



Washington Apples Specialty Plates Questions & Answers

How do I order Washington Apples specialty plates?

Visit the Washington State Department of Licensing official website specialty licensing plate page at <https://www.dol.wa.gov/vehicleregistration/spapples.html>. Scroll down to the Specialty License Plate Application Form (also available through this link <https://www.dol.wa.gov/forms/420499.pdf>).

Complete and print the application.

Once your application is ready, you can mail it to the address on the application form or take it directly to a local vehicle licensing office. A contact list of local offices can be found through this link - (<https://fortress.wa.gov/dol/dolprod/vehoffices/>).

Special note: If you order your plates through a vehicle licensing office, expect to see them in about 7 days. If you mail in your application to the state DOL office, it may take several weeks (currently appears to be about 8 weeks).

What is the additional cost for a Washington Apples specialty plate?

The initial purchase cost is \$77.25. Each year, an additional \$30 is charged when tabs are renewed. WAEF receives \$28 from the purchase price and from each annual renewal.

Can I personalize the plates?

Yes! There is an additional fee to personalize a plate. A personalized license plate (aka vanity plates) provides you the opportunity to determine up to seven letters, numbers, hyphens or spaces on your plate. You can find the fee information at <https://www.dol.wa.gov/vehicleregistration/specialdesign.html> once you select the Washington Apples design. The application walks you through your personalized plate request. You can contact the DOL office directly at 360.902.3770 to find out if your desired letters or numbers are available. Personalized plate applications must be mailed. They will not be accepted at local vehicle licensing offices.

Do the tabs on my vehicle transfer to the new plate?

Yes. When you purchase the license plate for your vehicle the tabs you've already purchased will transfer. If your tabs will be ready for renewal within six months of your purchase of the Washington Apples plate, you may renew early. There is not a financial downside for renewing early. Prior to sending your check for tab renewal, contact the DOL office or a local DOL office (<https://fortress.wa.gov/dol/dolprod/vehoffices/>) to get an exact payment amount.

How does it work for fleet vehicles?

One or more members of a "fleet" may acquire Washington Apples license plates. The process to follow is exactly the same as the process for a passenger vehicle. Complete the specialty plates application form for each vehicle. They may be mailed to the state or delivered to a local vehicle licensing office for faster service. Form- <https://www.dol.wa.gov/forms/420499.pdf>

Can I transfer my existing specialty plates to another vehicle?

Yes. The process for transferring plates to another vehicle is provided here - <https://www.dol.wa.gov/vehicleregistration/transferplates.html>.

Once ordered, when do plates arrive?

If you order your plates through a vehicle licensing office, expect to see them in about 7 days. If you mail in your application to the state DOL office, it may take several weeks (currently appears to be about 8 weeks). What we've seen so far, is that personalized plates take about 12-16 weeks for delivery.

Funds raised from the sales of plates support the Washington Apple Education Foundation (WAEF). For more information about WAEF, please visit www.waef.org or call (509) 663-7713.