



## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will not honor a change of choice or refund after the order has been sent to the manufacturer.
- When renewing early, registration, special license plate, and personalized plate fees are prorated for the months remaining on the current vehicle registration.
- You may purchase samples of most special plates.
- Personalized license plates require special handling; allow 60 days for delivery. Plates will be mailed directly to the applicant.
- The combination of characters used to personalize a license plate must not violate DMV's personalized plate policy. DMV reserves the right to refuse issuance of any combination of objectionable characters if they, in anyway, carry a connotation that may be reasonably seen by a person viewing a license plate as 1) profane, obscene, or vulgar in nature, 2) sexually explicit or graphic, 3) excretory related, 4) describing intimate body parts or genitals, 5) describing drug culture or use, 6) condoning or encouraging violence, 7) describing illegal activities or illegal substances, 8) socially, racially, ethnically offensive, or disparaging.

### **Clean Special Fuel License Plate**

- Vehicles registered with clean special fuel license plates issued by DMV on or after July 1, 2006, are not eligible for occupancy exemptions in the I-95/395 HOV lanes. However, they are exempt from occupancy requirements in all other HOV lanes throughout the state until the general exemption expires.
- A hybrid vehicle must qualify as a clean special fuel vehicle under the super ultra-low emission vehicle (SULEV) rating or the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) equivalent beginning with model year 2005 vehicles.
- Hybrid vehicle assessment standards were set by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and adopted by DMV to ensure that only the cleanest hybrid vehicles are eligible for clean special fuel plates.
- Not all hybrid vehicles qualify for the clean special fuel plate. For a list of qualifying hybrid vehicles, visit our website at [www.dmvNow.com](http://www.dmvNow.com). The list of vehicles is updated as new hybrids are introduced to the market and assessed by DEQ.

### **New Special Interest License Plate Development Information**

- All application and refund inquiries should be directed to the sponsor who is maintaining and facilitating collection of the 350 pre-paid applications for new plates through General Assembly authorization or currently under development.
- When the 350 pre-paid applications are being processed, personalized plate and special plate fees are not prorated. Your vehicle registration will not be renewed unless it is within two months of expiration. Should your vehicle registration require renewal, you will be billed by DMV for payment.
- The entire special license plate process could take up to two years depending on the direction of the sponsor. It generally takes about nine months to develop a new plate once the 350 prepaid applications are collected.

### **Special Plates That Require Certification**

- Antique plates require submission of the Antique License Plate Applicant Certification (VSA 10 B) with form VSA 10.
- Gold Star Plates require submission of the Gold Star License Plate Applicant Certification (VSA 10 A) with form VSA 10.