Use this helpful guide – with sample photos – to qualify for historic vehicle registration. Historic registration may be assigned to an antique vehicle which is at least 25 years old.

Vehicle requirements:

- Owned as a collector’s item
- Used solely for exhibition or educational purposes
- Cannot be altered from the manufacturer’s original design in any way
- Equipped for legal operation on NJ roadways

Historic registration must be renewed every three (3) years; there is no fee for renewal.

Vehicle with historic registration must be covered by minimum automobile insurance coverage required by the State of New Jersey.

When applying for registration, two color photographs are required: front and side view, left or right. Refer to the sample photos on pg. 2-4 of this guide for tips on vehicle qualification and acceptable photographs.

If you have any questions regarding Historic, Personalized Historic, Courtesy Historic, or any other type of Specialty Plate, visit us online at www.njmvc.gov or contact the MVC at (609) 292-6500 ext. 5061.
Vehicles That DO NOT Qualify - Part 1

This vehicle **does not** qualify because there are side pipes, no hood, and no top to the vehicle.

This vehicle **does not** qualify because the picture was taken without the hood.

This vehicle **does not** qualify because it is not finished being constructed and is not roadworthy. The front headlights and grill are missing.

This vehicle **does not** qualify because the vehicle is missing parts.

This vehicle **does not** qualify because the vehicle is missing parts and not completed.

This vehicle **does not** qualify because it has a large hood scoop that is not the manufacturer’s original design.
Vehicles That DO NOT Qualify - Part 2

This vehicle **does not** qualify because it is missing the front grill and is therefore incomplete.

This vehicle **does not** qualify because it has been altered from its original manufacturer design. The most obvious giveaway is that the vehicle has side pipes. This vehicle is eligible for Street Rod plates.

This vehicle **does not** qualify because it has a large hood scoop that is not the manufacturer’s original design.

This vehicle **does not** qualify because it has been altered from its original manufacturer design. The most obvious giveaway is that the vehicle has no fenders covering the wheels. This vehicle is eligible for Street Rod plates.

This vehicle **does not** qualify because it is not 25 years old or more (as of Jan 2010).

This vehicle **does not** qualify because it has a hood-mounted tachometer and other instruments which are not original.
Vehicles That DO Qualify