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(e) the recognition accorded to a vehicle by known authorities on the subject of historical, antique or classical motor vehicles.

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(a) A motor vehicle registered as an historical motor vehicle can only be operated upon the public highways as an exhibition piece or collector's item and used for participation in club activities, exhibits, tours, parades, occasional transportation and similar uses. It cannot be used for general daily transportation.

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(2) A photocopy of supporting documents which verify that the motor vehicle in question qualifies as a collector's item or exhibition piece and meets one or more of the criteria set forth in section 23.4 of this Part. Such supporting documents should include either or both of the following:

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1. Safety belts required. No motor vehicle shall be sold or registered in this state and no motor vehicle registered in this state shall be operated in this state unless such vehicle is equipped with safety belts approved by and conforming to standards established by the commissioner as follows:

(a) A motor vehicle manufactured or assembled after June thirtieth, nineteen hundred sixty-four and designated as a 1965 or later model, at least two safety belts for the front seat;

(b) A motor vehicle manufactured or assembled after June thirtieth, nineteen hundred sixty-six and designated as a 1967 or later model, at least one safety belt for the rear seat for each passenger for which the rear seat of such vehicle was designed;

(c) A motor vehicle manufactured or assembled on or after January first, nineteen hundred sixty-eight, at least one safety belt for each passenger seat position.

2. Anchorage assemblies. No motor vehicle shall be sold or registered in this state unless such motor vehicle is equipped with safety belt assembly anchorages conforming to standards established by the commissioner for each safety belt required in such motor vehicle. In addition, no motor vehicle manufactured or assembled after June thirtieth, nineteen hundred sixty-two shall be sold or registered in this state unless such motor vehicle is equipped with safety belt assembly anchorages conforming to standards established by the commissioner for two safety belts for the front seat of such vehicle.

3. Sale of safety belts. No safety belt shall be sold for use in a motor vehicle, or installed in a motor vehicle unless such safety belt is approved by, and conforms to standards established by the commissioner.
4. Safety belts required in certain used motor vehicles. No person, firm, association or
corporation engaged in the business of selling or leasing used motor vehicles, shall sell or lease
any used motor vehicle manufactured or assembled after June thirtieth, nineteen hundred
sixty-two and designated as a 1963 or subsequent year model unless such motor vehicle is
equipped with two safety belts for the front seat of such motor vehicle. This provision shall not
apply to motor vehicles sold at wholesale or for junk.

...§ 382-c. Occupant compartments

The commissioner may prescribe, by regulation, standards consistent with federal motor
vehicle safety standards specifying requirements for instrument panels, seat backs, protrusions
(including knobs, switches, levers, handles, bezels, and panel contours), sun visors, arm rests,
steering control systems and other similar components of the interior of the occupant’s
compartment of motor vehicles to afford impact protection for occupants. The commissioner
may limit the application of such regulations to specified classes of vehicles; provided, however,
that such regulations shall not apply to any motor vehicle manufactured prior to June
thirtieth, nineteen hundred sixty-seven. No motor vehicle shall be registered or driven on the
public highways of the state unless it is constructed, equipped or maintained as required by the
regulations promulgated pursuant to this section.
INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTERING A HOMEMADE VEHICLE

A homemade vehicle is a motor vehicle (car, truck, or motorcycle) constructed or assembled using new or used parts, and is intended for the personal use of the owner/registrant. A homemade vehicle is not the reconstruction or alteration of a motor vehicle produced by a manufacturer, and is not a vehicle constructed or assembled using new or used parts for the purpose of resale.

If there is any question as to whether or not your vehicle will be considered a homemade vehicle, please consult with a Vehicle Safety Technical Analyst at (518) 474-5282 (select option #4), Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Follow these steps to register a homemade vehicle:

**STEP 1 — Plan Your Project**
- Identify the type of vehicle that you will be constructing or assembling, either a passenger vehicle (car), commercial vehicle (truck), or motorcycle.
- Retain the originals of all proofs of ownership and receipts. Be sure that they are in the name of the registration or title applicant.

**STEP 2 — Obtain The Application Package**
- You can request an application package by mail or phone:
  - Mail: New York State Department of Motor Vehicles
    Vehicle Safety Technical Services
    6 Empire State Plaza, Room 220C
    Albany, NY 12228
  - Phone: (518) 474-5282 (select option #4)

**STEP 3 — Complete the Vehicle Construction/Assembly**
- Be sure your vehicle is properly equipped and that it meets all of the applicable standards (follow the instructions provided in the application package).

