

Definitions:

Class F(I) historic motor vehicle: any motor vehicle whose manufacturer's model year is at least 25 years old or any motor vehicle which is at least 15 years old and is a make of motor vehicle no longer manufactured; provided, that the motor vehicle has been or is being restored, preserved, or maintained as an exhibition or collector's item because of its special historical value or significance, has not been substantially altered or modified from the manufacturer's original specifications and is used on the public highways for the transportation of passengers or property for occasional pleasure driving or in conjunction with exhibitions, expositions, parades, tours, club activities, or similar activities or events, including transportation directly to or from such activities or events, not exceeding a total driving mileage under all conditions of 1,000 miles annually, but in no event used for general transportation. Motor vehicles which are less than 25 years old but which are 15 or more years old and which qualify as historic motor vehicles shall include the following makes, which are no longer manufactured: Kaiser, Hudson, DeSoto, Nash, Edsel, Studebaker and Packard.

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D.C. DMV Guidance

To get a current, valid title to a vehicle you purchase or otherwise obtain, you will have to submit certain documents to DC DMV. The following original documents are required to obtain a new vehicle title (DC DMV cannot accept photocopies or scanned documents):

- Current title or Certificate of Origin

Altered titles are not acceptable; you will have to apply for a replacement title if the title to the vehicle has been altered. If you are transferring a vehicle from another jurisdiction to the District of Columbia and the vehicle has a lien on it, you will need to contact the lienholder and have the original title sent to one of DMV's service centers. You can access the lienholder out of state title request form from the link below: [Lienholder Out of State Title Request Form](#)

- DC DMV driver license or DC DMV non-driver identification card

If the vehicle has multiple owners, all owners must be listed on the title. The primary owner must be a District resident with a DC DMV credential. Additionally, information on the other owners, including photo identification, will be required for vehicle registrations. More information on required documents for registrations is available at the link below: [District Residency and Documentation for Vehicle Registrations](#)

- Car Bill of Sale
- Proof of Valid Odometer Statement

For a new car, the dealer's odometer statement

For a used car, either:

- Certification of odometer mileage on back of title (when signed over)
- Certification of odometer mileage on dealer reassignment form (if purchased from dealer)
- Lien contract (if applicable)
- Lease contract (if applicable)

Your **DC DMV vehicle title will be mailed to the primary owner**, or the primary lien holder, within 10 business days of presenting all the required documentation to DC DMV.

District law requires that all vehicles housed and operated in the District of Columbia must be registered in the District unless the owner displays a reciprocity sticker issued by DC DMV. Before you can title and register a vehicle, all outstanding tickets, dishonored check(s) fee, delinquent child support payments, or any other debt you owe to the District of Columbia Government must be paid.

Requirements for Historic Motor Vehicles

No historic motor vehicle shall be required to comply with any equipment, material, or design standard which it was not legally required to achieve when it was manufactured.

No historic motor vehicle shall be required to comply with any performance standard with which it was not legally required to achieve or comply when it was manufactured. Performance standards shall include, but not be limited to, standards or requirements for exhaust and noise emissions and for fuel usage.

If the vehicle has a current Vehicle Inspection Sticker, the customer can declare the vehicle Historic without the vehicle having to be inspected. The customer will go the SW Inspection Station Office and request a copy of the Vehicle Inspection Report (VIR). The Vehicle Inspection Report will be stamped Historic FI or FII by one of the Resolution Coordinators, and issued to the customer. In addition, the customer will receive a HISTORIC FI or FII vehicle inspection sticker that will be affixed to the vehicle's windshield. The customer may then proceed to a DMV Service Center and register the vehicle.

If the vehicle does not have a current pass Vehicle Inspection Sticker, the vehicle will have to be inspected. The customer should indicate to the inspector that he/she is at the inspections station for a Historic Vehicle Inspection. The Inspector will inquire if the Historic Vehicle Inspection is FI or FII. After the vehicle has successfully passed inspection, the customer will be issued a Vehicle Inspection Report (VIR). The customer will take the Vehicle Inspection Report to the SW Inspection Station Office and it will be stamped FI or FII by one of the Resolution Coordinators and issued to the customer. In addition, the customer will receive a HISTORIC FI or FII vehicle inspection sticker that will be affixed to the vehicle's windshield. The customer may then proceed to a DMV Service Center and register the vehicle.

