FACT SHEET

Pennsylvania Senior Citizens Non-Commercial Driver's License and Vehicle Registration Services

PURPOSE

The purpose of this fact sheet is to explain some of the special services the Bureaus of Motor Vehicles and Driver Licensing offer to senior citizens.

RETIRED PERSON'S VEHICLE REGISTRATION

If you are retired and receiving Social Security or other pension income and your total annual income from all sources is $30,778 or less, you qualify to register your passenger vehicle or light truck (9,000 lbs. or less) for a processing fee per year instead of the registration fee. For a complete listing of all motor vehicle fees, please refer to Form MV-70S, "Bureau of Motor Vehicles Schedule of Fees." The discount does not apply to title fees, transfer fees or sales tax.

NOTE: 100% of a veteran's benefit payment or payment to the unmarried surviving spouse, upon the death of a veteran, is entitled to receive, should not be included as income for the reduced Retired Status fee.

Under this plan, you may register only one passenger vehicle or truck that you own for the processing fee, and you should be the principal driver of the vehicle, unless a physical or mental disability exists that makes you incapable of driving. **NOTE**: When a vehicle is titled in two names, only the income of the retired principle driver applying needs to be listed on Form MV-371, "Application for a Retired Person's Processing Fee on a Vehicle Registration," to qualify unless they have a medical condition that disqualifies them from driving.

APPLICATION FOR RETIRED STATUS

To apply, you must complete Form MV-371 and include it with your regular registration renewal, along with a check or money order made payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. **NOTE**: Form MV-371 can be found on our website at www.pa.gov/dmv, or you may also renew your registration by visiting www.pa.gov/dmv and selecting "Renew Your Vehicle Registration with Retired Status Rate" from the list of services on the Online Services page.

If you are buying a new vehicle or a vehicle previously titled in another state, you should complete Form MV-371 and forward it with Form MV-1, "Application for Certificate of Title." If you are buying a used vehicle previously titled in Pennsylvania, submit Form MV-371 with the assigned Pennsylvania Certificate of Title and Form MV-4ST, "Vehicle Sales and Use Tax Return/Application for Registration." Please note, in either case, you would still be responsible for the title fee and sales tax. In addition, only authorized agents can complete Forms MV-1 and MV-4ST and submit to PennDOT.

NOTE: For a complete listing of motor vehicle fees, refer to Form MV-70S, "Bureau of Motor Vehicles Schedule of Fees."

PHOTO LICENSES: TWO-YEAR AND FOUR-YEAR

Pennsylvania's driver licensing period is approximately four years, expiring the day after your birthday. However, persons at least 65 years of age have the option of obtaining a two-year license.

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For photo license fees, refer to the "Driver Licensing Fee Chart Fact Sheet," found on our website at www.pa.gov/dmv.

After you send your renewal along with the fees to the Bureau of Driver Licensing, you will receive a camera card, which is valid for 60 days as a temporary driver's license when accompanied by your driver's license. Visit one of our photo license centers to have your photograph taken, and you will receive your photo license at that time.

RENEWING YOUR NON-COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE OR VEHICLE REGISTRATION EARLY

If you plan to be out of Pennsylvania for an extended period of time and would like to renew your driver's license or vehicle registration up to six months ahead of time, you may renew these online at www.pa.gov/dmv. Or, you can renew your driver's license by completing Form DL-143, "Non-Commercial Driver's License Renewal Application," and you can renew your vehicle registration plate by completing Form MV-140, "Request for Registration." These forms can also be used any time you do not have the non-commercial driver's license or vehicle registration renewal application that was mailed to you.

MATURE DRIVER RE-EXAMINATION PROGRAM

Each month, 1,900 drivers over the age of 45 are randomly chosen for retesting seven months prior to the date of their driver's license renewal. Each selected driver is required to undergo vision and physical examinations. The medical examination may be conducted by a health care provider, and the vision screening may be completed by a health care provider or, at no charge, at any PennDOT driver's license center. If warranted by the results of the medical examination, those selected may also be required to successfully complete a driver's examination and a knowledge test.

PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARD

If you are a Pennsylvania driver and would like to receive a non-driver photo ID card, complete Form DL-54A, "Application for Initial Photo Identification Card." The photo ID card clearly indicates that it is not a driver's license and is valid for a period of four years.

For photo ID card fees, refer to the "Driver Licensing Fee Chart Fact Sheet," found on our website at www.pa.gov/dmv. **NOTE**: The initial photo ID is available free to drivers who are required by PennDOT to surrender their driver's license for medical reasons or those who voluntarily surrender their driver's license for health reasons that may affect their ability to safely operate a motor vehicle. Applicants should complete Form DL-54B, "Photo Identification Card Application for Change/Correction/Replacement/Renew."

Free photo ID cards are also issued to drivers who are required by PennDOT to retake the driver's exam and cannot pass the driving, knowledge, or vision portion of the test.

Individuals who have never held a Pennsylvania driver's license may apply for a photo ID card (Form DL-54A) at any driver's license center. When making application, provide your Social Security card as well as proof of identity and residency. To meet the identification requirements for U.S. citizens, you must provide one of the following:

- Birth certificate with raised seal (U.S. issued by an authorized government agency, including U.S. territories or Puerto Rico. Non-U.S. birth certificates will not be accepted.), **Note**: Birth certificates from Puerto Rico must have an issue date of 7/1/10 or later to be acceptable.
    - If your birth certificate includes language stating the record of birth is not evidence of United States citizenship, additional documentation may be required.
- Valid U.S. passport,
- Certificate of United States Citizenship (USCIS Form N-560 or N-561),
- Certificate of Naturalization (USCIS Form N-550 or N-570), or
- Consular Report of Birth Abroad (DOS Form FS-240)

Note: Documents must be original, photocopies will not be accepted. To meet the identification requirements for Non-U.S. citizens, you must provide all of the following:

- Original USCIS/immigration documents indicating current lawful immigration status,
- Social Security card, or SSA ineligibility letter (must be original), and
- Valid passport, dependent on status.

Note: Documents must be original, photocopies will not be accepted.

For proof of residency, you must provide **two** of the following:

- Post-marked mail/package labels through USPS, UPS, FedEx, etc.,
- Official tax records reflecting current name and address,
- Lease agreements or mortgage documents,
- Current, unexpired PA driver's license or photo ID card,
- PA vehicle registration card,
- A W-2 form/pay stub,
- Auto insurance card, or
- A computer-generated utility bill showing your name and address (cellphone, cable, electric, gas).

Note: If you reside with someone and have no bills in your name, you will need to provide two proofs of residence. One proof is to bring the person with whom you reside, along with their driver's license or photo ID, to the driver's license center. You will also need to provide a second proof of residency, such as official mail (bank statement, tax notice, magazine, etc.) that has your name and address on it. The address must match that of the person with whom you reside.

All documents must show the same name and date of birth, or an association between the information on the documents. Additional documentation may be required if a connection between documents cannot be established (e.g. Marriage Certificate, Court Order of name change, Divorce Decree, etc.)