



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 199.00 Southern Mississippi Alumni Association

Section: 5. Motor Vehicle License Plate Classifications & Requirements

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To view Special Plates: <http://expresslane.org>

Authority:

R.S. [47:462](#)

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To view Louisiana Statutes: <http://www.legis.state.la.us/>

Eligibility:

- This license plate can be issued to private passenger automobiles/vans, private trucks up to 16,000 lbs., and recreational vehicles.
- Any citizen of Louisiana can apply for the Southern Mississippi Alumni Association specialty plate.

Requirements:

- **Initial Issuance**
 - **Required Documentation**
 - A photocopy of the registration certificate of the vehicle on which the plate will be placed
 - If the vehicle is not registered in the applicant's name, all [necessary documentation required for titling](#) of the vehicle must be submitted along with the request for the license plate.
 - Proof of insurance
 - **Newly Issued Plate Fees**
 - \$50.00 royalty fee¹
 - [Registration fees](#)
 - \$3.50 administrative handling fee¹
 - \$8.00 handling fee
 - To apply for a special plate, you may do one of the following:
 - Apply through the Specialized Vehicle Unit (P.O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, LA 70896) for immediate issuance.
 - Apply at any [Motor Vehicle office or Public Tag Agency](#). Immediate issuance is based on availability at that office.
 - View and order specialty license plate on [Expresslane.org](#). Specialty plate will be mailed once the application is received and processed by the Office of Motor Vehicles.

- A license plate must be assigned to a vehicle before being driven on the roadway. You may apply for a standard license plate at any motor vehicle office or public tag agent to be used until the special license plate has been issued to the vehicle. Credit for the unused portion of the standard plate, up to the cost of the special plate, will be allowed.
- **License Plate Renewal**
 - License plate renewal transactions may be processed:
 - By any [Motor Vehicle office or Public Tag Agency](#)
 - On [Expresslane.org](#)
 - By mail, with a renewal invitation
 - **Renewal Fees:**
 - \$50.00 royalty fee¹
 - [Registration fees](#)
- **License Plate Transfer**
 - A plate may be transferred from one vehicle in applicant's name to another vehicle in applicant's name, but cannot be transferred between owners.
 - Application for transfer can be processed at any [Motor Vehicle office or Public Tag Agency](#).
 - **Transfer of Plate Fees** (to another vehicle in applicant's name):
 - \$8.00 handling fee
 - \$3.00 transfer fee

Related Policies:

Section 4, [Policy 2.00, Basic Requirements for Obtaining a Certificate of Title](#)