



Louisiana Department of Public Safety  
Office of Motor Vehicles  
**Policy 43.00 Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm  
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. 47:490.6](#)

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

**Definition:**

- State law allows for the issuance of a special license plate to certain participants in Operation Desert Shield/ Desert Storm. These plates will bear the name of the appropriate branch of service. The plates are issued to private passenger automobiles, vans, private trucks up to 16,000 lbs., motorcycles, and motor homes.

**Eligibility:**

- Any citizen of Louisiana who was a member of the U.S. Armed Forces or of the Coast Guard who served in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm is eligible for this type plate.

**Requirements:**

- All applications must be accompanied by a copy of a DD214 form which indicates service in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.
- A photocopy of the registration certificate of the vehicle on which the plate will be placed if the vehicle is currently registered. OR
- If the vehicle is not registered in the applicant's name, proper title documentation and fees must be submitted along with the request for the special plate.
- **Special Note:** The plate must be returned to the Department upon the death of the applicant.

**Fees:**

- Regular 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:**

- 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.