**STEP 4 — Obtain a Weight Certificate**
- Transport the vehicle to a facility that has a certified scale and obtain a certified weight ticket that indicates the actual weight of the completed vehicle. **Please note: The vehicle cannot be driven to the weighing facility.**
- For information on the location of a licensed weighmaster near you, please contact:
  - New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets
    Bureau of Weights and Measures
    10B Airline Drive
    Albany, NY 12235
    (518) 457-3146
    agmweigh@agriculture.ny.gov

**STEP 5 — Acquire Vehicle Photographs**
- You must provide four photographs that clearly show the front, rear and both sides of the completed vehicle.
- We recommend using a digital camera to photograph your vehicle so that if additional photos are required for examination, they can be e-mailed. This may help eliminate delays in the approval process. Contact Vehicle Safety Technical Services for the proper e-mail address.

**STEP 6 — Forward Appropriate Documents to Vehicle Safety Technical Services**
- You must submit the following documents to Vehicle Safety Technical Services:
  - The equipment certification form (from the application package) thoroughly completed and signed.
  - Four photographs clearly showing the front, rear and both sides of the completed vehicle.
  - Photocopies of proofs of ownership, bills of sale, and receipts for vehicle and/or major component parts (if you acquired a vehicle in order to use any of its major component parts, you must have proof of ownership for the parts vehicle).
  - Photocopy of the vehicle’s weight certificate.
- Mail the preceding documents to: New York State Department of Motor Vehicles
  Vehicle Safety Technical Services
  6 Empire State Plaza, Room 220C
  Albany, NY 12228

Please Note: Not all vehicles will be approved for registration.
forward appropriate documents to division of field investigation

- You must submit the following documents to the Division of Field Investigation:
  - All copies of form MV-272.1, Application for Vehicle Identification Number, (from the application package) thoroughly completed and signed.
  - Photocopies of proofs of ownership, bills of sale, and receipts for vehicle and/or major component parts (if you acquired a vehicle in order to use any of its major component parts, you must have proof of ownership for the parts vehicle).
  - A check or money order for $25.00 made payable to the “Commissioner of Motor Vehicles”.

- Mail the preceding documents to:
  - New York State Department of Motor Vehicles
    Division of Field Investigation
    6 Empire State Plaza, Room 433
    Albany, NY 12228-0433

Please note: The $25.00 application fee is not refundable. In order to avoid delays in registering your homemade vehicle, you may mail the Application for Vehicle Identification Number to Field Investigation as soon as you wish. However, if Technical Services does not approve your vehicle for registration, the $25.00 application fee will not be refunded.

The Division of Field Investigation will notify you by mail of the date, time and location of the examination. Contact the Division of Field Investigation at (518) 474-2019 if you have questions regarding vehicle examination and VIN assignment.

warning: all of the manufacturer’s original identification numbers must be legible. Please do not paint over or conceal any identification number.

- Appear at the examination site at the appointed place, date, and time. Please note: The vehicle must be towed or transported to and from the examination site. The vehicle cannot be driven to the examination facility.

- Present the originals of proofs of ownership, bills of sale, and receipts for vehicle and/or major component parts to the motor vehicle investigator. Your original proofs of ownership documents will be returned to you before you leave the examination facility.

- After successful completion of the examination, a vehicle identification number (VIN) yellow sticker will be assigned and affixed to the vehicle, usually on the driver’s door post or hinge post. The VIN sticker will be affixed to the steering neck of a motorcycle. The validated form MV-272.1, Application for Vehicle Identification Number will be given to you.

- Fax or mail a copy of the validated form MV-272.1 to Vehicle Safety Technical Services.
  - Fax number (518) 473-9903

Once all of the requirements are met and the vehicle is approved for registration, Vehicle Safety Technical Services will mail the applicant a signed and validated form VS-103, Notice of Registration Acceptability.

obtain the safety inspection

- You must get the vehicle inspected at an official motor vehicle inspection station. Take form VS-103, Notice of Registration Acceptability with you.

- If the vehicle passes the safety inspection, make sure that the inspector completes the appropriate entries on form VS-103 for you.

