

writing from the manufacturer of such vehicles or from an authorized distributor of such vehicles.

54. (Right to Application for and Issuance of Dealer Registration Plates and Used Car Dealer Registration Plates.) Dealer registration plates shall be issuable only to dealers as that term is defined in this Article. Used car dealer registration plates shall be issuable only to used car dealers as that term is defined in this Article. No dealer shall be entitled to obtain dealer registration plates and no used car dealer shall be entitled to obtain used car dealer registration plates unless 1) the applicant's said business is conducted at a fixed location in a substantial building in which the books of account and records of said business are maintained and kept; 2) the said business of the applicant is the only or the principal business conducted on the said premises; 3) the said building is adequate and appropriate for the business so conducted by the applicant; 4) the applicant maintains and operates a service shop equipped for reasonably adequate and proper servicing of the vehicles to be sold by the applicant, or, in the alternative, the applicant has an extant contract which requires such servicing to be furnished at a reasonably convenient location to the purchasers of vehicles from the applicant; and 5) the applicant is registered with the Department.

All such registrations shall be made upon application on forms to be provided by the Department, upon which the applicant shall set forth under oath the name of the applicant; the applicant's trade name, if any; the place of incorporation if the applicant be incorporated, together with the names and addresses of its officers and directors; the location in the State of Maryland of each place where the applicant conducts such business; the location in the State of Maryland of each place, if any, where motor vehicles are stored for the applicant; the nature of the applicant's said business (manufacturer's sales branch or agency, distributor, dealer, or used car dealer), and, except if the applicant be a used car dealer, the make, brand or trade name of the motor vehicles which the applicant is authorized to distribute or deal in. Such application shall also affirmatively set forth that the applicant has all the prerequisites which entitle the applicant to obtain the registration plates applied for; and if the applicant be required by the definition of "dealer" to operate under an appointment in writing, the applicant shall attach to the application an exact copy of such appointment, together with a statement that said appointment is not expired or revoked.