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Personalized (Vanity) License Plates

Due to challenges with processing and delivery, the time allotted for the delivery of Personalized (Vanity) Plates may extend beyond the normal 4-6 weeks. If you have any questions about an order that has already been placed, contact mvapersonalizedtag@mdot.maryland.gov

How do I obtain personalized message (vanity) license plates?

Personalized message (vanity) license plates have the customer’s special message imprinted on them. Depending upon the vehicle, you may request a message with at least 2 and up to 7 characters (numbers and/or letters). The MVA reserves the right to decline a requested message because it has already been issued or because it is objectionable. Note that it takes approximately 4 to 6 weeks for you to receive the plates.

You can apply for the plates [online through the MVA's website](#) or in person at any of the MVA’s [full service branch offices](#). You also can mail your application to the MVA’s [Specialty Tag Unit](#) in the Glen Burnie office, or go to an MVA licensed tag and title service where they will assist you in applying.

Typically, the application documents needed include:

-  **Application for Special Registration Plates** – Be sure to include the vehicle’s information.
- **Copy of current registration card**

Vehicles in the following classes are permitted to display personalized message license plates:

- **A** (passenger car)
- **M** (multi-purpose vehicle)
- **D** (motorcycle) where applicable
- **EPO** (truck with a one ton or less manufacturer’s rate capacity)
- **G** (non-freight trailers)
- **L** (historic vehicle)
- **N** (street rod).

Note: Class G, Class L and Class N personalized plates will be issued on the black and white background.



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