Please note: The vehicle must be towed or transported to and from the public inspection station. The vehicle cannot be driven to the inspection station.

apply for registration

- In order to apply for registration, bring the following documents to any Motor Vehicles issuing office:
  - Form VS-103, Notice of Registration Acceptability
  - Original copy form MV-272.1, Application for Vehicle Identification Number
  - A completed form MV-82, Vehicle Registration/Title Application
  - Proofs of identity and date of birth (see Form ID-82, Proofs of Identity for Registration and Title)
  - Original copies of proofs of ownership, bills of sale, and receipts for vehicle and/or major component parts
  - Proof of insurance coverage
  - Proof of sales tax payment or exemption. Sales tax for the various parts may be included for customer-assembled vehicles
  - Original weight certificate. A weight certificate or proof of ownership that indicates the vehicle weight (completed vehicle weight)
  - The appropriate fee(s). Payment for the correct fees (sales tax, registration documents, vehicle plates and title certificate)

Please note: If you do not provide a completed form VS-103, you cannot register the vehicle or receive a title certificate.

Congratulations! You have completed the title and registration process. Enjoy the safe and legal operation of your homemade vehicle!
Historical license plates are new plates that DMV issues to a vehicle that was manufactured more than 25 years before the current calendar year and that is used only as a collector’s item or exhibition piece. The vehicle must not be used for daily transportation.

Note: The manufacture date will be based on the model year of the vehicle.

Standard historical license plates begin or end with the letters “HX” (for cars and trucks), or “HM” (for motorcycles). However, both types of plates can be personalized for an additional fee. All standard and personalized historical plates have the word “HISTORICAL” printed at the bottom of the plate.

Historical registrations are valid for one year.

If you have any questions about historical registrations, contact the Custom Plates Unit at 1-518-402-4838.

Bring items 1 - 7 to any DMV office or mail to: NYS Department of Motor Vehicles, Custom Plates Unit, P.O. Box 2775, Albany NY 12220-0775

1. MV-82 (Vehicle Registration/Title Application).* Complete and sign form MV-82. Be sure to fill in your name, address, daytime phone number, and ID number from your NY driver license. If you have questions about the requirements, see form MV-82.1 (Registering/Titling a Vehicle in New York State)*.

2. Your NY driver license. This serves as proof of identity. If you mail your application, provide a photocopy of your license or other acceptable proofs of identity. (See form ID-82* for a list of acceptable proofs.)

3. Proof of ownership. If the vehicle is currently registered to you, bring the current registration. If the vehicle is not currently registered to you, bring the transferable registration or title signed over to you. If you mail your application, send the original document (copies are not accepted).

4. Proof of insurance. Bring a valid NY Insurance ID Card (FS-20, FS-21) issued in the registrant's name for the vehicle. The card must be dated within 180 days of the date you register the vehicle. The ID card must include a scannable barcode and the computer-printed word "HISTORICAL". Cards without the word "HISTORICAL" will not be accepted. Contact your insurance company to get information about insurance for an historical vehicle.

5. Sales Tax Receipt. (Required ONLY if the vehicle has never been registered in your name in New York State.) If you want to mail your application, you must complete this step before you mail the application. To get a Sales Tax Receipt, you must bring your bill of sale to any Motor Vehicles office, where you will complete a sales tax clearance form (DTF-802*, 803* or 804*) and receive a Sales Tax Receipt (FS-6T). (If your vehicle is currently registered in your name, or if it was previously registered to you, proof of sales tax payment is not required.)

6. Payment of fees. You may pay by check, money order, or credit card. Indicate your method of payment in the Payment section on page 2. Make a check or money order payable to "Commissioner of Motor Vehicles". To pay by credit card, provide the information in the Payment section. If you pay the additional fee to have your historical plates personalized, you must complete the Personalized Historical Plates section on page 2 indicating your top three desired plate combinations.

Passenger Vehicles:
- If you have a valid NYS registration for the vehicle in your name, the fee is $28.75 for standard historical plates or $60.00 for personalized historical plates.
- If the vehicle is not currently registered in your name, the fee is $53.75 for standard historical plates or $113.75 for personalized historical plates.

**NOTE:** If you live in New York, Bronx, Kings, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Nassau, Suffolk, Orange, Putnam, Dutchess, or Westchester county, the fee is $78.75 for standard historical plates or $138.75 for personalized historical plates due to the addition of an annual $25.00 Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District supplemental registration fee.

