

FACT SHEET

Restoring Vehicle Registration after Serving a Suspension Due to a Lapse in Insurance

PURPOSE:

This fact sheet provides information on how to restore vehicle registration after serving a three month vehicle registration suspension due to a lapse in insurance (financial responsibility).

WHAT DO I NEED TO RESTORE MY VEHICLE REGISTRATION?

A restoration fee must be paid by check or money order to PennDOT. Place the vehicle's title number on the check to ensure the fee is correctly applied. You may also pay by credit card online at www.pa.gov/dmv by selecting "Restorations" from the Online Services heading.

In order to have your registration restored, current proof of insurance must be provided within 30 days prior to your eligibility date. Submit a copy of either your insurance identification card, the declaration page of your insurance policy, a valid binder of insurance, or an application for insurance to the Pennsylvania Assigned Risk Plan as acceptable proofs of insurance for your motor vehicle. (**NOTE:** Original documents will not be returned.)

For a complete listing of motor vehicle fees, refer to [Form MV-70S, "Bureau of Motor Vehicles Schedule of Fees."](#)

WHERE TO SEND THE RESTORATION FEE AND/OR PROOF OF INSURANCE:

Follow the instructions listed above and return all of the necessary information to the following address:

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
Bureau of Motor Vehicles
P.O. Box 68674
Harrisburg, PA 17106-8674

I HAVE SUBMITTED MY RESTORATION FEE AND CURRENT PROOF OF INSURANCE TO PENNDOT, NOW WHAT?

Once the restoration fee is paid, current proof of insurance is submitted and your eligibility date has been met, the following scenarios will apply:

- (a) If the registration plate and registration card were surrendered to PennDOT to serve the suspension and the registration has not expired, you will receive a registration plate and registration card within 7 to 10 business days.
- (b) If the registration plate and registration card that were surrendered to serve the suspension are expired, and registration has not been renewed, an application for registration renewal, using [Form MV-140, "Request for Registration,"](#) must be submitted. This form may be obtained from our website at www.pa.gov/dmv and mailed to the address listed on the form or taken to an authorized online agent to be processed. The applicable registration fee will also be required. You may be eligible to renew your vehicle for either a one or two-year registration period. Both registration periods and required fees are provided on the registration renewal form or Form [MV-70S, "Bureau of Motor Vehicles Schedule of Fees."](#)
- (c) If the registration plate has not been surrendered to PennDOT to serve a suspension and has expired, an application for registration renewal may be completed using our website at www.pa.gov/dmv, at any of PennDOT's on-line authorized agents, or through the mail using [Form MV-140, "Request for Registration."](#) The applicable registration fee will also be required.

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