



Pennsylvania  
Department of Transportation



BMV Fees

# APPLICATION FOR U.S. MILITARY SERVICE REGISTRATION PLATES FEE REQUIRED

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Bureau of Motor Vehicles • 1101 South Front Street • Harrisburg, PA 17104

This application may only be used for a vehicle owned or co-owned by a veteran or service member who served or is serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Check (✓) the applicable block below. **NOTE:** 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 at the top of this application.

The following registration plates may be used on a motorcycle or a passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not more than 14,000 pounds or motorcycles. These registration plates require an issuance fee. If the registration has expired, the registration must be renewed before PennDOT can issue the registration plate:

☐ PURPLE HEART (E5) ☐ PURPLE HEART MOTORCYCLE (LA)

The following registration plates may ONLY be used on a passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not more than 14,000 pounds. These registration plates require an issuance fee. If the registration has expired, the registration must be renewed before PennDOT can issue the registration plate:

☐ OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE (S5) ☐ SILVER STAR (GZ) ☐ BRONZE STAR FOR VALOR (HC)  
☐ SOLDIER'S MEDAL (LD) ☐ PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE BADGE (LF) ☐ LEGION OF MERIT (LH) ☐ EX-PRISONER OF WAR (29)  
☐ BORINQUENEERS CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL (OA) ☐ GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM (BO) (See instructions on reverse.)

<b>A APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>				
Last Name		First Name	Middle Name	PA DL/Photo ID#
Co-Owner Last Name		First Name	Middle Name	PA DL/Photo ID#
Street Address		City	State	Zip Code Telephone Number
<b>B MILITARY INFORMATION</b>				
Branch of Service		Dates of Active Service MO/YR TO MO/YR		Service Number
<b>C VEHICLE INFORMATION</b>				
Title Number		Vehicle Identification Number		
Registration Plate Number		Expiration Date:	Month Yr.	Registered Gross Weight (if applicable)
<p><b>NOTE:</b> In conjunction with replacement of your registration plate, you will receive one registration card. Duplicate registration cards vary in cost depending on the time they are requested, refer to <a href="#">Form MV-70S, "Bureau of Motor Vehicles Schedule of Fees."</a></p> <p>Number of duplicate registration cards requested: _____.</p>				
<b>D OPTIONAL PERSONALIZATION REQUEST - NOTE:</b> Additional fee required.				
<p>The number of allotted letters or numbers in combination varies depending on the selected registration plate type. <b>Pre-printed letter configurations or designated letter(s) appear on personalized registration plates based on the type of registration plate requested.</b> Please see the reverse side of this application for additional information. <b>Only one hyphen or space is permitted as part of the available spaces for personalization.</b> No other special characters are available. Please use capital letters and print clearly.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>FIRST CHOICE</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>SECOND CHOICE</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>THIRD CHOICE</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> </div> </div> <p><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 "/."</p>				
<b>E APPLICANT SELF-CERTIFICATION and SIGNATURE</b>				
<p>I/We certify that one of us meet all eligibility requirements to have the special registration plate as indicated above issued to me/us. In addition, my/our signature below hereby certifies under penalty of law that the information contained herein is TRUE and CORRECT. <b>WARNING:</b> Falsification to authorities is a misdemeanor of the third degree punishable by a fine up to \$2,500 and/or imprisonment up to 1 year (18 Pa.C.S. Section 4904[b]).</p> <p><b>To qualify for an Ex-Prisoner of War registration or processing fee in lieu of registration, the self-certification below must be completed. See additional instructions on reverse.</b></p> <p>I/We am/are applying for an Ex-Prisoner of War registration. I/We certify that I/we have not previously received an Ex-Prisoner of War registration for the processing fee and therefore am/are eligible to be exempted from registration fees as described in the instruction on the reverse.</p>				
Signature of Applicant		Date		Signature of Co-Applicant Date

To renew your vehicle's registration in conjunction with this application, you must complete and attach your vehicle renewal application or [Form MV-140, "Request for Registration,"](#) and a check or money order, made payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the appropriate registration renewal fee in addition to the appropriate registration plate fee.