- If the vehicle is a 1973 or newer model and does not have a NYS title issued in your name, there is an additional title fee of $50.00.
Motorcycles (motorcycle registrations have a fixed expiration date of April 30th):

- If you have a valid NYS registration for the motorcycle in your name, the fee is $23.75 for standard historical plates or $42.50 for personalized historical plates.

- If the motorcycle is not currently registered in your name, the fee is $37.50 for standard historical plates or $56.25 for personalized historical plates.

  NOTE: If you live in New York, Bronx, Kings, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Nassau, Suffolk, Orange, Putnam, Dutchess, or Westchester county, the fee is $62.50 for standard historical plates or $81.25 for personalized historical plates due to the addition of an annual $25.00 Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District supplemental registration fee.

- If your motorcycle is a 1973 or newer model and does not have a NYS title issued in your name, there is an additional title fee of $50.00.

7. This form (MV-440H*). Sign the Owner’s Certification Statement and complete the Payment section below. Send DMV the original signed form, not a copy.

*You can print these forms from the DMV web site (dmv.ny.gov), or get them in any Motor Vehicles office.

PERSONALIZED HISTORICAL PLATES

If you want personalized historical plates, complete this section and include the additional fee.

Note: Personalized plate requests for vehicles NOT currently registered will first be issued standard historical plates while your personalized plates are being manufactured and mailed.

Passenger Plates

A maximum of 8 spaces is allowed. The state silhouette can be used ONE time as a divider within the plate number, but not at the beginning or end of the number. The state silhouette cannot be used if the chosen plate number has no blank spaces remaining. Use the @ symbol to show where you want the state silhouette to be on the plate and use a period (.) to indicate a space. All plate numbers will be centered on the plate unless you tell us to do otherwise. DMV reserves the right to reject, recall or cancel any plate that is deemed objectionable. This includes plates that have already been issued

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Motorcycle Plates

A maximum of 6 spaces is allowed. Use a period (.) to indicate a blank space. The state silhouette cannot be used on motorcycle plates. All plate numbers will be centered on the plate unless you tell us to do otherwise. DMV reserves the right to reject, recall or cancel any plate that is deemed objectionable. This includes plates that have already been issued

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OWNER’S CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I certify that the vehicle I want to register with historical plates is owned and operated as an exhibition piece or collector's item, and is used for participation in club activities, exhibits, tours, parades, occasional transportation and similar uses, but is not used for general daily transportation, in accordance with Section 401-7(G) of the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

X

(Sign your name as it appears, or as it will appear, on the vehicle registration)  (Daytime Phone Number)

PAYMENT

Payment Method (DO NOT SEND CASH)

- Check
- Money Order

Amount Enclosed $__________

Make check or money order payable to “Commissioner of Motor Vehicles”.

Credit Card Authorization - Provide all of the information below.

Credit Card:  
- American Express
- Discover
- MasterCard
- Visa

Name (as it appears on credit card)

Card Account Number

Expiration Date

Security Code (3 or 4 digit code on back or front of your card)

Authorized Signature X
WHAT ARE "VINTAGE" LICENSE PLATES AND WHAT VEHICLES ARE ELIGIBLE?

- Vintage plates are the actual plates issued to the vehicle owner, or other original plates (not reproductions) issued by New York State (NYS), in the year the vehicle was manufactured. Note: The manufacture date will be based on the model year of the vehicle.
- Any motor vehicle manufactured more than 25 years before the current calendar year that is used only as a collector's item or exhibition piece, and not for daily transportation, may be registered with vintage plates from the model year of the vehicle.
- Vintage registrations are valid for one year. To register your vehicle with vintage plates, you must have actual plates that were valid in NYS in the year the vehicle was manufactured. If it was a metal tab year, you must have the metal tab.
  - The plates must be original; not reproductions and not painted.
  - If NYS issued only one plate in the year of manufacture, that plate must be mounted on the rear of the vehicle.
  - If NYS originally issued two plates in that year, you must use both matching plates.
  - A motorcycle plate must be used on a motorcycle. Otherwise, any plates issued in the year the vehicle was manufactured may be used on any type of vehicle. For example, plates originally issued to a truck may be used on a car, and plates issued to a taxi may be used on a truck.
- If you have any questions about vintage registrations, contact the Custom Plates Unit:
  Custom Plates Unit
  Department of Motor Vehicles
  PO Box 2775
  Albany NY 12220-0775
  1-518-402-4838

HOW DO I REGISTER MY ELIGIBLE VEHICLE WITH VINTAGE PLATES?

