



Motorized Bicycle (Moped) Instruction Sheet

License Plate Information

When you register or renew your moped registration, you will receive a license plate and expiration decal to attach to the back of your moped. The RMV will also issue you a new Certificate of Registration, which has been redesigned and looks similar to other vehicle registrations.

Expiration Date

All moped registrations now expire on March 31 instead of December 31 to coincide with the timing at which most customers renew their moped registration. The fee to register your moped is \$40 and is valid for up to two years.

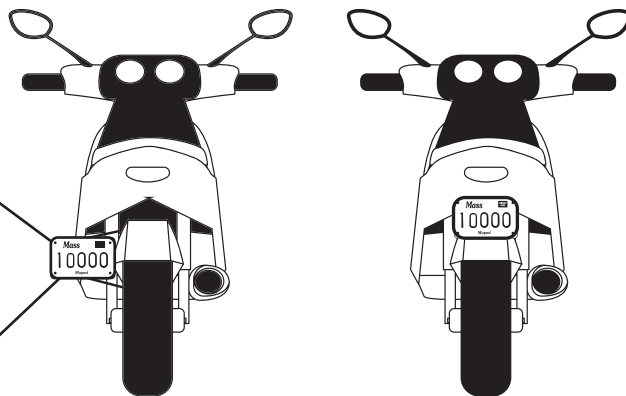
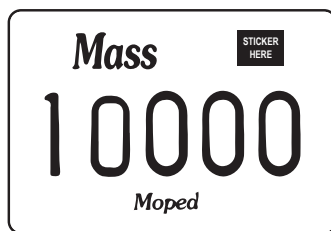
Online Services

Once you have either registered or renewed your moped and received a license plate at a service center, you can process future transactions at mass.gov/rmv, including replacing your moped registration, renewing your registration, and cancelling your plate. The RMV will also mail you a registration renewal reminder and application prior to your next moped renewal date.

Attaching your moped license plate

1. Many mopeds come with a license plate holder; if yours doesn't have one, you can purchase one online or at a local automobile supply store. The license plate holder must be placed on the back (rear fender) or side mounted, also facing the rear.

2. Attach the license plate onto the mounted holder/bracket. Please ensure that the license plate is rear facing and clearly visible and legible. No license plate should be affixed to the front of the moped – see illustration.



Moped Operation Restrictions

- a) **Operator and any passenger must wear a helmet.** The Registrar requires that the helmet meet or exceed the standards established in the U.S. Department of Transportation's (US DOT) FMVSS No. 218 for motorcycle helmets (49 CFR 571.218).
- b) Operator must be at least 16 years of age and have a valid driver's license or learner's permit.
- c) Mopeds may not be operated at a speed greater than 25 m.p.h.
- d) Mopeds may be operated on all public ways (except limited access or express state highways where signs prohibiting bicycles have been posted).
- e) Moped operators are subject to all state traffic laws and regulations except:
 - i. Operator may keep to the right when passing a motor vehicle moving in travel lane; and
 - ii. Operator shall signal by either hand when stopping or turning.
- f) Mopeds may be operated on bicycle lanes adjacent to public ways but not on recreational bicycle paths.
- g) Any violation is subject to a fine of up to \$25 (1st Offense); \$25-\$50 (2nd Offense); \$50-\$100 (3rd Offense).