

**CHAPTER 47. DISPLAY OF REGISTRATION PLATES**

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**Authority**

The provisions of this Chapter 47 issued under the Vehicle Code, 75 Pa.C.S. §§ 1332(a) and 6103, unless otherwise noted.

**Source**

The provisions of this Chapter 47, adopted August 19, 1977, effective August 20, 1977, 7 Pa.B. 2361, unless otherwise noted.

**Cross References**

This chapter cited in 67 Pa. Code § 60.8 (relating to registration credentials).

**§ 47.1. Purpose.**

The purpose of this chapter is to designate the manner in which registration plates are to be displayed on vehicles as prescribed by 75 Pa.C.S. § 1332(a) (relating to display of registration plate).

**Source**

The provisions of this § 47.1 adopted August 19, 1977, effective August 20, 1977, 7 Pa.B. 2361; readopted September 8, 1989, effective September 9, 1989, 19 Pa.B. 3828. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (95331).

**§ 47.2. Location.**

(a) *Single plate.* A single registration plate shall be located on the rear of the vehicle so as to be illuminated by the license plate light required by 75 Pa.C.S. § 4303(b) (relating to general lighting requirements), except that the registration plate of a truck-tractor shall be located on the front of the vehicle.

(b) *Two plates.* If two registration plates are issued for a single vehicle, one registration plate shall be located on the rear of the vehicle as prescribed in subsection (a), and the other on the front of the vehicle.

**Source**

The provisions of this § 47.2 adopted August 19, 1977, effective August 20, 1977, 7 Pa.B. 2361; amended April 17, 1981, effective April 18, 1981, 11 Pa.B. 1327; readopted September 8, 1989, effective September 9, 1989, 19 Pa.B. 3828. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (95331).

**§ 47.3. Manner of attachment.**

Every registration plate shall be securely fastened to the vehicle:

- (1) So as to be clearly visible.
- (2) In a horizontal position.
- (3) At a height of not less than 12 inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of the registration plate.
- (4) So as to prevent the registration plate from swinging.

**Source**

The provisions of this § 47.3 adopted August 19, 1977, effective August 20, 1977, 7 Pa.B. 2361; readopted September 8, 1989, effective September 9, 1989, 19 Pa.B. 3828. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (95332).

**§ 47.4. Validating stickers.**

(a) *Issuance.* The Department of Transportation will issue validating stickers upon renewal of a vehicle registration or, if the vehicle registered had a temporary registration, to indicate that registration has been completed and the temporary registration status terminated.

(b) *Validating window sticker.* For specific geographic areas, the Secretary of the Department (Secretary) may require or permit the display of a Department-issued validating window sticker as an alternative to the standard validating sticker. The Secretary will publish in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* notice of the geographic areas where a validating window sticker is required or permitted. See 30 Pa.B. 5496 (October 21, 2000).

(c) *Display.* Validating stickers shall be displayed as follows:

(1) *Location of validating stickers.* Unless otherwise allowed by this chapter, a validating sticker shall be affixed to the registration plate of the vehicle for which it was issued in the space or indentation provided on the registration plate.

(2) *Validating window sticker.* Where a validating window sticker is permitted or required by the Secretary, the sticker shall be affixed to the inside of the driver's side bottom corner of the rear window. The printing on a validating window sticker shall be clearly visible from the outside of the vehicle.

(d) *Validity.* A renewed registration may not be considered validated for the new registration period until the appropriate sticker is attached as provided by subsection (c). A temporary registration may not be considered validated for a succeeding registration period until the appropriate validating sticker has been attached as provided in subsection (c).

(e) *Exceptions.* In geographic areas where a validating window sticker is permitted or required, the Secretary, by notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, may provide an alternate location for display of a validating sticker on specific types or classes of vehicles for which rear window display is impractical or impossible.

**Authority**

The provisions of this § 47.4 issued under the Vehicle Code, 75 Pa.C.S. §§ 1331—1344 and 6103.

**Source**

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