



## WHAT ARE "HISTORICAL" LICENSE PLATES AND WHAT VEHICLES ARE ELIGIBLE?

- 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 and must weigh no more than 20,000 lbs. Note: The manufacture date will be based on the model year of the vehicle.
- Standard historical license plates begin or end with the letters "HL" (for cars and trucks), or "HC" (for motorcycles). Standard historical plates for cars and trucks 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.

## HOW DO I REGISTER MY ELIGIBLE VEHICLE WITH HISTORICAL PLATES?

For historical **car and truck** plates, bring items 1-7 to any DMV office or mail the items to:  
 NYS Department of Motor Vehicles, Custom Plates Unit,  
 P.O. Box 2775, Albany NY 12220-0775

For historical **motorcycle** plates, mail items 1-7 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, 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. **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 30<sup>th</sup>):

- o If you have a valid NYS registration for the motorcycle in your name, the fee is **\$23.75** for standard historical motorcycle plates.
- o If the motorcycle is not currently registered in your name, the fee is **\$37.50** for standard historical motorcycle 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 motorcycle plates due to the addition of an annual \$25.00 Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District supplemental registration fee.

- o 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**.
- o Historical motorcycle registrations can only be processed by the Custom Plates Unit. Please do not visit a DMV office. Mail all items to: NYS Department of Motor Vehicles, Custom Plates Unit, P.O. Box 2775, Albany, NY 12220-0775.

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 website (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.

**Personalized 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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**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)
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Authorized Signature X