



Vehicle registration & licensing

Modified collector vehicles to 1974 & replicas

Modified motor vehicles with a model year of 1974 or earlier, and replicas of 1942 or earlier models, are eligible to qualify for collector vehicle licensing and insurance, and they will soon display collector vehicle number plates.

Changing

On June 30, 2017, the collector vehicle program is being extended to also include qualifying modified motor vehicles with a model year of 1974 or earlier, and qualifying replicas of 1942 or earlier motor vehicle models.

Prior to this change, the only motor vehicles to qualify were those maintained or reconstructed to original manufacturer specifications that were 25 years old or more (15 years if a discontinued make or limited production), or 1958 or earlier models that were modified and still resembled the original vehicle.

The year shown on the registration of a replica of a 1942 or earlier model vehicle will be the model year that the vehicle resembles, not the date of manufacture or passed inspection. The registered "Make" will show both the make and model that the vehicle resembles, with the registered "Model" indicated as "Repli". At a yet to be determined later date, all replica vehicle BC registrations will show the year, make and model in this manner.

The changes are to benefit car enthusiasts and the specialty vehicle community, as described in this [Friday March 10, 2017 B.C. government news release](#). More program information is available at icbc.com.

Not changing

The licence conditions set out in regulation remain the same and a summary is printed on the Owner's Certificate as a declaration:

"CLL — Licence valid only on a vehicle that qualifies as a collector vehicle under the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations that is used for pleasure only, not including to or from work or school."

Collector vehicle licensing remains voluntary on qualifying motorcycles, cars and light trucks. Owners may prefer to license and insure their classic, modified or replica vehicle as a regular vehicle and display special (e.g. personalized, BC Parks, veteran) or regular (blue and white) number plates. If the vehicle needs to be used to or from work or school it must be licensed and insured as a regular vehicle.

Overall vehicle condition continues to be important. Acceptance into the program and ongoing collector vehicle licensing requires that, in addition to meeting age and other qualifying criteria, the vehicle be in excellent condition (no rust, scratches, etc.), such that ICBC considers it to have collectible value. If a vehicle's condition is not kept to that standard it must be removed from the collector program and licensed as a regular vehicle.

Vehicles that are not fully assembled remain ineligible.



Collector vehicle number plates

The design is not changing on collector and multi-vehicle collector number plates.



Collector vehicle



motorcycle



Collector plates for multi-vehicles / multi-motorcycles



However, unique combinations of characters in the current collector number plate series (the letter B followed by numbers, or "B series") has been exhausted.

A new character configuration is being provided that will accommodate unique plate sequences for years to come. The new range will be # @ # # # # (where # is the number and @ is the letter)

- Collector Passenger Plates will be # M # # # # and # N # # # #
- Collector Motorcycle Plates will be # P # # # #

Existing B series number plates will not be retired. The new series will be issued with new plate transactions for all collector vehicles; it is unrelated to the program changes for modified motor vehicles and replicas.

Legislation and regulations

Motor Vehicle Act Regulations

[Division 22A](#) – Collector Motor Vehicles

Order in Council

[OIC No. 142](#) – Deposited March 10, 2017

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Other Jurisdictions

Canadian Council of Motor Transport
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