



Louisiana Department of Public Safety  
Office of Motor Vehicles  
**Policy 9.00 Ex-Prisoner of War License Plates**

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

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

**Authority:**

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

[R.S. 47:490.2](#)

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

**General:**

- State law provides for the issuance of Ex-Prisoner of War (XPOW) license plates. These plates are issued for private passenger automobiles/vans, private use trucks up to 16,000 lbs., and private buses.

**Eligibility:**

- Any former prisoner of war of World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, or the Vietnamese Conflict is eligible for this type of plate. The surviving spouse of a former prisoner of war may retain and use the special plate until remarriage.

**Requirements:**

- To apply for an Ex-Prisoner of War license plate, the applicant must submit the following items:
  - A copy 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 the vehicle must be submitted along with the request for the Ex-Prisoner of War license plate.
  - An affidavit signed by a Veterans Affairs Service Officer attesting to the applicant's eligibility or sufficient proof of the applicant's status as an ex-prisoner of war.

**Fees:**

- This is a free lifetime plate.
  - \$10.00 - fee to replace a lost or stolen plate.
  - \$8.00 - handling fee due on all transactions except renewals.
  - \$3.00 - fee to transfer the plate to another vehicle.

**Notes:**

- This plate may be transferred to another vehicle in the applicant's name but cannot be transferred between motor vehicle owners.
- All requests for initial issuance of this plate must be mailed to the Specialized Vehicle Unit, Headquarters, P.O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, LA. 70896. Transfers can be processed at any motor vehicle office or public tag agent.