1. Am I eligible to receive a Terp License Plate?

To be eligible to receive Terp license plates, the vehicle owner or co-owner (the individual under whom the vehicle is registered) must be either:

   a) An alumni of the University of Maryland College Park
   b) A University of Maryland Alumni Association member (visit our membership pages for more information on becoming a member – maybe include the URL)
   c) Staff/faculty of the University of Maryland College Park

2. How do I purchase my Terp License Plate?

You must complete the Terp License Plate MVA application, including your payment. You can obtain an application:

   a) In person, by coming to the University of Maryland Alumni Association office located in the Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center on campus.
   b) Online, by visiting our website at http://alumni.umd.edu and selecting “Benefits” on the “Join” dropdown menu. Here, you may scroll down to the “Services” section and download a PDF application.
   c) Over the phone, by contacting the Alumni Association at 301.405.4768. We will send you a license plate application via mail or email.

3. Where do I turn in my Terp License Plate MVA application & payment once completed?

   a) Application By Mail – Submit your completed application and payment by mail to the University of Maryland Alumni Association. We will complete your application process and you will receive your new Terp license plate in the mail within 4-6 weeks.
   b) Application In Person – You may expedite processing by walking into our offices during business hours and obtaining the appropriate paperwork. After you make your $10 member/$25 non-member (alumni) payment to the Alumni Association and receive your official organizational certifications, you may then take your application, MVA plate fee
of $25, and alumni association certifications directly to the Glen Bernie MVA office. You will receive your new Terp license plate immediately on site.

*Please note: you must receive official organizational certifications from the University of Maryland Alumni Association before submitting your application at the Glen Burnie office. Your application will be rejected without the official documentation. Other MVA locations will NOT accept our organizational certifications.

4. How long does it take to receive my Terp License Plate?

   a) **Application By Mail** - You should receive your new Terp license plate in the mail 4-6 weeks after your application and payment has been received by the University of Maryland Alumni Association. Your license plate will be mailed to the address listed on your application.

   b) **Application In Person** – By completing your application process in person, you will receive your new Terp license plate immediately on site at the Glen Burnie MVA. (see question #3)

5. How much do Terp License Plates cost?

   a) $35 – UMCP Alumni Association Member OR UMCP Staff/Faculty

   b) $50 – Non Member (UMCP Alumni)

   Note: If you are applying for your license plate in person (see question #3), you must pay the MVA plate fee of $25 directly to the MVA and pay the remaining $10/$25 to the Alumni Association directly.

   For more information on how to join the UMCP Alumni Association to receive the Terp license plate member rate, along with many other member benefits, please visit our website at alumni.umd.edu or contact the alumni association at 301.405.4768 / alumnimembership@umd.edu.

   *Remember, you do NOT need to be a University of Maryland College Park graduate in order to be a member of the Alumni Association!

6. What payment methods can I use to purchase my Terp License Plate?

   a) Check (made payable to the University of Maryland Alumni Association)

   b) Debit Card (with Visa/MasterCard logo)

   c) Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express)

   d) Money Order

   e) Cash (for in-person applicants)

7. Can I purchase a Terp License Plate for another individual (child, spouse, etc.)?
Yes. You may purchase license plates for someone else. The payment may come from any party associated with the vehicle owner. However, the Terp License Plate MVA application must be registered in the vehicle owner’s name, signed by the vehicle owner, and the vehicle owner must be eligible for a Terp License Plate (see question #1).

8. How do I fill out my Terp License Plate MVA application?

Applicants should complete sections A, B, C, and D only. Additionally, all vehicle owners must sign the application. Applications submitted without signature will be REJECTED.

Section A: Vehicle owner/co-owners’ information.

Section B: Current vehicle’s information. Refer to your registration and insurance card.

• “Sticker No.” refers to your current license plate registration sticker, which should match your expiration date indicated on your vehicle registration card/MVA record. Each time you renew your registration you receive a new sticker to place on your license plate. Since you are applying for a new license plate, you will need to have new registration stickers issued to you along with your plate.

