

FACT SHEET



Registration Plate Return Due to Cancelled Financial Responsibility

PURPOSE:

This fact sheet provides information for a customer to return their registration plate to the Department due to cancelled financial responsibility.

WHEN A REGISTRATION PLATE NEEDS TO BE RETURNED:

Insurance companies are required to notify PENNDOT when an insurance policy is cancelled by the insured or the insurer. A suspension may be **avoided by the return of the registration plate, registration sticker, if not currently placed on registration plate, and registration card** to PENNDOT at the time the insurance policy is cancelled, financial responsibility lapses, or when the vehicle becomes inoperable for a period greater than 30 days. However, if you **obtain insurance at this time**, this **will NOT avoid** a registration suspension, if the lapse is more than 30 days from the date of cancellation. **NOTE:** The registration plate must be returned within 30 days of the insurance policy cancellation date.

WHERE TO RETURN THE REGISTRATION PLATE:

Registration owners must return the plate, sticker and card to:

Bureau of Motor Vehicles
Return Tag Unit
P.O. Box 68597
Harrisburg, PA 17106-8597

NOTE: Residents of the Philadelphia area must return the rear-window registration sticker along with the registration plate.

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