Form MV-44, "Application for Duplicate Registration Card or Replacement of Lost, Stolen or Defaced Registration Plate,"](#) along with a photograph or tracing of the registration plate for identification purposes. A registration plate is considered to be defaced when the registration plate is damaged by a specific incident such as a traffic accident, cutting, scraping or damaged caused by intense cleaning or harmful chemicals. There is a fee to replace a lost, stolen or defaced standard issue or specialty registration plate. If your defaced registration plate is a personalized registration plate, it will be replaced with the same configuration as before at no cost. Personalized registration plates that are lost or stolen are not able to be replaced with the same configuration. If your personalized registration plate was lost or stolen, we will replace it with the same style of registration plate, however, customers will be required to select a new configuration. The registration plate will be produced with the new configuration if it is available. Please make sure to indicate that you are replacing a defaced personalized registration plate on the front of the [MV-44](#). If an immediate replacement registration plate is needed while waiting for your replacement personalized registration plate, please complete and submit a second [Form MV-44](#), and the replacement registration plate fee. A standard issue registration plate will be issued until the replacement personalized, lost or stolen 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. **NOTE:** The replacement standard issue registration plate will take 7-10 business days to receive in the mail from the time PennDOT receives and processes the application.
- To apply for a **free registration plate**, due to current plate being illegible, the vehicle owner should visit our website at [www.pa.gov/dmv](http://www.pa.gov/dmv) and take [Form MV-46, "Application to Replace an Illegible Registration Plate,"](#) to any official Pennsylvania 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 [Form MV-46](#). The vehicle owner is then responsible for signing and returning the completed Form MV-46 to PennDOT in order to receive a replacement registration plate free of charge. Your registration plate will be replaced with the next registration plate in the series and with the same style of registration plate you are replacing. If your registration plate is currently personalized, PennDOT will replace it with the same style and configuration as the registration plate you are replacing. If replacing your personalized registration plate, please attach a photograph or tracing of the registration plate for identification purposes. **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 registration plate will take approximately 6-8 weeks to receive in the mail from the time PennDOT receives and processes the application. NOTE: The replacement registration plate will take approximately 7-10 business days to receive in the mail from the time PennDOT receives and processes the application. Please allow 8-10 weeks for delivery of personalized plates.**
- To apply for a never received product, the vehicle owner should visit our website at [www.pa.gov/dmv](http://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.
- Personalized registration plates will be manufactured on the basis of this application. **NO REFUND** of the fee will be issued when an applicant cancels a request after the order is placed with the manufacturer.
- If a personalized registration plate has had no activity (such as renewal or a transfer) for a period of five years, the owner may re-activate the registration plate or PennDOT can re-issue that same configuration to an applicant other than the original registration plate owner. The requested configuration cannot be re-issued if it has been reported lost or stolen. No other personalized registration plates will be duplicated except when defaced or illegible.
- This application with check or money order should be mailed to: Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Special Tag Unit, P.O. Box 68293, Harrisburg, PA 17106-8293.
- Allow 8 to 10 weeks for delivery.

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