Mail items 1-8 to: NYS Department of Motor Vehicles, Custom Plates Unit, P.O. Box 2775, Albany NY, 12220.

1. **MV-82 (Vehicle Registration/Title Application)***. Complete and sign form MV-82. Be sure to fill in your name, address, daytime phone number, and ID number from your driver license. If you have questions about the requirements, see form MV-82.1 (Registering/Titling a Vehicle in New York State)*.

2. **A photocopy of your driver license**. This serves as proof of identity. (See form ID-82* for a list of other acceptable proofs.)

3. **Proof of ownership.** If the vehicle is currently registered to you, provide a photocopy of the current registration. If the vehicle is not currently registered in your name, send the original transferable registration or title, signed over to you. If that is not possible, send form MV-51B (Statement of Ownership)* with a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) tracing or VIN verification signed by a police department.

4. **Proof of insurance.** Send a valid **Insurance ID Card** (form FS-20 or FS-21) issued and dated within 180 days of the date you registered the vehicle. The ID card must include a scannable barcode and the computer-printed word "HISTORICAL". Cards without the word "HISTORICAL" will not be accepted. Contact your insurance company to get information about insurance for a historical vehicle.

5. **Sales Tax Receipt.** The receipt is ONLY needed if the vehicle has never been registered in your name in New York State. *(If your vehicle is currently registered in your name, or if it was previously registered to you, proof of sales tax payment is not required.)* To get a Sales Tax Receipt, you must bring your bill of sale and proof of ownership documents (title or transferable registration) to any Motor Vehicles office, where you will complete a sales tax clearance form (DTF-802*, 803* or 804*) and receive a Sales Tax Receipt (FS-6T).

6. **Payment of fees.** You may pay by check, money order or credit card. Indicate your method of payment in the Payment section on page 2. Make a check or money order payable to "Commissioner of Motor Vehicles". To pay by credit card, provide the information in the Payment section on page 2 of this form.

Passenger Vehicles:
- If the vehicle has a valid NYS registration in your name, the fee is $3.75 for the new document.
- If the vehicle is not currently registered in your name, the fee is $28.75.
  **NOTE:** If you live in New York, Bronx, Kings, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Nassau, Suffolk, Orange, Putnam, Dutchess, or Westchester county, the fee is $53.75 due to the addition of an annual $25.00 Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District supplemental registration fee.
- If the vehicle is a 1973 or newer model year and does not have a NYS title issued in your name, there is an additional fee of $50.00 for the title.
Motorcycles (motorcycle registrations have a fixed expiration date of April 30th):

- If you have a valid NYS registration with historical plates, the fee is **$3.75** for the new document.
- If you have a valid standard motorcycle registration, the fee is **$11.25** ($3.75 document fee plus a prorated registration fee of $7.50).
- If the motorcycle is not currently registered in your name, the fee is **$25.00**.
  
  **NOTE**: If you live in New York, Bronx, Kings, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Nassau, Suffolk, Orange, Putnam, Dutchess, or Westchester county, the fee is **$50.00** due to the addition of an annual $25.00 Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District supplemental registration fee.
- If your motorcycle is a 1973 or newer model and does not have a NYS title issued in your name, there is an additional title fee of **$50.00**.

7. **Color photograph of the vintage plate(s)**. Submit a clear, color photograph of the plate(s). If the vehicle year required two plates, both plates must appear in the same photo.

8. **This form (MV-440V)**. Sign the Owner’s Certification Statement and complete the Payment section below. Send DMV the original signed form, not a copy.

*You can print these forms from the DMV web site (dmv.ny.gov), or get them in any Motor Vehicles office.*

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X

(Sign your name as it appears, or as it will appear, on the vehicle registration)

(Daytime Phone Number)

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**PAYMENT**

**Payment Method (DO NOT SEND CASH)**

- [ ] Check
- [ ] Money Order
- **Amount Enclosed** $__________

Make check or money order payable to “Commissioner of Motor Vehicles”.