Section C: Indicate ownership/co-ownership.

• Organization Member: Please select “Owner” if you are the owner of the vehicle. Organization Member refers to us as the organization by which you are a “member”, or alumni, in our case.

Section D: Signature of owner(s).

9. Can I purchase a Terp License Plate for my motorcycle?

No. Terp License Plates may be used for Class C (non-commercial) vehicles only.

10. Can I purchase Terp License Plates for my business’ vehicles?

Yes. You may purchase license plates for business vehicles as long as they are Class C vehicles (non-commercial), the vehicles are registered in the name of the business owner, and the business owner qualifies for the Terp License Plates (see question #1).

11. How can I transfer my Terp License Plates to my new vehicle?

You may request to transfer your Terp License Plate to another vehicle by contacting the University of Maryland Alumni Association via email at alumnimembership@umd.edu or via phone at 301.405.4678. We will provide you with a certified letter approving your license plate transfer. This letter may be returned to you by fax, email, mail or by picking it up in person at the Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center located on campus. After receiving this letter, you may submit it at the Glen Bernie MVA office only.

12. What do I do if my Terp License Plate is lost, stolen or damaged?
Because the license plate has been lost, stolen or damaged, the MVA considers the license plate “destroyed”; thus, a new license plate number will have to be issued. You are NOT required to complete a new Terp License Plate MVA application; however, you ARE required to pay the replacement fee at the regular program rates (see question #5).

You may mail in your written request, along with your payment or call the alumni association at 301.405.4678 to make your request and payment by phone. We will provide you with a certified letter approving your license plate replacement. This letter may be returned to you by fax, email, mail or by picking it up in person at the Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center located on campus. After receiving this letter, you may submit it at the Glen Bernie MVA office only.

13. What do I do if my vehicle (bearing my Terp License Plates) is stolen or totaled?

If your vehicle bearing your Terp License Plate is stolen or totaled, you will be required to purchase a new Terp License Plate; submitting a new Terp License Plate MVA application, along with your payment. You will be issued a new Terp License Plate Number.

14. What do I do if I am purchasing a new car and I do not have a tag number yet?

Your car dealer should be able to issue you a temporary tag (at no cost). You may then use your temporary tag information to complete the Terp License Plate MVA application form.

15. Am I required to pay the Alumni Association each time I renew my registration?

No. Registration renewal is handled directly through the MVA.

16. Can I choose what I want on my Terp License Plate (i.e. specialty plates)?

No. Terp License Plates feature four numbers only, no letters/alpha characters. All Terp License Plates are issued in sequential order. You MAY reserve a number by contacting the Alumni Association at 301.405.4678 / alumnimembership@umd.edu. The Alumni Association will contact you when your reserved number is ready to be issued so that you may claim your license plate number and submit your application. Please keep your contact information up to date!

17. Do I need to include a copy of my license, insurance, and registration along with my application?

No. You do not need to include a copy of these documents. The Alumni Association maintains a copy of your Terp License Plate application only.

18. Does my state of residence offer UMD Organizational Plates/Terp License Plates?

Currently, the states of Maryland and Virginia offer UMD Organizational Plates only. Virginia plates can be purchased on the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles website.
19. How do I get my state of residence to issue UMD Organizational Plates/Terp License Plates, if they do not offer them already?

Each state’s Motor Vehicle Administration defines the number of residents that must request a specific Organizational Plate before they will offer it or put them into production. If you are interested in gaining Terp License Plates for your state, you may contact your department of motor vehicles and tell them of your interest. Additionally, you may contact the Alumni Association via phone at 301.405.4678 or check out our website at alumni.umd.edu for more information on how to contact the Alumni clubs in your area and your school/college Chapter to rally support for Terp License Plates.

20. I just moved to Maryland. How do I get a Terp License Plate?

First, you need to register your vehicle in the state of Maryland by visiting an MVA branch office. After receiving your Maryland registration, you may complete the Terp License Plate MVA application. For more information on Maryland registration, please visit http://www.mva.maryland.gov/VehicleServ/REG/NewtoMd.htm.