

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Where Does the Extra \$30 Go?**

\$20 of the specialty license tag fee is returned each year to Arts North Carolina to promote the arts. \$10 goes to the state to help operate the state welcome centers, promote tourism, maintain the roadside wildflower program, and promote travel accessibility for disabled persons.

### **What will be my total annual fee?**

The total fee is \$63 for a car or private truck less than 4,000 lbs. \$33 is the standard vehicle registration fee collected by DMV.

### **Can I personalize my specialty license plate?**

Your arts specialty license plate can be personalized. There are four spaces available for personalization, and one space must be a letter. There is an additional \$30 fee for a personalized plate. You may request your personalized plate at any time.

### **What if my car is registered in another state?**

All vehicles must be registered with the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles before this application is submitted.

### **Do I have to wait until my current plate expires before I can purchase my arts specialty license plate?**

You can purchase your specialty license plate any time.

The Department of Motor Vehicles will not process a specialty license plate application if your current plate expires within a 90-day period. You must renew your current plate prior to mailing in your specialty license plate application.

You are not paying extra fees to renew early; your arts specialty license plate will have the same expiration as your current plate.

The Department of Motor Vehicles will allow you to renew your current plate up to 6 months prior to expiration. (You may only do this at a license plate agency or through the mail. Online renewal will only accept renewals that are less than 90 days from expiration.)

### **May I purchase an arts specialty license plate when I purchase a new car?**

The Department of Motor Vehicles requires that a standard plate is issued to all new vehicle owners. Once you have received your standard license plate, you may purchase a specialty plate. You will only need to pay the specialty (\$30) or personalized (\$60) plate fee because you paid your standard vehicle registration fee when you purchased the vehicle.

### **What if I change my mind?**

You may go back to your regular license plate at any time. If your specialty plate is still a valid plate, then you turn it in and receive a regular plate. There are no refunds given for the unused portion of special fees.

### **Can I relinquish my tag to someone else?**

Only personalized plates can be relinquished. Once a numerical tag expires without renewal, that number can never again be reissued.