



Department of the Secretary of State

Bureau of Motor Vehicles
Registration Section

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Memo

To: All Municipalities

CC: Catherine Curtis, Municipal & Agent Services, BMV Audit Services, BMV Stockroom, BMV Registration Section

From: Nikki Bachelder, Director of Vehicle Services

Date: October 15, 2021

Re: ****REVISED**** New Maine Lighthouse Trust Registration Plate



The new Maine Lighthouse Trust specialty plate will be effective **October 18, 2021**.

The class code for the plate is **LH**. The plates will have a unique numbering sequence, starting with number **101-BFA through 999-BFZ (skip letters I and O)**.

First time issuance of the plates will be allowed from BMV branch offices, the BMV main office, or any municipal office that processes registrations at the new registration or truck level. Municipalities will be able to process renewals and transfers. Municipalities who do not issue specialty plates will collect excise tax and instruct customers to finish their registration at a BMV branch office.

Once the plates arrive in the Main Office, the Stockroom will be automatically sending plates for your inventory. You will then be able to order additional inventory as usual.

Vanities will be allowed in this class code. Vanities cannot duplicate vanities which have been issued in another class of plate. These vanities could hold up to six characters, plus a space or dash. However, there will be no low digit or out-of-rotation plates in this class code.

This plate is allowed on vehicles with a registered weight up to 26,000 lbs.

Customers who preordered and prepaid for their plates will receive vouchers by mail mid-September, from the BMV main office. The vouchers are to be used to cover the initial payment of obtaining the plates. Please collect the vouchers from your customers and return them in with your cash reports and work.

\$10.00 of the specialty plate fee is credited to the Maine Lighthouse Trust to support lighthouse restoration and preservation efforts; \$9.00 is credited to the Highway Fund for administrative and production costs; and \$1.00 is credited to the Specialty License Plate Fund.

The processing information is below. For further questions, please contact your Municipal Coordinator.

PROCESSING INFORMATION	
Excise Tax Required	Yes
Plate Type	Maine Lighthouse Trust Specialty Plates
Vanity Plate	Yes: Max of 6 characters, plus one space or one dash \$25.00 annual fee
Class Code	LH
Specialty Plate Fee	\$20.00: New Registration \$15.00: Re-registration
Registration Fee	\$35.00: If r.v.w is less than or equal to 6,000 lbs. \$37.00: If r.v.w is 6,001-10,000 lbs. Use Schedule of Truck Fees (MV-60) (commercial section) if r.v.w. is 10,001-26,000 lbs.
Title Required	Yes, if vehicle year is 1995 or newer
Style Code	Refer to Vehicle Style Code Chart in Appendix
Expiration	Last day of month, one year from month of issue
Inspection Required	Yes
Sales Tax Required	Yes
Insurance Required	Yes
First Registration	Any BMV Branch Office or Municipal Office that processes New or Truck registrations
Re-registration	Any BMV Branch Office or any Municipal Office
Stickers	Double
Gross Weight	No: If r.v.w is less than or equal to 6,000 lbs. Yes: If r.v.w is 6,001-26,000 lbs.
Axles	No: If r.v.w is less than or equal to 10,000 lbs. Yes: If r.v.w is 10,001-26,000 lbs.
Tires	No: If r.v.w is less than or equal to 10,000 lbs. Yes: If r.v.w is 10,001-26,000 lbs.
Fuel	Yes
DOT Requirements	N/A

Sample of the Maine Lighthouse Trust specialty plate voucher:

Maine Lighthouse Trust Voucher

Use this voucher toward
the purchase of the new
Maine Lighthouse
Specialty Plate.

\$20.00

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Expires 03/01/2022



This voucher has no cash value and can be used only toward the purchase of the Maine Lighthouse Trust Specialty Plate.