**Credit Card Authorization** - Provide all of the information below.

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**Authorized Signature** X
**VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS**

1. Has this vehicle been modified from the original manufacturer specifications?  
   - Yes  
   - No

   If **YES**, describe the modifications:

2. Was this vehicle altered to increase the capacity beyond that provided by the manufacturer by method of extended chassis, lengthened wheel base, or a lengthened seating area?  
   - Yes  
   - No

   If **YES**, do you have the required Federal Altered's Safety Certification (normally found on the door jamb)?  
   - Yes  
   - No

   * If your vehicle was altered/stretched to increase the passenger capacity, you must present to the DMV office a photograph or copy of all labels or plates (normally put on the driver’s side door). If the vehicle was altered or stretched and now has an adult seating capacity of 11 or more (including the driver), you must show the original NYS DOT Inspection Receipt OR a NYS DOT Exemption Letter.

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the information I have given on this application and on any documentation provided in support of this application is true and complete. I certify that the vehicle is fully equipped as required by the Vehicle and Traffic Law, and has passed the required New York State inspection, or has qualified for a time extension (form VS-1077) and will be inspected within 10 days. I also certify that appropriate insurance coverage is in effect, and that the vehicle will be operated in accordance with the Vehicle and Traffic Law. If I am applying for replacement registration items, I certify that the registration is not currently under suspension or revocation. If I have plates in a series reserved for a special group, I certify that I am still eligible to receive them, and that I have only one set of these plates. If I am using a credit card for payment of any fees in connection with this application, I understand that my signature below also authorizes use of my credit card.

**WARNING:** Intentionally making a false statement or providing false or misleading information in connection with this application is a criminal offense that may subject you to prosecution under the law.

Print Name

(Print Name in Full - if registering for a corporation, print your full name and title)  

Signature
CHECKLIST FOR REGISTERING/TITLING A MOTOR VEHICLE IN NEW YORK STATE

Use this checklist to make sure you have everything you need to register your vehicle or receive a New York State title in your name. Additional information about these requirements can be found on form MV-82.1 (Registering/Titling a Vehicle in New York State).

**For all transactions, you will need:**

- Proof of name and date of birth. A New York State document with photo meets this requirement. If you do not have a New York State document with photo, or you are a corporation or other entity, see form ID-82 (Proofs of Identity for Registration and Title) for other acceptable documentation.
- Payment of the fee. The fee can be paid with cash, a check or money order or credit card. The credit card holder must be present for the transaction. NOTE: The DMV cannot accept payment split between different payment methods.

**Requirements for specific transactions are listed below.**

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<td>☐ Odometer Disclosure Statement OR Damage Disclosure Statement. If your title does not contain either an odometer statement (required for vehicles 10 years old or newer) or damage disclosure statement (required for vehicles 8 years old or newer), you must complete form MV-103 (Odometer and Damage Disclosure Statement).</td>
<td>☐ If your vehicle plates are missing because of a crime, provide a completed MV-78B (Report of Lost, Stolen or Confiscated Motor Vehicle Items) or letter from a police agency to replace your vehicle plates free of charge</td>
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<td>☐ Completed sales tax form (DTF-802, DTF-803 or DTF-804). Forms are available from the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance website at <a href="https://www.tax.ny.gov/forms/default.htm">https://www.tax.ny.gov/forms/default.htm</a></td>
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**To change a registration/title:**

- Proof of Ownership. (Original title or other proof of ownership)
- Proof of the change.

**To transfer plates to a different vehicle:**

- Proof of ownership. A certificate of title or transferable registration signed over to you.

  **NOTE:** This applies to you if the proof of ownership is currently in your name OR the current owner provided authorization using form MV-95 (Registration Authorization and Co-Registrant Information)

- Existing Registration
- New York State Insurance Card

**To apply for a title only:**

- Proof of ownership (a certificate of title or transferable registration signed over to you).
- Bill of Sale (you can use form MV-912 [Vehicle Bill of Sale] available from the DMV website)
- Completed sales tax form (DTF-802, DTF-803 or DTF-804). Forms are available from the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance website at [https://www.tax.ny.gov/forms/default.htm](https://www.tax.ny.gov/forms/default.htm)

You must mail form MV-82 to the Title Bureau at the address shown below if you request a title for:

- Garageman’s Liens
- Manufactured Homes
- Bonded Vehicles
- Salvage Vehicles

Address: Title Bureau, NYS Department of Motor Vehicles, 6 Empire State Plaza, NY 12228.

**NOTE:** If you are required to mail the application to the Title Bureau, you must first visit a DMV office with your sales tax forms to get a sales tax clearance receipt. This receipt must be mailed with your application.

All documents are subject to review for validity by the Department of Motor Vehicles or one of its agents.