



Louisiana Department of Public Safety  
Office of Motor Vehicles  
**Policy 59.00 Laos War Veteran License Plates**

**Section:** 5. Motor Vehicle License Plate Classifications & Requirements

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

**Authority:**

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

[R.S. 47:490.11](#)

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

**General:**

- Laos War Veteran license plates may be issued to any veteran who served in the Laos War between July 1, 1961 and July 1, 1978.<sup>1</sup>
- These license plates can be issued to automobiles, vans, private trucks up to 16,000 lbs., and motor homes.<sup>1</sup>
- Credit will not be allowed for a valid plate currently on the vehicle when the special plate is issued, due to the plate being a free plate.
- Plates may be transferred from one vehicle in applicant's name to another vehicle in applicant's name, but cannot be transferred between owners.

**Requirements:**

- Applicant must submit their discharge papers indicating service time during the Laos War dates indicated above.
- A photocopy of the registration certificate of the vehicle on which the plate will be placed, if the vehicle is currently registered.
  - 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.
- 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 [field office](#). Immediate issuance is based on availability at that office.
  - View and order specialty license plate on [Expresslane.org](http://www.Expresslane.org). Specialty plate will be mailed once the application is received and processed by the Office of Motor Vehicles.

**Fees:**

- This is a free, lifetime plate.
- \$10.00 - Replacement fee due for a lost or stolen plate
- \$8.00 - Handling fee due on all transactions
- \$3.00 - Transfer of the plate to another vehicle

**References:**

- <sup>1</sup> – Louisiana State Legislature. *Military Honor License Plates for Laos War Veterans* (R.S. 47:490.11), retrieved from <https://legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=321795>.