Historic Tags Process

1. The customer will need to meet the required years criteria, once it's been confirmed that they meet the criteria, they can declare their vehicle Historical.
2. If the vehicle has a current Pass Sticker the customer can declare the vehicle Historical without having to be inspected, a copy of their pass Vehicle Inspection Report is needed
3. Inspection Report (VIR) will be stamped historic and issued to them. Once the vehicle has been declared Historical they may choose the F (1) or F (2) option.
4. They will then proceed to a DMV Service Center and register their vehicle. The vehicle will never require an inspection again; if categorized as FII
5. F (I) historical vehicles receive a two year sticker and will return to the station every two years to have their mileage verified and updated in the system (Gordon Darby)
6. F (II) historical vehicles receive a non-expiring sticker

Documents required for registration of historic vehicle

If a customer would like to register a vehicle as HISTORIC and obtain registration the following documents are required for the first time:

1. Completed certificate of Title/Tag application, indicating Historic Tags
2. Title vehicle only if the titling the vehicle in DC for the first time
3. DC Driver License or DC Non Driver ID
4. DC Vehicle insurance coverage
5. DC Vehicle inspection report, stamped either FI or FII

D.C. Laws

§ 50-1501.02. Motor vehicles and trailers; expiration; certificates and tags; sale or transfer; Mayor to issue rules.

(a) Except as provided by § 50-1401.02, any motor vehicle or trailer operated in the District of Columbia shall be registered with the Department of Transportation by the owner of that motor vehicle or trailer.

(b)(1) Except as provided in subsections (d) and (e) of this section, a registration shall be valid for a period determined by the Mayor and shall expire at midnight of the last day of the designated period. During the 30-day period immediately preceding the date, as specified by the Mayor, on which registration expires, it shall be lawful to operate a motor vehicle or trailer registered for the ensuing registration year.

(2) The Mayor shall notify an owner of the expiration date of the owner's motor vehicle or trailer registration. The required notice shall be mailed to the named owner at the address of record at least 30 days prior to the date of expiration. If the Director does not deliver the notice as required, the first of any tickets issued for failure to display current registration for that registration period may be dismissed through mail or in-person adjudication.

(c) The Mayor shall issue a registration certificate and identification tag or tags for a motor vehicle or trailer to the owner of the motor vehicle or trailer, if the owner:

(1) Has applied for registration on a form supplied by the Mayor;

(2) Has paid all applicable fines, fees, and taxes for the motor vehicle or trailer pursuant to § 50-2301.05;

(3) Has a valid certificate of title in effect for the motor vehicle or trailer;

(4) Has a valid document issued by the District of Columbia attesting that the vehicle meets applicable District of Columbia vehicle inspection standards as of the date of the application; and

(5)(A) Is domiciled in the District of Columbia; except that the person need not be domiciled in the District of Columbia if:

(i)(I) The owner is a leasing company and the lessee is not domiciled in the District of Columbia;

(II) The vehicle is housed in the District of Columbia;

(III) The vehicle is provided to an employee of the lessee for the employee's use;

(IV) The employee is domiciled in the District of Columbia; and

(V) The owner submits an affidavit affirming compliance with this paragraph and agreeing that the address on the registration certificate and in the Department of Motor Vehicles' records shall be the address of the operator and that the employee's address shall be considered the owner's address for the purpose of sending any notices required by any statute or regulation for that vehicle.

(ii) The owner is a member of Congress and has a District of Columbia residence;

(iii) The owner is a lessor and the vehicle is leased to a person domiciled in the District of Columbia; or

(iv) The owner meets the requirements set forth in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

(B) An owner of a vehicle need not be a resident of the District if:

(i) The owner is an individual who holds a valid license to operate a taxicab or limousine within the District of Columbia;

(ii) The owner held a valid license to operate a taxicab or limousine within the District of Columbia at some point during the 5 years prior to the owner's first attempt to register a vehicle under this subparagraph; provided, that the license to operate a taxicab or limousine shall have been first issued no later than March 1, 2006;

(iii) The owner resided outside the District of Columbia on March 1, 2006;

(iv) The owner had registered a vehicle with the Department of Motor Vehicles on or before March 1, 2006, while residing outside the District of Columbia;

(v) The owner has no other vehicle currently registered within the District of Columbia;

(vi) The owner is registering the vehicle for use as a taxicab or limousine within the District of Columbia; and

(vii) The owner of the vehicle has, no later than September 28 of the year prior to first registering a vehicle under this subparagraph, registered with the Office of Tax and Revenue for business taxes by completing a tax registration form; provided, that:

(I) The owner of the vehicle shall be permitted to register the vehicle for the 2007 year without having to undergo Clean Hands certification pursuant to §§ 47-2862 and 47-2863; and

(II) The owner of the vehicle must meet the franchise tax filing and payment requirements as set forth in §§ 47-1805.02, 47-1807.02, and 47-1808.03 on a prospective basis for the 2007 year and subsequent years.

