Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 128.00 Gold Star

Section: 5. Motor Vehicle License Plate Classification and Requirements

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To view Special Plates: www.Expresslane.org

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R.S. 47:463.137
To view Louisiana Statutes: http://www.legis.state.la.us/

General:

- Louisiana law provides for the issuance of Gold Star license plates. This license plate can be issued to private passenger automobiles, vans, private trucks up to 16,000 pounds, private buses, and motorcycles

Eligibility:

- This plate can be issued to a member of the immediate family of a member of the armed forces of the United States who lost his life under any of the following conditions:
  - During World War I, World War II, or any subsequent period of armed hostilities in which the United States was engaged before July 1, 1958.
- Any time after June 30, 1958, under any of the following conditions:
  - While engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States.
  - While engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force
  - While serving with friendly forces engaged in an armed conflict in which the United States is not a belligerent party against an opposing armed force.
- Any time after March 28, 1973, as a result of any of the following:
  - An international terrorist attack against the United States or foreign nation friendly to the United States, recognized as such an attack by the secretary of defense for the United States.
  - Military operations while serving outside the United States, including commonwealths, territories, and possessions of the United States, as part of the peace keeping force.
- **Note:** A member of the immediate family shall include: a widow or widower, remarried or not, a mother, father, step-mother, step-father, mother through adoption, father through adoption, and foster parents who stood in loco parentis (in place of a parent), grandparents, each child, step-child, and adopted child, and each brother, half-brother, sister and half-sister.

Requirements:

- Certification Form (DPSMV1912) attesting to the applicant's eligibility as a qualified immediate family member
- Copy of the death certificate of the armed forces member who lost his life.
- A photocopy of the registration certificate of the vehicle on which the plate will be placed if the vehicle is currently registered in the applicant's name. OR
- If the vehicle is not in the applicant's name, then all necessary documentation required for titling of the vehicle must be submitted along with the request for the Gold Star license plate.

Fees:

- Regular registration and renewal fees apply.
- $8.00 - handling fee due on all transactions except renewals.
- $3.50 - administrative handling fee due only on initial issuance.
- $3.00 - transfer the plate to another vehicle in the applicant’s name.

Notes:

- Plates may be transferred from one vehicle in applicant's name to another vehicle in applicant's name, but cannot be transferred between owners.
- Plates are available for immediate issuance through the Specialized Vehicle Unit.
- Initial requests must be mailed to the Office of Motor Vehicles, Specialized Vehicle Unit, P.O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, LA 70896. All other transactions can be processed by any motor vehicle office or public tag agent.