

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 and your total annual income from all sources is \$19,200 or less, you qualify to register your passenger vehicle or light truck (9,000 lbs or less) for a \$10 processing fee per year instead of the annual registration fee. Under this plan, you will save \$26 a year on the annual registration fee for a passenger vehicle and even more for a truck. The discount does not apply to title fees, transfer fees or sales tax.

Under this plan, you may register only one passenger vehicle or truck you own for the \$10 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 person applying needs to be listed on Form MV-371, "Application for Retired Status," to qualify.

APPLICATION FOR RETIRED STATUS

To apply, you must obtain Form MV-371 from any authorized agent, tag service or from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Complete this form and include it with your regular registration renewal, along with a check or money order for \$10 made payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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 your Form MV-1, "Application for Certificate of Title." If you are buying a used vehicle previously titled in Pennsylvania, submit the 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 \$22.50 title fee and sales tax. In addition only authorized agents can complete Forms MV-1 and MV-4ST and submit to the Department.

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. The two-year license fee is \$19 (\$29 for a license with a Class M motorcycle license) as compared to the regular four-year license fee of \$29.50 (\$49.50 for a license with a Class M motorcycle license).

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, and a list of Photo License Center locations. Visit one of our centers to have your photograph taken, and you will receive your photo license at that time.

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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 plate for up to six months ahead of time, complete Form DL-143, "Non-Commercial Driver's License Renewal Application," or to renew your vehicle registration plate, complete Form MV-140, "Request for Registration." Both forms may be obtained from any authorized agent, tag service, Bureau of Driver Licensing or Bureau of Motor Vehicles or on PennDOT's Driver and Vehicle Services website, www.dmv.state.pa.us. These forms can also be used anytime you do not have a non-commercial driver's license or vehicle registration renewal application.

MATURE DRIVER REEXAMINATION PROGRAM

Each month, 1,900 drivers over the age of 45 are chosen for retesting six 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 any licensed physician and the vision screening may be completed by a physician or, at no charge, at any PennDOT Driver License Center. If warranted by the results of the medical examination, those selected may also be required to successfully complete a driver's examination.

PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARD

If you are a Pennsylvania resident 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. It remains valid for a period of four years.

The photo ID card costs \$13.50 for four years. The initial photo ID is available free to drivers ordered 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.

Free photo ID cards are also issued to drivers ordered 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 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.)
- ❖ Valid U.S. Passport
- ❖ Certificate of United States Citizenship (BCIS/INS Form N-560)
- ❖ Certificate of Naturalization (BCIS/INS Form N-550 or N-570)

NOTE: Only valid passports and original documents will be accepted. If the name on your original document differs from your current name, you must provide documentation that connects the names, such as an original Marriage Certificate, Divorce Decree or Court Order document.

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

- ❖ Current Utility Bill (water, gas, electric, cable, etc.) **NOTE:** Cellular/mobile or pager bills are not acceptable.
- ❖ Tax Records
- ❖ Lease Agreements
- ❖ Mortgage Documents
- ❖ W-2 Form
- ❖ Current Weapons Permit (U.S. Citizens Only)