



Louisiana Department of Public Safety  
Office of Motor Vehicles  
**Policy 204.00 Distinguished Flying Cross Recipient Specialty  
License Plate**

**Section:** 5. Motor Vehicle License Plate Classification and Requirements

**Effective Date:** 02/05/2025

**To view Special Plates:** [www.Expresslane.org](http://www.Expresslane.org)

**Authority:**

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

[R.S. 47:490.36](#)

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

**Eligibility:**

- Any applicant who was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross medal qualifies for the Distinguished Flying Cross Recipient license plate and may be issued a license plate for each vehicle registered in the applicant's name.
- The Distinguished Flying Cross license plate may be issued to private passenger automobiles, vans, private trucks up to 16,000 lbs., and private buses.

**Requirements:**

- A photocopy of the following discharge certificates indicating an *Honorable*, *Under Honorable Conditions*, or a *General Under Honorable Conditions* discharge are required:
  - DD-214 indicating issuance of Distinguished Flying Cross medal
  - DD-215 indicating issuance of Distinguished Flying Cross medal
- A photocopy of the registration certificate for the vehicle on which the plate will be placed, if the vehicle is currently registered.
  - If the vehicle is not in the applicant's name, all [necessary documentation](#) required for titling the vehicle must be submitted along with the request for the license plate.
  - The plate can be used on personally owned or jointly owned vehicles that are registered in the applicant's name.
- Special plates may be applied for by one of the following:
  - Apply through the Specialized Vehicle Unit (P.O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, LA 70896) for immediate issuance.
  - Apply at any [Office of Motor Vehicles or Public Tag Agency location](#). Immediate issuance is based on availability at that office.
  - View and order the license plate on [Expresslane.org](#). The plate will be mailed once the application is received and processed by the Office of Motor Vehicles

**Fees:**

- Applicable registration and renewal fees apply.
- \$8.00 - Handling fee due on all transactions except renewals
- \$3.00 - Transfer the plate to another vehicle in the applicant's name

**Notes:**

- The plates shall be returned to the Office of Motor Vehicles for cancellation upon the death of the applicant, or a surviving spouse of a person to whom a Distinguished Flying Cross Recipient specialty plate was issued may retain the plate, if the surviving spouse has not remarried and if the surviving spouse applies to the Office of Motor Vehicles for a transfer of the license plate to the surviving spouse.
  - The license plate shall be returned to the Office of Motor Vehicles upon the death or remarriage of the surviving spouse.
- Plates may be transferred from one vehicle in applicant's name to another vehicle in applicant's name, but cannot be transferred between owners.