

Year of Manufacture License Plate Changes

Effective: January 1, 2017

New Policy

Effective January 1, 2017, legislation expands the Year of Manufacture (YOM) License Plate program to include 1980 and older year model vehicles.

The Year of Manufacture (YOM) License Plate Application (REG 352, REV. 6/2015) form will be revised and the *Vehicle Registration Manual*, Appendix 1E, California License Plate Data (1914–1972) is also being revised to include license plate data through 1980.

NOTE: Certain regular series configurations of 1970 through 1980 license plates have been recycled for use in the Special Interest License Plate program which makes them **ineligible** for use in the YOM License Plate program.

Procedures

Continue to follow procedures in the *Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual* §21.245 for processing YOM applications and:

- Refer to the attached chart to verify the license plate configuration is not on the list of configurations that are **ineligible** for the YOM License Plate program.
- Refer the applicant to a DMV field office for authentication of the YOM License Plates. DMV will verify that the configuration is not duplicated and not already in use on another vehicle.
 - Applications will be processed manually and sent to the Special Processing Unit (SPU) at DMV headquarters.
 - Until programming is in place, a 120-day temporary operating permit (TOP) will be issued.
 - A Z96 **manual** receipt will be issued.
 - The application will be finalized at DMV headquarters and the new month/year stickers along with YOM sticker wells and registration cards and/or ownership certificates will be mailed in approximately three to four months.

Background

Temporary procedures have been developed until programming changes are implemented in April 2017. Once programming is in place, a memo will be issued.

Distribution

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References

California Vehicle Code §5004.1

Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual §21.245

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