Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
# Policy 14.07 Mobility Impaired Hang Tags/Placards

**Section:** 1. Issuance of Driver's License

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R.S. 47:463.4
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To view Louisiana Statutes: http://www.legis.state.la.us/

**Definitions:**

- **Medical Examiner -** A person licensed to practice medicine in Louisiana or any other state or territory of the United States, a person licensed to practice chiropractic by the Louisiana State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, a person licensed by the Louisiana State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, or an advanced practice registered nurse.

**Eligibility:**

- The individuals who qualify under the statutory definition of a mobility impaired person or a veteran who has a 50% or more service connected disability are eligible for the mobility impaired hang tag/placard.
- The term "mobility impaired person" will include any person who is impaired because of any of the following conditions:
    - Cannot walk two-hundred feet without stopping to rest.
    - Cannot walk without the assistance of another person, walker, cane, crutches, braces, prosthetic device, or wheelchair.
    - Is restricted by a lung disease to such an extent that the person's forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for one second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one half liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty (60) mm/hg on room air at rest.
    - Uses portable oxygen.
    - Has a cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as Class III or Class IV according to standards set by the American Heart Association.
    - Has a diagnosed disease or disorder, including a severe arthritic, neurological or orthopedic impairment, which creates a severe mobility limitation.

**Requirements:**

- The hang tags/placards are designed to hang from the vehicle's front windshield rearview mirror. When there is no rearview mirror, the hang tag/placard may be displayed on the vehicle's dashboard.
- **First Time Issuance**:

- A currently dated *Medical Examiner's Certification of Mobility Impairment* form (DPSMV 1966).
  - A Mobility Impairment form from another state will not be accepted.
  - A faxed copy of the Medical Examiner's Certification of Mobility Impairment is acceptable if it is received directly from the doctor's office.
- **Disabled Veterans** - In the case of a disabled veteran, a decision letter or an affidavit from the Veterans Affairs office attesting to the veteran's disability.
  - A veteran who currently has a Disabled Veteran's license plate is not required to submit a separate *Medical Examiner's Certificate of Mobility Impairment* and is eligible to receive a "permanent" hang tag/placard at no charge at initial issuance.
- The certification must indicate the type of impairment, as outlined in the table below.

| Initial Issuance Requirements by Type | |
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| **Type of Impairment** | **Notes** |
| **Permanently Impaired** | • Certification must state the physical condition which qualifies the applicant for a hang tag/placard is a permanent condition.<br>• A mobility impaired hang tag/placard will be issued with a four (4) year expiration date.<br>• Re-certification **will not** be required upon renewal. |
| **Temporarily Impaired** | • Certification must state the physical condition which qualifies the applicant for a hang tag/placard is temporary (one year or less).<br>• A mobility impaired hang tag/placard will be issued with a one (1) year expiration date.<br>• If the temporary mobility impairment persists past a year from the date of issuance, an additional certification must be submitted upon renewal of temporary hang tag/placard. |

- Up to three (3) additional hang tags/placards may be issued on behalf of a person with a mobility impairment. Only one fee ($3.00) will be assessed. Only one (1) mobility impaired identification card will be issued.
- If first time applying for a mobility impaired hang tag/placard and the applicant does not possess a Louisiana issued identification card or driver's license, the applicant must present all required identification documentation. The applicant is still eligible without social security number.
- If **unable to visit a field office**, the form must indicate the applicant is unable to appear in person and a color photograph with a clear view of the applicant's face must be provided. Printed photos are recommended.

- **Renewal**
  - Renewal requirements are outlined in the table below.

| Renewal Requirements by Type | |
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| **Type of Impairment** | **Notes** |
| **Permanently Impaired** | • Mobility identification card<br>• Expired hang tag/placard |
| **Temporarily Impaired** | • One of the following:<br>  ○ A currently dated *Medical Examiner's Certification of Mobility Impairment* form (DPSMV 1966)<br>  ○ If a disabled veteran, a decision letter or an affidavit from the Veterans Affairs Office attesting to the veteran's disability<br>  ▪ A veteran who currently has a Disabled Veteran's license plate is not required to submit a separate Medical Examiner's Certificate of Mobility Impairment. They are eligible to receive a "permanent" hang tag/placard at no charge at initial issuance. |

- If the **unable to visit a field office**, the form must indicate the applicant is unable to appear in person and a color photograph with a clear view of the applicant's face must be provided. Printed photos are recommended.

- **Lost, Destroyed, or Mutilated** - A duplicate may be issued if all of the following items are submitted:
  - Submit a completed *Affidavit for Replacement Handicap Hang Tag/Placard*.
  - Filing an application as required by this Section for the issuance of an original hang tag/placard.

**Fees:**

| Fees | Designation | Expiration |
|---|---|---|
| $3.00 | Permanent | 4 years |
| $3.00 | Temporary | 1 year |
| $3.00 | Duplicate | Same as original date |
| $0.00 | Special Disabled Veterans | Permanent |

**Related Policies:**

Section 4, Policy 14.00, Mobility Impaired License Plates