

Idaho's Historic Capitol Building

Construction of the Idaho State Capitol began in the summer of 1905. The central section was completed in 1912, and construction of the east and west wings began in 1919. The entire Capitol was completed by the end of 1920.



Nearly 100 years and extensive use have taken their toll on this treasured monument. Numerous structural, safety and aesthetic repairs are needed to maintain its historic character. In some cases, major restoration is required due to the extent of deterioration. Areas of concern include exterior building assemblies, interior finish systems, mechanical systems, electrical systems and infrastructure.

The Idaho Capitol Commission has developed and is implementing a master plan for the restoration, refurbishment and preservation of the Idaho Capitol and its grounds. The restoration is being financed through a combination of sales of restoration license plates, appropriations by the Idaho Legislature, proceeds from state endowment lands and private contributions. The goal is to restore the Capitol to its original splendor.



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**License Your Vehicle
With a
Capitol Restoration
License Plate!**

What is the Capitol Restoration License Plate?

The Idaho Capitol Commission has selected a design rich in symbolism for a special, limited-edition license plate being sold to raise funds to help restore the Idaho State Capitol.

The unique design of the plate features a graphic of the Capitol dome, the most prominent aspect of the building. It includes a procession of stars that, like the 43 located on the interior ceiling of the actual dome, represents Idaho's statehood. And finally, the stars morph into birds that signify Idaho's official bird, the mountain bluebird.

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The Capitol restoration license plate provides a great way for people to express support for Idaho's most treasured public building. In addition to making a financial contribution to the restoration effort, Idahoans who buy these plates will be able in a very prominent way to show their support for efforts to ensure that the Capitol stands for another 100 years.

Sample Capitol restoration license plates also are available. They make unique "Idaho" gifts for friends and family, and can be personalized at no extra charge.



Where to Buy Your Capitol Restoration License Plate

The county assessor's office where you get standard Idaho license plates also has the special Capitol restoration license plates for sale. There is a program fee of \$35.00 for initial sales, \$25.00 for renewals, in addition to regular licensing fees. Capitol restoration license plates can be personalized for an additional \$25.00 fee. Sample plates, which may be personalized at no extra charge, are available for \$30.00. The county assessor's office has the forms needed to order personalized or sample plates, or you can log on to the Idaho Transportation Department Web site and print out an application form: www2.state.id.us/itd/dmv/registr.htm