(d)(1) The Mayor shall issue annually, upon payment by a dealer of all applicable fees and taxes, dealer's registration certificates and identification tags bearing a distinguishing dealer's mark or symbol for the interchangeable use on motor vehicles and trailers;

(2) The Mayor shall issue, without charge, registration certificates and identification tags for all motor vehicles and trailers owned by the District of Columbia and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority;

(2A) The Mayor, through the issuance of rules, **shall permit the use of vintage license plates on historic motor vehicles** in place of historic motor vehicle license plates, provided that the plate is legible and **corresponds to the year of the vehicle's make**. The owner, through approval and registration of the vintage license plates, shall have the same rights, privileges, and obligations as if he or she had purchased new historic motor vehicle license plates. The rules promulgated pursuant to this paragraph, shall be issued no later than 90 days from March 26, 1999. The Mayor may impose a reasonable fee to carry out the provisions of this paragraph.

(3) The Mayor shall issue, without charge, registration certificates and identification tags for all motor vehicles and trailers officially used by any accredited representative of a foreign government;

(4)(A) The Mayor shall issue a duplicate registration certificate or identification tag or tags for any motor vehicle or trailer which is registered, upon proof satisfactory to the Mayor of the loss, mutilation, or destruction of the previously issued registration certificate or identification tags;

(B) The Mayor shall issue a dealer's proof of ownership certificate to any dealer upon application and upon proof of ownership as the Mayor may require; and

(C) A fee of \$20 shall be paid for each duplicate registration certificate issued, a fee of \$10 shall be paid for each replacement tag issued, and a fee of \$26 shall be for each dealer's proof of ownership certificate issued;

(5)(A) The Mayor shall issue, for a temporary period not to exceed 45 days, a special use certificate and special use identification tags bearing a distinguishing mark to the owner of a motor vehicle or trailer upon payment of the fee of \$13;

(B) The Mayor shall issue a special use certificate and special use identification tags bearing a distinguishing mark to the owner of a motor vehicle or trailer, for the exclusive purpose of allowing that person to comply with the requirements of Chapter 11 of this title, upon payment of a fee of \$13; and

(C) The issuance of a special use certificate and special use identification tags under this subsection shall not constitute a registration of a motor vehicle or trailer for any other purposes than herein provided.

§ 50-1501.03. Fees classified and use of proceeds designated.

(b)(1) Class A. For each passenger vehicle, including a motor vehicle classified by the Mayor or his or her designated agent as a class F(I) historic motor vehicle which meets the criteria established under § 50-1501.01(10A), except for passenger vehicles licensed under § 47-2829, based upon the manufacturer's shipping weight, as follows:

Weight Class

Registration Fee

Class I (3,499 pounds or less) : \$ 72

Class II (3,500--4,999 pounds) : \$115

Class III (5,000 pounds or greater) : \$155

Class IV (A new motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle and motorized bicycle, with an estimated average miles per gallon ("MPG") for city driving at or above 40 MPG, as determined in accordance with 40 CFR §§ 600.001-08, and published in the Fuel Economy Guide by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Energy). This provision shall only apply to the first 2 years of the vehicle's registration, after which the vehicle shall be treated as a Class I, Class II, or Class III, whichever is applicable.) : \$ 36

(6) Class F. For each motor vehicle classified by the Mayor or his or her designated agent as a class F(II) historic motor vehicle which meets the criteria established under § 50-1501.01(11), \$25.

From D.C. Municipal Regulations

435 VINTAGE TAGS

435.1 Vintage license tags shall be permitted on historic motor vehicles in place of historic motor vehicle license tags if approved by the Director pursuant to this section.

435.2 A person who seeks to display vintage license tags shall submit an application to the Director by letter, or at the discretion of the Director, by email or through the Department's website.

