

# **Annual Off-Highway Vehicle Registration**

## **Purpose:**

The PEI ATV Federation partnered with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to introduce an annual registration process and identify a new revenue stream to maintain the private trail network, support the development of new trails, and expand safety initiatives for ATV club members across the Island.

## **What's new:**

On November 1, 2024, owners of Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV) will register their vehicles every year on the owner's date of birth. Vehicle owners can visit any Access PEI location to register.

## **Annual Fee:**

OHV owners will pay an annual fee of \$50.00 on the owner's birthday. You will receive a new plate for your vehicle that must be displayed at all times.

## **Required Documents:**

When renewing your OHV registration annually, bring your current PEI OHV registration certificate.

When registering your OHV for the first time (e.g. after you purchased your OHV), bring the registration certificate signed by the previous owner, a bill of sale, and your driver's license.

## **Other information:**

The new annual registration process includes:

- New definitions that clarify which OHV require annual registration renewal and therefore may be used on the private ATV trail network.
- Annual registration replaces the one-time, no-expiry registration.
- The OHV plate remains with the registered owner of that plate when the OHV is sold or transferred to a new owner (like registering a passenger vehicle).

## **Expiry Transition:**

Owners with a registered no-expiry plate have until April 30, 2025, to exchange their registration and receive the new OHV plate and sticker if they wish to continue to access the PEI ATV Federation Trail System.

## **Contacts:**

PEI ATV Federation – <https://ridepei.ca/>

## **Further Information:**

See the Q&A section on the following page.

## Questions and Answers

### Q – What new process is being implemented?

A – Owners of OHV will register their vehicles every year on their birthday. Previously it was a one-time, no expiry registration.

### Q – Do all off-highway vehicles need to be registered annually?

A – Your vehicle must be registered annually to use the private trail system maintained by the PEI ATV Federation and ATV clubs. If you only use your OHV on your private property, e.g. as a farm vehicle, you must register your ATV un-plated for personal use on private property when you purchase it, but you will not be required to renew the registration annually.

### Q – When do these changes take effect and what do I do with my old plates?

A – As of Nov 1, 2024, old-style OHV Plates and No Expiry Stickers will not be **issued** by Highway Safety as valid plated registrations.

- **Existing** old-style OHV Plates and No Expiry Stickers will remain valid for the PEI ATV Federation Trail System during a 6-month transitional period.
- If you decide to sell your ATV you will need to retain the existing plate on it, and this plate can be turned into Access PEI for destruction or kept for souvenir as it will no longer be a recognized plate once the transitional period concludes.

As of April 30, 2025, old style OHV Plates and No Expiry stickers will not be recognized by the PEI ATV Federation for use on their trails.

- You can bring your old plate into Access PEI when you are switching your registration over, when you surrender your old-style OHV Plate it will be replaced with a new style plate and annual validation sticker.
- These plates will be destroyed, as they are no longer a recognized plate type.

### Q – I just paid \$50 for a No Expiry Plate, do I need to renew the registration to be in compliance with the new rules?

A – If you registered your OHV and have a no-expiry plate, you have until April 30, 2025, to re-register your OHV and get a new license plate. If you have already been issued the new style of OHV Plate, you will not need a new plate when you re-register your OHV.

- *The \$5 plate replacement fee will only be required when switching from the old style to new style plates or upon any new registration of an ATV.*

### Q – I only use my ATV seasonally. Can I get a refund on my plate?

A – Off-Highway Vehicle plates are non-refundable and do not prorate based on your registration date.

### Q – What do I need to register my ATV?

A – Off-Highway Vehicles will require the same documents as currently required for registration. You will need a signed over registration permit, or your current un-plated PEI registration, as well as a bill of sale if transferring ownership.