- To replace a lost, stolen or defaced registration plate that is damaged, but not beyond recognition, complete and submit [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 for each never received registration plate requested, along with the application.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. An **Ex-Prisoner of War registration plate** applicant must submit a legible photocopy of the Certification of Imprisonment from the appropriate branch of the Armed Forces or from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, or a legible photocopy of Form DD214, "Separation Papers or Discharge Papers," which indicates dates of imprisonment. **After the initial issuance fee has been paid, individuals may qualify for a processing fee in lieu of registration fee.** **NOTE:** To qualify for a processing fee in lieu of registration fee, the vehicle must be a passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of 9,000 lbs. or less. **Only one qualified vehicle is eligible for a free or reduced registration rate, not both.** Once a customer receives any form of a reduced registration rate, they must pay the full registration fee on any other vehicles they may own. Full registration fees apply for qualifying vehicles between 9,001 lbs. and 14,000 lbs. or any additional Ex-Prisoner of War registration purchased.
2. A **Purple Heart registration plate** applicant must submit a legible photocopy of Form DD214, "Separation Papers or Discharge Papers" or one of the following, which clearly indicates that a Purple Heart was awarded:
  - A copy of the general order.
  - A copy of the Certificate of Award.
  - A certification of the award from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
3. A **Silver Star, Bronze Star for Valor, and Legion of Merit registration plate** applicant must submit a legible photocopy of Form DD214, "Separation Papers or Discharge Papers," indicating the requested medal was awarded.
4. A **Presidential Service Badge registration plate** applicant must submit a legible photocopy of Form DD214, "Separation Papers or Discharge Papers," indicating the requested badge was awarded.
5. An **Operation Inherent Resolved registration plate** applicant must submit a legible photocopy of Form DD214, "Separation Papers or Discharge Papers," indicating the requested medal was awarded.
6. A **Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal registration plate** applicant must submit a legible photocopy of Form DD214, "Separation Papers or Discharge Papers," indicating they were awarded the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.
7. A **Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal registration plate** applicant must submit a legible photocopy of Form DD214, "Separation Papers or Discharge Papers," indicating they served in the 65th Infantry Regiment -The Borinqueneers - or other evidence of being awarded the Congressional Gold Medal.

## IF PERSONALIZING YOUR REGISTRATION PLATE

- Personalized U.S. Military registration plates may contain:



- For **Ex-Prisoner of War** registration plates, up to **THREE** 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. Please use capital letters and print clearly. When requesting a numeric character of zero, please show as "0" 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 "/." **NOTE:** A pre-printed letter configuration of "POW" will precede your personalized configuration on your registration plate and cannot be changed



- For **Purple Heart** registration plates, up to **FIVE** letters and/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 show as "0" 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 "/." **NOTE:** A pre-printed letter configuration of "PH" will precede your personalized configuration on your registration plate and cannot be changed.



- For **Purple Heart Motorcycle** registration plates, up to **FOUR** letters and/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 show as "0" 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 "/." **NOTE:** A pre-printed letter configuration of "PH" will precede your personalized configuration on your registration plate and cannot be changed



- For **Operation Inherent Resolve** registration plates, up to **FIVE** letters and/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 show as "0" 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 "/." **NOTE:** A pre-printed letter configuration of "IR" will precede your personalized configuration on your registration plate and cannot be changed.



- For **Silver Star** registration plates, up to **FIVE** letters and/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 show as "0" 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 "/." **NOTE:** A pre-printed letter configuration of "SI" will follow your personalized configuration on your registration plate and cannot be changed.



- For **Bronze Star for Valor** registration plates, up to **FIVE** letters and/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 show as "0" 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 "/." **NOTE:** A pre-printed letter configuration of "BV" will follow your personalized configuration on your registration plate and cannot be changed.



- For **Soldier's Medal** registration plates, up to **FIVE** letters and/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 show as "0" 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 "/." **NOTE:** A pre-printed letter configuration of "SM" will follow your personalized configuration on your registration plate and cannot be changed.



- For **Presidential Service Badge** registration plates, up to **FIVE** letters and/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 show as "0" 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 "/." **NOTE:** A pre-printed letter configuration of "PB" will follow your personalized configuration on your registration plate and cannot be changed.



- For **Legion of Merit** registration plates, up to **FIVE** letters and/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 show as "0" 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 "/." **NOTE:** A pre-printed letter configuration of "LM" will follow your personalized configuration on your registration plate and cannot be changed.



- For **Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal** registration plates, up to **SIX** letters and/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 show as "0" 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 "/."



- For **Global War on Terrorism** registration plates, up to **FIVE** letters and/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 show as "0" 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 "/." **NOTE:** A pre-printed letter configuration of "GW" will follow your personalized configuration on your registration plate and cannot be changed.

- PennDOT reserves the right to limit or reject requests.
- There is an additional fee to personalize your registration plate. Personalization fees differ by plate type. For a list of personalization fees by plate type, refer to [Form MV-70S](#). The registration on your vehicle must be current in order for PennDOT to process your request. If the registration has expired, the registration must be renewed before PennDOT can issue a personalized registration plate. **The additional 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 the Plate Availability link 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 making 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.
- 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.
- Allow 8 to 10 weeks for delivery.