435.3 The application shall include the applicant's name, address, vehicle information number ("VIN"), make, model, year of manufacture, and a color photograph of the vintage tag. The Director may request the applicant to appear in person with the vintage tag for the purposes of inspection.

435.4 The Director may deny the application if:

- (a) The tag does not meet reflective or safety standards as set forth in §§ 422.5 and 422.8;
- (b) The tag is illegible;
- (c) The letters, numbers, or combination of letters and numbers of the tag is the same as the configuration of letters, numbers, or combination of letters and numbers of any tag either issued or for which application has been made pursuant to § 423;
- (d) The Director is unable to verify the tag is from the same year as the model year of the historic vehicle;
or
- (e) The Director concludes that the use of the vintage tags would adversely impact public safety.

435.5 The Director may rescind or revoke the use of a vintage tag for violation of any District of Columbia law or regulation relating to motor vehicles, or for any reason described in § 435.4.

D.C. Equipment Exemptions:

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CERTIFICATE OF TITLE/TEMPORARY REGISTRATION AND TAG APPLICATION

Please **PRINT** the information on this application.

A valid DC Driver License, DC Identification Card, DC Business License, DC Certificate of Occupancy, or a government issued document showing DC Tax Identification Number must accompany this application; AND Power of Attorney for a Dealer Temporary Tag or Temporary Registration.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> One Year Registration | <input type="checkbox"/> Two Year Registration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One Year Registration with Residential Parking Permit (RPP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Two Year Registration with Residential Parking Permit (RPP) |

TYPE OF SERVICE			
<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary DC Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> New Title/New Tags	<input type="checkbox"/> New Title/Transfer Tags	<input type="checkbox"/> Title Only
<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Tag	<input type="checkbox"/> Salvage Title	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Repairable Title	<input type="checkbox"/> Duplicate Title
<input type="checkbox"/> Scrap/Junk	<input type="checkbox"/> Reciprocity (diplomat, military, student, etc.)		
APPLICANT INFORMATION (If a leased vehicle – provide the name of the Lessor and attach lease agreement)			
OWNER/LESSOR FULL NAME (Last, First, Middle)		DATE OF BIRTH	STATE DRIVER LICENSE OR ID CARD #
BUSINESS NAME		FEDERAL EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION #	
JOINT OWNER(S)/LESSEE FULL NAME (Last, First, Middle) <small>(if vehicle is leased, the lessee's name will not appear on the title)</small>		DATE OF BIRTH	DRIVER LICENSE OR ID CARD #
CURRENT ADDRESS (Address must match DC Driver License, DC Identification Card or DC Business License or state license for temporary tag)			
ADDRESS	UNIT/APT	CITY/STATE	ZIP CODE
VEHICLE INFORMATION			
MAKE	YEAR	BODY	TITLE BRAND
			UNLADEN WEIGHT
ACTUAL MILEAGE			<input type="checkbox"/> I certify to the best of my knowledge that actual mileage is _____
VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER			
LIEN INFORMATION (A Lien agreement must accompany this application. If a lien exists, the title will be mailed to the Lien holder)			LIEN DATE:
Name of Lien Holders		Lien Holders Address	Lien Amount
INSURANCE COMPANY INFORMATION (Current Proof of DC Insurance must accompany this application)			
Name of Insurance Company	Policy Number	Policy Effective Date	Expiration Date

We certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge, information, and belief. Any person(s) using a fictitious name or address and/or knowingly making any false statements on this application is in violation of DC Law and subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or 180 days imprisonment or both.
(DC Official Code § 22-2405)

Signature of Owner/Lessor:	Date:
Signature of Joint Owner/Lessee:	Date:
Signature of Joint Owner/Lessee:	Date:

(Must be signed by Owner(s), Officer of Corporation or Partner in Partnership)

OFFICIAL DMV USE			
EXCISE TAX	SELLING PRICE (New Vehicles)	NADA BUSINESS/FAIR MARKET VALUE (Used Vehicles)	
\$	\$	\$	
TITLE # OR TAG# (HARD OR TEMPORARY)	Approval by DMV Examiner	Date	Operator's Number

If you have questions, please visit our website www.dmv.dc.gov or call 311 in DC or 202-737-4404 outside the 202 area code. To report waste, fraud, or abuse by any DC Government Agency or official, call the DC Inspector General at 1-800-521-1639.