

# Spartan Plate FAQs

**Question – Registration Renewal:** I received my registration renewal form... it is due in 90 days and I already paid for a Spartan plate. When the plate is issued will the registration period start over? Will I incur additional, overlapping registration fees?

**Answer:** When a Spartan license plate is issued it adapts to your current registration renewal cycle.

We are closing in on the plate issue date and it is critical that registration fees are paid promptly. Your vehicle registration must be current in order to get a Spartan plate.

If your registration is to be renewed within 90 days ***please pay it immediately!*** This assures your registration is current in the system when NCDMV-Special Plates assigns plates. To delay renewing a registration will delay issuing a new Spartan plate to you.

**Question – Purchased Vehicle:** Should I wait until the plate comes in to make a new purchase?

**Answer:** Your driver's license drives the process of issuing a Spartan plate, they will go with the vehicle currently registered to you. Go ahead with your purchase.

When a new car is purchased/leased, the initial registration is limited and temporary for 60 days. With this registration all is paid for except the vehicle property tax and this tax is due when the limited registration expires. Please pay your vehicle property tax promptly, sooner if you can, to assure your registration is current in the system and remain eligible for your Spartan plate.

Vehicle property tax is due when the limited registration expires. NCDMV considers a registration "temporary" until this tax is paid. ***Once vehicle property tax is paid you are eligible to be issued a Spartan plate.***

**Question – Leased Vehicles:** The Spartan application I submitted was for a leased vehicle that I am turning in. I will have two active leases registered in my name and both vehicles have new plates. My preference is that the most current vehicle replace the one on the application. Is there anything I can/need to do ahead of receiving the plate? Do I need to refill out the application? Which vehicle will they default to?

**Answer:** Your driver's license drives the process of issuing Spartan plates, they will go with the vehicle currently registered to you.

With two new vehicles registered to one driver's license, they will contact you. The assigned plate is set aside and a "verified plate letter" is sent to the applicant to confirm the current vehicle registered. The assigned plate is held until a reply is received from the applicant.

**Question – Change of Ownership, etc.:** The Spartan plate I ordered was for a vehicle registered in both mine and my husband's name. I traded it in for a new(er) one which is registered in my name only. Now the vehicle, plate number, and address are different, not to mention insurance. What do I do?

**Answer:** Your driver's license drives the process of issuing Spartan plates, they will go with the vehicle currently registered to you. If the car listed on the application is replaced by another vehicle they will issue the Spartan plate to that vehicle.

Please keep your driver's license up to date so they have correct information, if needed.

Pay any vehicle property tax promptly, *sooner if you can*, to remain eligible for your Spartan plate.

**Questions – Car Totaled/Removed from Service:** I totaled my car, what must I do?

I sold my vehicle and plan to use another that I already own. How does that affect my application?

**Answer:**

\*\*\*State law requires continuous liability insurance on all registered vehicles. **A vehicle owner should cancel insurance only after they have turned in their NC license plate to the NCDMV.**

\*\*\***Canceling insurance before returning the license plate will result in a fine for failure to maintain continuous insurance coverage.**

Your driver's license drives the process of issuing Spartan plates so they will go with the vehicle currently registered to you. If questions they will reach out to you.

**Question:** Is there still time or a process to get a plate application submitted?

**Answer:** Additional requests for a Spartan plate must wait until the plate is issued and made available through local NCDMV offices.